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TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

‘Land is Sacred,’ Chairman Baker urges Colorado to block Durango’s land grab

Summer Begay

TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Chairman Melvin J. Baker delivered a powerful testimony Thursday, May 2, urging the Colorado House Committee on State, Civic, Military, and Veteran Affairs to defend a historical promise. Chairman Baker urged the Committee to support Senate Bill 24-193: Protect Tribal Lands from Unauthorized Annexation. This legislation stands as a crucial shield against the City of Durango’s egregious attempt to seize Southern Ute Indian Reservation land for economic gain.

For generations beyond counting, the Utes have been the unwavering stewards of Colorado. Their ancestral lands stretch across the state’s mountains and valleys, a testament to their deep connection to the land. The rich culture, traditions, and language of the



Melvin J. Baker
Chairman

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Utes are woven into the very fabric of Colorado. Their resilience is a testament to their spirit, having endured forced assimilation, brutal relocations, and the relentless theft of their land and cultural heritage. The Reservation, established by federal treaties, was a solemn vow: “absolute and undisturbed use and occupation” for the Utes. Durango’s actions are a blatant disregard for these histor-

ical agreements.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, a cornerstone of southwestern Colorado, considers their land more than property – it is sacred. Chairman Baker’s message struck a clear chord: Respecting tribal sovereignty strengthens, not weakens, Colorado’s future.

Senate Bill 24-193 is not a formality; it is a critical lifeline. By honoring the Tribe’s sovereignty, Colorado can build a future based on mutual respect and collaboration. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe extends a hand in partnership, but Durango’s actions threaten to unravel years of progress. Colorado has a stark choice to make, stand with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and build a future based on trust or allow Durango to unravel the fabric of respect. Passage of this bill sends a clear message: Colorado honors its tribal nations.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Key project contributors gather for a photo following the Grandview Interchange dedication ceremony, Thursday, May 9. Partnering agencies on the multi-year project included CDOT, Federal Highway Administration, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, City of Durango, La Plata County and Lawrence Construction Co.

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

CDOT commemorates connection of US 550-US 160 Grandview Bridge

Residents bid adieu to Farmington Hill

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Colorado Department of Transportation hosted an “open road” celebration for the long-awaited

connection of US 550 with US 160 at the Grandview Interchange south of Durango, Colo., Thursday, May 9.

“We are looking forward to making this long-awaited connection, and we wanted to give the public an opportunity to view the new highway and bridges before it opens to traffic in late May,” CDOT Region 5 Transportation

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TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Durango’s secret efforts to annex Reservation lands

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
STAFF REPORT

It was over 140 years ago that Felix Brunot, Chairman of the Board of Indian Commissioners, made promises and assurances to the Utes about protecting tribal interests while secretly hiding his intentions to turn over 3.7 million acres of land reserved to the Utes in the Treaty of 1868 to mining interests. Despite evidence of his wrongdoing, Congress approved the agreement he reached in 1874, resulting in the loss of Ute land to state jurisdiction.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has often faced attacks on its jurisdiction since that time in an effort by non-tribal members to undermine the Tribe’s sovereignty and economically benefit non-Natives. Few of those have been as brazen as that of Brunot. However, this year the Tribe experienced another attack with the actions of the City of Durango (City) in attempting to annex Reservation land, which Tribal Council swiftly addressed.

The City of Durango has tried to distance itself from any wrongdoing with respect to the attempted annexation. On April 22, the City staff, at a special meeting, made a presentation of what they described as the background of the annexation process to the public. It was less than forthcoming and City staff emphatically asserted they had adequately consulted with the Tribe. We believe it is important for everyone to know exactly what City employees were doing to secretly annex Reservation lands since they have cho-



sen not to honestly disclose it themselves.

For many years there have been discussions about economic development along La Posta Road. The Tribe has looked into developing this area of the Reservation. The key to economic development in this area is collaboration. In the past we have worked together with La Plata County, the Town of Ignacio, and the State of Colorado on projects that are important to the wellbeing of Reservation residents. But in doing so we respect each other’s sovereignty.

Last year we learned that Durango was taking a different approach. Rather than collaborating with the Tribe, it was discussing annexation of Reservation lands in the La Posta area. We have a strong government-to-government relationship with federal, state and local governments. The City Council for Durango had never met with Tribal Council to discuss annexation plans.

Therefore, Tribal Council requested a meeting, which was held in March of 2023. That meeting was tense due to the clear disregard for tribal sovereignty. Chairman Melvin J. Baker and Tribal Council expressed their displeasure with the lack of communi-

cation from the City on the annexation issue, as well as other key issues including plans to place a pipeline to Lake Nighthorse where the water interests are principally those of the Southern Ute and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribes and the City’s interests are minimal. With respect to annexation, Tribal Council and supporting staff explained to the City the legal concerns over annexation and the existing jurisdictional complexities on the Reservation. These complexities would be increased by another jurisdictional authority entering the Reservation boundaries, especially by one that does not have Tribal interests at its forefront.

Barbara Noseworthy, the City’s Mayor at the time, acknowledged the lack of communication with the Tribe on these and other material issues and apologized to the Tribal Council for that shortcoming. She assured the Tribe that Scott Shine, the City’s Community Development Director, would provide monthly updates regarding the La Posta project.

What the Tribe actually received from the City of Durango was largely silence. Shine never provided

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courtesy SU Wildlife

The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management team observed a young osprey on the Lake Capote live stream webcam that had become entangled in fishing line in the nest.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Osprey snared in fishing line perishes

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Since 2006 the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Lake Capote has been the seasonal home for ospreys, giving visitors spectacular viewing opportunities. In 2023, the breeding pair of ospreys successfully hatched two chicks. Annually, the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management team monitors the ospreys through leg-banding and a live stream webcam. Through routine monitoring the Wildlife Division observed one of the hatchlings was not actively progressing compared to its sibling.

On Aug. 9, 2023 concerned there might be a bigger problem at hand, Wildlife staff reviewed the webcam and caught sight of the issue. The young osprey was caught in fishing line. The Wildlife Division sprung to action and



courtesy SU Wildlife

To help prevent further harm to wildlife, Lake Capote recently installed new fishing line recycling bins around the lake.

Osprey page 12



courtesy Jicarilla Apache Nation

The Upper Basin Tribes and Upper Basin States signed a historic memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Monday, April 22, in Chama, N.M.

COLORADO RIVER

Upper Basin Tribes and States sign historic MOU

Collaboration key to future of Colorado River

By Summer Begay, Communication Specialist
SU TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

In a move hailed as a significant development for the Colorado River, the Upper Basin Tribes and Upper Basin States signed a historic memorandum of understanding (MOU) on Monday, April 22, in Chama, N.M. This agreement marks a new era of cooperation and inclusion in managing this critical waterway.

The MOU includes the Jicarilla Apache Nation, Navajo Nation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Indian Tribe, and the Paiute Indian Tribe of Utah. Representing the Upper Basin States through the Upper Colorado River Commission (UCRC) are Colorado, New Mexico, Utah, and Wyoming.

This agreement emphasizes information sharing, identifying common interests, and working together to achieve shared goals for the

Colorado River. It follows nearly two years of close collaboration between Tribal leaders and representatives from the Upper Basin States' Governors' offices.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe played a pivotal role, hosting the first of these meetings and being represented at the signing by Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud and Council Member Vanessa Torres.

Underscoring the importance of the MOU, Vice Chairman Cloud stated, "Colorado's very foundation rests on the stewardship of the Ute people, including the Mouache and Kaputa. We have safeguarded these lands and waters since before there was a state, and our responsibility continues to this day. This MOU, signed by our Tribe, stands as a powerful symbol of our enduring connection to this sacred resource. It also recognizes the essential role tribal voices play in ensuring its well-being. We are thrilled to formal-

ly establish this partnership between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, other Upper Basin Tribes, and the Upper Colorado River Commission."

Colorado Commissioner Becky Mitchell echoed the sentiment, acknowledging the need for deeper collaboration, "... I am pleased that the UCRC took this step today. I also want to acknowledge that after more than 100 years since the Compact was signed - it is time to more fully engage and collaborate with our Tribal partners. We also acknowledge there is more work to be done, it is time that we support the Upper Basin Tribal Nations in realizing benefits from their settled, but undeveloped water supplies."

This MOU signifies a promising step towards a more inclusive and collaborative future for the Colorado River. By working together, the Upper Basin Tribes and States can ensure the well-being of this vital resource for generations to come.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Council welcomes Bureau of Reclamation Commissioner Touton

By Summer Begay, Communications Specialist
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

Making history, Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton of the Bureau of Reclamation became the first Commissioner to visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's headquarters in the agency's 133-year existence. Chairman Melvin J. Baker, the Tribal Council, and staff extended a warm welcome to the Commissioner and her team, who were joined by Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO) and congressional staff from Senator Bennet and Senator Hickenlooper's offices.

The meeting provided a platform for tribal leadership to elevate concerns about water challenges and express appreciation for the Bureau of Reclamation's ongoing support in building tribal water resiliency. "This visit marks a new chapter in our collaborative efforts with the Bureau of Reclamation. We are grateful for Commissioner Touton's commitment to understanding our needs and for this grant award that will assist our efforts to improve and strengthen our water security," Chairman Baker said.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was awarded a \$4,666,719 grant, with \$2.3 million coming from the federal government and



Summer Begay/SU tribal Council Affairs

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\$2.3 million provided by the Tribe as a match. This funding, announced by Commissioner Touton during a meeting, will support the construction of long-crested weirs to stabilize water levels upstream of tribal diversions during dry periods and ensure the Tribe can access its full water allocation. The grant is part of the Biden-Harris Investing in America project.

"This funding through President Biden's Investing in American Agenda will help you respond to water reliability challenges due to drought," Commissioner Camille Calimlim Touton said. "We continue to prioritize tribal nations as you lead with solutions for the benefit of water sustainability across the West."

"For too long, the United States has failed to live up to its responsibility to ade-

quately fund and maintain the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project. I was grateful to travel to Ignacio today with Commissioner Touton to welcome this investment to ensure the Southern Ute Indian Tribe can access the water it needs. There is much more work to be done, but this is a great start," Senator Michael Bennet said.

Following the meeting, Commissioner Touton, Senator Bennet, and Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud embarked on a tour of the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project, led by the Tribe's Water Resources Division. The Tribe's long-standing positive relationship with the Bureau of Reclamation has resulted in valuable technical assistance and multiple grants for infrastructure improvements, including fish passage enhancements.

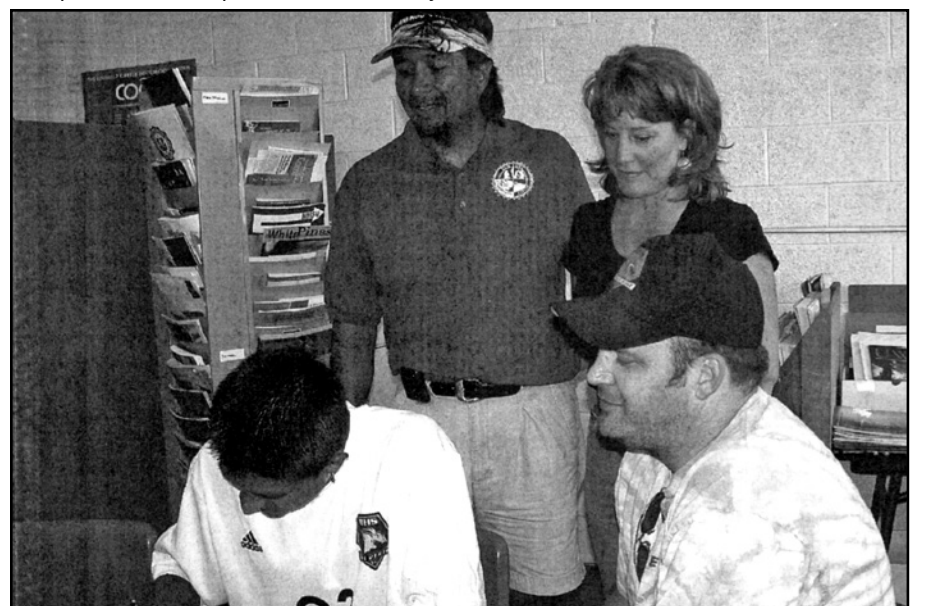


Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

As the Southern Ute Bear Dance approaches, tribal members and the general public were invited to attend a Bear Dance workshop at the Sky Ute Casino Event Center on Wednesday, May 14. Matthew J. Box explained Bear Dance etiquette; and students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy demonstrated how the Bear Dance is properly performed.

This photo was first published in the May 16, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Ignacio High School Senior, Mike Jefferson (above left) signs his letter of intent to play soccer at Colorado Mountain College in Glenwood Springs. Mike's coach is Bayfield Head Coach Terry Spriggs. His parents are Robert and Teena Jefferson. Congratulations, and good luck Mike!

This photo was published in the May 14, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

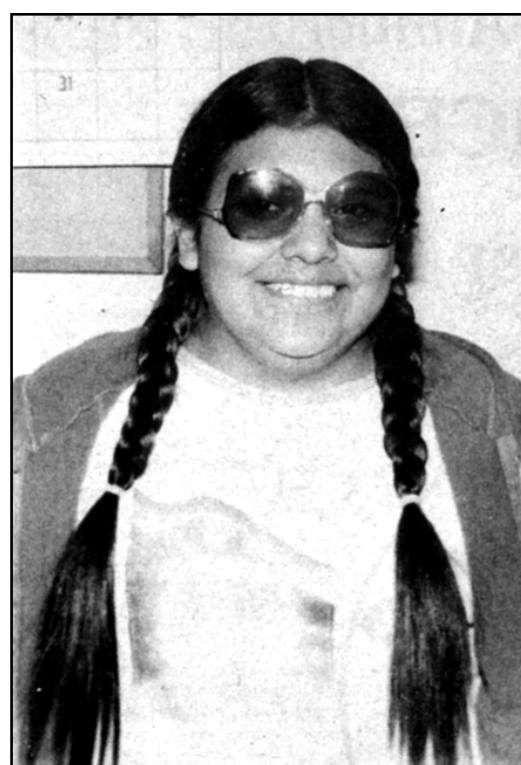


Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Willette Whiteskunk enjoys the hayride with her son. It was provided at the Southern Ute Head Start Field Day on May 5, 1994.

This photo was published in the May 13, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Obbie Box, daughter of Pearl Casias and Russell Box Sr., was nominated for the NSEC National Award. Congratulations to Obbie.

This photo was published in the May 18, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Installing the 'Carriers of Life'



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Cultural Center and Museum

Southern Ute Culture Center and Museum (SUCCM) Collections Manager, Tallias Cantsee installs a Ute cradleboard onto a mount before placing the cultural item in a display case on Tuesday, May 7, in the museum's temporary gallery.



The annual temporary exhibit is titled Carriers of Life: Cradleboards and Basketry of the Núuchi and will feature over 15 cradleboards, 11 baskets and water jugs, and a number of miniature cultural items that display the history and cultural importance of the items. An opening reception of the temporary exhibit will be held on Thursday, May 23, from 4-7 p.m. at the SUCCM's Welcome Gallery and will allow visitors to get the first chance to view the exhibit and learn more about the items.

Starting Bear Dance season!



Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

A Bear Dance workshop was held specifically for Southern Ute tribal employees Wednesday, May 15, to learn about the history, significance, and rules of the Southern Ute Bear Dance. Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box led the workshop in the Buckskin Charlie Room, the program was organized by the Cultural Preservation Department. Water and pastries were provided for attendees.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Ute language speakers gather to help with translations

Discuss reestablishment of Ute Language Committee

Staff Report
SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL
PRESERVATION DEPT.

To promote the use of the Ute language, the Tribe's Internal Audit Department requested assistance to translate certain internal audit concepts into the Ute language. These concepts included trust, accountability, and improvement. With the assistance of the Cultural Preservation Department, a meeting was held on April 16, to discuss the translation request and other Ute language initiatives.

Attendees at this first meeting included: Willemette Dekay, Lida Sue Allen, Hanley Frost Sr., Linda Eagle, Ella-Louise Weaver, Ray C. Frost, Willette Whiteskunk, Renee Cloud, and John J. Washington II.

The meeting began with introductions and participants engaging in discussion about their concerns to promote the Ute language, with many expressing that there is a great need for more work to be done to preserve the language.

With several Southern Ute tribal members working in Internal Audit, there has been ongoing interest in using Ute words and concepts within the department. "As a tribal government, I would like to see Ute words used more throughout the tribal campus and within departments, including here in Internal Audit," Internal Auditor Jamie Rivera said.

Responding to the request, the group of Ute language speakers discussed each internal auditing concept and how best to translate it into the Ute language. The group was successful at helping with the translations. With this task completed, the group discussed the possibil-



Crystal Rizzo/SU Cultural Preservation

Willette Whiteskunk teaching a Ute language class.

ity of reestablishing the inactive Ute Language Committee and holding a second meeting to further discuss how best to proceed.

"There are other departments that may need assistance with Ute language translations and having a dedicated Ute Language Committee can help with those requests," Internal Audit Assistant, Carolyn Eagle said.

Attendance at the second meeting on April 18, included: Hanley Frost Sr., Lillian Seibel, Willemette Dekay, Lida Sue Allen, Linda Eagle, Daisy Eagle, Willette Whiteskunk, Autumn Sage, and Dr. Stacey Oberly. Hanley Frost Sr. was selected as meeting facilitator. With support in wanting to reestablish the committee, the group emphasized that all the tribal membership should have an opportunity to express interest in serving on the committee, which would then be up to Tribal Council to make such an appointment.

According to Cultural Preservation Director, Crystal Rizzo, the Ute Language Committee has Tribal Council approved bylaws in place, but the committee has been inactive for nearly a decade. In accordance with the approved bylaws,

Tribal Council would have to appoint the members to serve on the committee.

"During recent meetings with various tribal entities there was an expressed need and desire to incorporate Ute language in their materials and programming which can be supported by reestablishing the Ute Language Committee," Rizzo said.

The bylaws indicate that the committee membership consists of seven enrolled tribal members. There are no age limitations or restrictions. The appointment by Tribal Council would be for a three-year term. "The Ute Language Committee's sole focus would be on Ute language to ensure the preservation and promotion of the language for tribal members now and in the future," Rizzo said.

The working group on reestablishing the Ute Language Committee is planning to meet again, Wednesday, May 29, at 8 a.m. The meeting will be held in the Chief Ignacio Room. All those interested in attending are welcome. For those interested in serving on the Ute Language Committee, please submit a Letter of Interest to the Cultural Preservation Department. For questions, please contact Crystal Rizzo at 970-563-2306.

Greaney attends Bear Dance



photos courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greaney at the Fort Duchesne Bear Dance Powwow in Utah.



Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greaney on the last day of Randlett Bear Dance in Utah, Sunday, May 5, which was also recognized as National Missing and Murdered Indigenous Person Awareness Day.



Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greaney at the Fort Duchesne Bear Dance in Utah with Miss Indian World, Kassie John (Diné) of Rock Point, Ariz.

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: 2nd annual Recovery Retreat tomorrow!

By Tamara D. Turner SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Tomorrow, Saturday, May 18, Southern Ute Behavioral Health will host the Second Annual Recovery Retreat at the Sky Ute Casino Events Center from 8 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. This free event includes interactive workshops, activities, trainings, informational presentations, and inspiring speakers, all addressing ways to support yourself and your loved ones going through recovery. And with free breakfast and lunch as well as supportive swag, you don't need to bring anything, just yourself. No registration is necessary. Family and friends of those in recovery are most welcome as well.

Why do a Recovery Retreat?

We all know that going through challenges is easier when we have support. That support can look like a lot of different things: from more tools and resources to ideas about how a person in recovery can nurture themselves when struggling, how to deal with cravings, how to find faith and encouragement in those moments when you're feeling really low or just when you need a little extra help.

Recovery is a marathon, not a sprint. All marathon runners have support teams, those to hand them snacks and water bottles, those to cheer them on from the sidelines, those who turn up to hug them at the end, regardless of how they placed. When you think of a mar-

athon, you can imagine all those people on the sidelines cheering. They're not scolding or judging or yelling critical things at the runners. Instead, they're showing how much they believe in their loved one. Those running are able to reach the finish line thanks to all that love and support. It also helps if some supporters have run a marathon before: they have a certain lived experience that helps them be effective supporters. They know what kind of support helps the most.

This retreat is for all those marathon runners and their families and friends on the sidelines. It is about showering those on this journey with love, support, understanding, resources, and hope. We know that there will always be moments of despair when it seems like the path is too long or too steep.

As part of strengthening critical familial support, one of our presentations will be from our Lead Substance Use Therapist, Rebecca Gale, who will speak on the importance of decreasing stigma about those struggling with substance use.

Because lived experience of recovery is absolutely critical to deeply understanding the recovery journey, the afternoon programming features personal stories from SU community members who have gone through recovery. Hearing about another person's journey can help us remember that we are not alone and that others understand what we are going through. Seeing another person meet difficult challenges in life with courage, seeing

all they have been through and witnessing how they are now thriving can be just that inspiration that we need to stick with our own healing journey.

Some of the additional programming during the day includes the relationship between culture and recovery, music and dance in healing across cultures, Medication Assisted Treatment, trauma and its link to substance use, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives and the connection to mental health, recovery coach training, LGBTQIA+ and Two Spirit journeys as they relate to mental health and flourishing, Narcan / Fentanyl Test strip trainings and Harm Reduction, and last but certainly not least, our fabulous guest, entertainer, Tatanka Means!

Come join us for a wonderful day of laughing, learning, growing, community togetherness, and the cultivation of hope. Recovery is possible!

Here's to your good health!

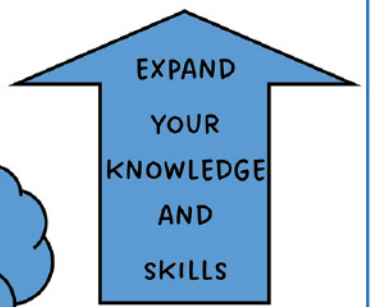
It's okay not to feel okay

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

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

LEARN TO COOK INDIGENOUS FOODS WITH GUEST CHEF KARLOS BACA!

Tuesday, June 4th & Tuesday, June 11th 5:30-7:30pm at Southern Ute Higher Education Building 330 Burns Avenue, Ignacio Sign up for one or both classes. Space is limited.



Sign up via link or QR code:

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ICMJune24



Shining Mountain Fresh



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



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

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Sign-up Deadline: Monday, June 3

Pickup Date: Wednesday, June 5

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
Recipe / Prep Tips
Kitchen Hacks

Contact:

Lisa B. Smith (970)-563-2344

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

HEALTHY NEWS You Can Use! Grilling season is here! Practicing safe grilling can reduce Cancer risk. Grilling meat at high temperatures can produce cancer causing substances. Keep these steps in mind to keep grilling healthier and more flavorful. Instead of red meat, eat more chicken or fish. Marinating makes meat more flavorful and may act as a barrier between the meat and the heat to reduce cancer causing substances. Partially pre-cook meat by microwaving or parboiling to reduce the time the meat is exposed to a flame. Keep heat low to keep burning and charring to a minimum. Throw some color on the grill with colorful vegetables like bell peppers or tomatoes that have cancer-fighting benefits. (Source American Institute for Cancer Research)

MAY ACTIVITIES MAY 21, 2024 MOVIE DAY - DURANGO VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 1:00 P.M. MAY 24 - 27, 2024 SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE MAY 30, 2024 PAGOSA SHOPPING TRIP LUNCH PROVIDED. VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10:00 A.M. CALL ELDER SERVICES @ 970-563-2309 TO HAVE YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE ACTIVITIES LIST

Deadly Aunties Tea May 8th from 12 - 1 and May 22 from 3-4 SASO Office - Elhi Community Center 115 Ute Street, Room 22, Ignacio, CO Come sip tea with us while we talk about community issues and how to solve them.




May is Foster Care Month

When you open your home as a foster family, You:

- ♥ Preserve the strength of Native Families
- ♥ Help children in foster care reach their full potential
- ♥ Help children maintain cultural values
- ♥ Restore trust and hope to children in need
- ♥ Allow time for families to heal *If you have room in your home, and love in your heart!*

♥ consider fostering ♥

FOSTER CARE STATISTICS

- In 2019, there were **402,378** children in foster care in the U.S.
- The average age of children in foster care is **8.9** years old.
- 21.8 MONTHS** is the average length of stay in foster care.
- 48%** of foster care placements are temporary.
- 52%** of foster care placements are permanent.

SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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More than **23,000 kids** age out of U.S. foster care every year.

- 70%** of foster kids would like to go to college.
- 60%** of boys who age out or are legally emancipated have been convicted of a crime.
- 7 in 10** girls who age out will become pregnant before age 21.
- Only **3%** of kids who age out will earn a college degree and **1 in 4** won't graduate from high school or get a GED.
- 1 in 2** kids who age out will develop a substance dependence.
- 32%** of children who reached 18 in foster care were waiting in the system for more than **3 years**.

You can change their future.

CHILDREN'S HEALTH

Tùuchupikivi Sùmuguavi "Good Brain, Strong Heart"

Anxiety and youth

By Sandra Beirne, MD
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

We hear the word "anxiety" used all the time in different ways, but the Oxford Dictionary defines it as, "a feeling of worry, nervousness, or unease." Some worry and nervousness is normal for a given situation. If you have a public speaking event or a big test or a wolverine is chasing you, it's normal to feel some unease. But it can become a problem when you start to feel worried and nervous all the time, even when things are going ok, or when those make it hard to function in your daily life.

There are different types of anxiety disorders. In kids and teenagers, the most common is generalized anxiety disorder, which is excessive anxiety and worry that is hard to control, impairs life functioning, and is associated with other symptoms such as irritability or muscle tension. There are also specific types of anxiety, such as social anxiety, separation anxiety, agoraphobia, and panic disorder.

Other conditions can also co-exist with anxiety. About



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

25% of children with ADHD will also have an anxiety disorder. Substance use disorders also commonly co-occur with anxiety disorders, perhaps in part as youth seek to treat their symptoms, but in doing so, turn one challenge into two. Anxiety can also show up as a headache or a stomachache, or make you feel tired or restless. Sometimes it makes it hard to get to sleep or to school.

The good news is there are lots of ways to treat anxiety. Some things can be done at home, like practicing relaxation techniques and really working to get enough sleep. Seeing a behavioral health provider can be so helpful to learn ways

to combat anxiety. Sometimes, medications are beneficial as well.

Feeling anxious all the time feels bad, but kids and teenagers don't have to keep feeling that way. There are great ways to treat anxiety and get back to feeling awesome.

For more information about anxiety in kids and adolescents, check out this YouTube video from the American Academy of Pediatrics: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g5iD-tD-bqig>, or go to cdc.gov.

You can make an appointment to be seen at the Southern Ute Health Center to talk about your child's anxiety or anything else by calling 970-563-4581.

Division of Social Services

Motherhood is Sacred Walk

"Honoring our Matriarchs"

May 22, 2024

12:00 pm to 1:00 pm

Mouache—Capote Building

Division of Social Services

Open House, refreshments, roses for the Mothers, to immediately follow thereafter...

(Open house on 3rd floor MCB Building)

50 First to register will receive a t-shirt (t-shirt design on flyer)


For more information please contact Angelina Whitehorse ext: 2335

QR Code for registration below:

You can email registrations to : awhitehorse@southernute-nsn.gov

In Person pre-registration begins at 11 am MCB Building the day of event





Southern Ute Indian Tribe

POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING

Honoring our Tradition by Honoring our Children

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world.

In part one of each session we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

WHERE: Online – Virtual sessions –


Download the "Microsoft Teams" App for access

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays in May 2024

May 7th, 9th, 14th, 16th, 21st, 23rd, 28th, and 30th

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

Call or email Kellie at Southern Ute Division of Social Services to sign up (970) 563-2337 kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov



SAVE THE DATE!

June Breastfeeding & Parenting Class

June 13, 2024


Mouache-Capote Downstairs Kitchen

12-1 PM

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness

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courtesy SUIMA

Along with Southern Ute Councilwoman marge Barry, the Fort Lewis College drum group joined some of the SUIMA boys for their last 2024-2025 school year drum practice. Pictured here, left to right, are Hayden King, Myles Medina, Meskvlwv Wesley, Councilwoman Barry, Jayceon Richards, Jacoby Scott, Matthew Carrillo, Tenetke Wesley, Theoden Greany, Christian "Cash" Velasquez-Rodriguez, Prometheus Gonzalez, Navarro Delgado Torres, and Bryan Howe.

SUIMA

Pawaaghani po'ekwatu – Eagle's Nest

SUIMA teachers introductions

By Scott Halsband,
Coordinator of Health,
Safety, and Nutrition
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The end of the school year is rapidly approaching and that means summertime fun and activities are just around the corner. For most children, summer means spending more time outside swimming, camping, bike riding, skating, playground frolicking and the list goes on.

Summertime is also a time for parents and caregivers to be extra vigilant about keeping children safe and healthy. Here are some tips that can help keep everyone safer so we can concentrate on making wonderful memories, not emergency room visits.



courtesy SUIMA

O'hozhoni Larry uses a measuring board to line up ribbons for placement on her dress.

- Sun safety and skin protection is a must. Be sure to apply 30 SPF or higher sunscreen anytime you are going to be outside even if it is cloudy. Reapply sunscreen every two hours. When swimming it is best to use one that is water resistant and reapply it at least every two hours. Don't forget protective clothing including long sleeves or SPF treated fabrics, hats, and sunglasses. Stay hydrated by drinking eight - 8oz. glasses of water per day.
- Swimming is a fun way to stay cool while getting great exercise. Swimming safety and adult supervision are of utmost importance. Learning to swim saves lives, so

enroll your children in swim lessons to give them a solid foundation (check out the American Red Cross). Whether swimming in a pool, pond, lake, or ocean always consider wearing flotation devices like a life jacket.

- Don't let insects suck the fun out of summer. Bug bites can be not only annoying and itchy, but they can also expose you to diseases. West Nile Virus is transmitted through bites from infected mosquitoes. Tick bites can infect a person with Lyme Disease or Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever. Be sure to apply insect repellent to skin and clothing, wear

long sleeves and pants, and control insects inside and out.

- Be sure to gear up with protective equipment like helmets, elbow and knee pads, protective eyewear when bike riding, skateboarding, skating and all motor sports.
- SUIMA staff wishes everyone a wonderful safe and healthy summer break. Remember safety is no accident!

Dancing Spirit Collab

Dancing Spirit has been selected for a grant through Equity in Arts Learning for Colorado Youth Grant and was chosen as one of the 2024-2025 nonprofit grantees during the initial year of the grant. They will work with SUIMA's Art Enrichment Program that takes place weekly in the after-school program. Thank you, Kasey and Dancing Spirit, for partnering up with us. We look forward to the collaboration as we bring the arts to the students of SUIMA.

SUIMA School Board

The School Board has begun advertising for new school board members. If you are interested, please submit a letter of intent to the school and a Board Member will get in touch with you. The next meeting will be at noon on Wednesday, June 12.

Family Night group

Thank you for participating in all our events and activities. We will resume next school year.

Parent Advisory Group

The next PAG meeting will be Tuesday, May 21, from 6 - 7 p.m. via Zoom.



courtesy SUIMA

Destiny Valdez, concentrates on sewing ribbons on her dress as she prepares for the Bear Dance.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- Early Release at 2p.m. every Friday!
- May 22 - Primary level ice cream making day.
- May 23 - Primary water fun day.
- May 23 - Students from the Kwiyagat Community Academy will join us for the afternoon.
- May 24 - End of the year ceremony at 8:30 a.m. in the Sun Ute gym; Bear Dance opens; half day for students and staff.
- Aug. 15 - Open House for 2024-2025 school year.
- Aug. 19 - First Day of School, 2024-2025 school year.

NAYO raises Southern Ute flag



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) of Ignacio High School hosted the Celebrating Native Heritage event on Thursday, May 9 in the school's courtyard. This event brought together members of the community, the Tribe, and the student body to learn more about Native American heritage and the history of the NAYO club.



Howard Richards Sr. led a flag raising ceremony during the event; for the first time in school history the Southern Ute Tribal Flag is now flown on the flagpole in the front lawn of the school.

Tallias Cantsee of the NAYO Club assisted in the raising of the Southern Ute Tribal Flag during the Celebrating Native Heritage event held on Thursday, May 9 at Ignacio High School.

Science center on wheels



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) kindergarteners were shown how hot and cold temperature readings are depicted by an inferred camera during their activities on the MESO (Mobile Earth + Space Observatory) bus, Thursday, May 2.

The MESO (Mobile Earth + Space Observatory) bus made its way to SUIMA. The 'Science center on wheels' opened its doors to the school to engage with authentic first-hand scientist experience and exposure of the STEM pathway. The MESO bus brought telescopes that NASA uses to look at the sun and observe it on a day-to-day basis. Destiny Valdez is looking through a telescope set to show the gases coming off the sun.



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Students of the season



John Scott
Southern Ute Education Teacher: Mrs. Fiddler
I have been nominated for Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season because I've been an outstanding student and always try my best. My name is John Scott and I attend Ignacio Elementary school, where I am a fifth-grade student. My guardians are Joseph and Lynelle Scott. What I like best about school is my friends. My favorite subjects are math and science. Outside of school I like to go outside and play basketball with my brothers and uncle. My uncle and auntie are my positive role models. When I grow up, I want to play professional basketball
Family comments: John is a very polite kid. His favorite character is Godzilla. He likes to play basketball. He gets along well with others. Science is his favorite subject in school. Denver Nuggets are his favorite basketball team.

John Scott
Elementary School

Mrs. Fiddler's comments: John Scott is such a great kid. He is a gentle and a very kind soul. He is always very polite and respectful. He works hard in school to do his very best. It is a great pleasure to see John in school every day and to watch him grow as a person and as a student.

Mrs. Wyatt, 5th Grade Teacher comments: John Scott has been a wonderful student throughout this school year. He has demonstrated the utmost respect for staff and classmates. He works hard and has been persevering through every challenge. I am proud of his growth and maturity.



Dwight Litz
Southern Ute Education Teacher: Mrs. Stone
I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season because I have grown to like this school and I feel more comfortable because I have made friends. My name is Dwight Litz and I attend Ignacio Middle School where I am a sixth grade student. My parents are Lee Litz and Alyssa Nez. What I like best about school is my friends, teachers, and my work. My favorite subjects are math, social studies, language arts, and PE. My sister, Leandra Litz, is my positive role model. When I grow up, I would like to be on the Southern Ute Tribal Council.
Mrs. Stone's comments: Dwight has been nominated for Southern Ute Student of the Season because he has grown in his independence and confidence since the beginning of the school year. He tries hard and takes his

Dwight Litz
Middle School

studies seriously.

Classroom Teacher comments: Dwight is a very respectful student to his classroom teachers and other school staff members. He is friendly and has become more outgoing with his peers over the course of his sixth-grade enrollment at Ignacio Middle School. He is fun and a joy to have in class.

Family comment: Dwight is a great big brother, son and grandson. He makes us proud. We are happy to see him excel in his studies. Great job Ironbear!



Ziyah Carel
Southern Ute Education Teacher: Denise Krispin
I have been nominated Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Season for Spring 2024. My name is Ziyah Carel and I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a first grader. My parents are Gabrielle Herrera and Jared Carel. What I like best about school are the field trips. My favorite subjects are music and art. My mom is my positive role model. When I grow up, I would like to be a singer like Olivia Rodrigo.
Mrs. Krispin's comments: Ziyah is a first grader at Ignacio Elementary School, and I am happy to nominate her for Southern Ute Student of the Season. Ziyah is an enthusiastic student who tackles new learning with excitement! In the classroom she is focused, on-task and completes her assignments with a positive attitude.

Ziyah Carel
Elementary School

Ziyah has shown great growth in reading this year and she continues to challenge herself by advancing her reading level. Ziyah is a kind, caring friend to her classmates and respectful to her teachers. Keep up the excellent work Ziyah!

Suesan Davis, Teacher Comments: Ziyah is a sweet and beautiful girl who loves to learn. She loves to read anything she can get her hands on. At the beginning of the year, she struggled in reading, but because of her determination and desire to learn she is above grade level now. Not only is she a great reader, when she writes, her stories are interesting, and she has great handwriting. Reading might be her favorite subject, but math isn't far behind. She works just as hard in math and has grown just as much. When you first meet her, she seems quiet and timid but if you take the time to get to know her, she opens up and you can see her wonderful personality. She is a friend to everyone and has no problems letting anyone join her group.
Family comments: Ziyah is a smart and outgoing seven-year-old. She loves to watch Bluey while she plays or colors in her coloring books. Sometimes she will watch TikTok dances and try to master the dances in the living room. Ziyah also loves going outside enjoying the nice weather at the park and spending lots of time with her big sister Shyla and her mom and dad.

Graduations Galore

- May 19: Bayfield High School Graduation @ bayfield High School (2 p.m.)
- May 21: 5th grade Continuation Ceremony @ Elementary School (5 – 6 p.m.)
- May 23: Kindergarten Graduation @ High School Auditorium (10 a.m.)
- May 24: SUIMA End of Year Ceremony @ SunUte Community Center (8:30 a.m.)
- May 24: Durango High School Graduation @ Durango High School (10 a.m.)
- May 25: Ignacio High School Graduation @ Ignacio High School (10 a.m.)
- May 31: GOAL High School @ FLC Concert Hall (5 p.m.)

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- Scholarship applications are now available on-line or you can pick them up at the Education Center



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BOBCAT BULLETIN

Ignacio Middle School had a great spring athletics season

By Spencer Cone
IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL



Our track and field team was coached by Joe Duffy, Justin Alston, and Ted Avila; twenty-three students participated. The team was led by eighth graders Craig Hight Jr., John Oberly, Evelyn Hansen, Rebecca Avila, Mirra Bourriague, Amira Montoya, and Kieley White Thunder. The team competed in the CSJMLL League Meet during the week of May 1. Hansen took the league championship in Girls Discus and was the runner up in Girls Shot. Sixth grader Zoie Swindell placed fourth

in Girls Discus.

The IMS soccer team was coached by Breana Talamante-Benevidez and Abbas Al Amin. Twenty-four students participated. Led by eighth graders Avanna Cook, Selia Montoya, and Jayden Scott, the team had its most successful season in school history. They won their quarter-final playoff game against

Tri City on Saturday, May 4 by a score of 3-2 but lost in the semifinals to Pagosa 4-2 on Saturday, May 11.

This year Ignacio Middle School will graduate fifty-four eighth graders. The Eighth graders are currently finishing up their eighth-grade exit presentations, then they will go on a class trip to Denver to celebrate their time in middle school. Sixth and seventh graders will finish up their classes on the last day of school, Thursday, May 23. From all of us here at the Ignacio Middle School, we'd like to wish everyone in the community a happy summer!

IHS honors scholars



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Incoming National Honor Society members perform the Induction Ceremony during the 36th Annual Academic Awards Banquet. Current Ignacio High School sophomores hold lit candles while reciting the induction pledge, vowing to maintain academic excellence and practice good citizenship within both school and the community.

Vaughn and Truman Lee performed the National Anthem commencing the 36th Annual Academic Awards Banquet, Wednesday, May 1 in the Ignacio High School Performing Arts Center. Students and their families gathered to celebrate their academic achievements during the event.



Summer Tutoring

I am offering 1-1 summer tutoring at the Southern Ute Education Department to students entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grade for the 2024-25 school year. These are students who will have just completed 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade in May 2024. I look forward to helping your child learn this summer! **Summer hours:** Please contact me about your child's specific needs. This offer is filling up with my Ignacio Elementary students and SUIM students, but it is open to all Southern Ute, Descendants and JOM.

Kelly Fiddler, Masters in Education, Southern Ute Education Dept., 330 Burns Ave.,
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EXTENDED DEADLINE! Attention Graduating Seniors! Southern Ute & JOM Students

Your 2024 Senior photo is requested for The Southern Ute Drum!

As part of our annual **Special Feature of Graduating Seniors**, The Southern Ute Drum publishes photos of graduates of: 1) Southern Ute tribal members AND 2) Johnson O'Malley (JOM)* students who are graduating from High School in 2024. Southern Ute tribal members who are graduating off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are encouraged to submit a photo to be included in the Drum's annual graduates feature.

Please submit photo via email to Robert Ortiz: rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov

DEADLINE FRIDAY, MAY 24 BY 5 P.M.

PHOTO REQUIREMENTS

- Digital Photos need to be at least 4"x 6" @ 300 dpi, or (1200 x 1800 pixels @ 300 dpi).
- Photos can also be scanned if brought to the Drum offices, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- If taking a photo with cellphone, please set camera to "Fine" (Large) image.
- Please note: Photos may be color corrected and cropped for sizing.
- Please include the following: **Student's Name; Name of School; Town and State.** (i.e. John Smith, Ignacio High School, Ignacio, Colo.)

* Native American students enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, graduating from either Ignacio or Bayfield schools qualify as Johnson O'Malley (JOM) students.





Krista Richards/SU Drum archive

Krista Richards earned a third-place win in News Photography for her intimate photograph of a young tribal member titled, "Measuring Success." Avalina Frost grips her aunt's bull moose antlers during the Membership Outreach and Scoring Night event at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

TRIBAL MEDIA

Drum wins 13 media awards at Top of the Rockies

By **Jeremy Wade Shockley**
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Colorado Professional Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists announced the winners of the annual Top of the Rockies Excellence in Journalism competition, Saturday, May 4. The Southern Ute Drum won 13 awards across multiple categories from excellence in newspaper design to photography.

Southern Ute Drum Graphic Specialist, Robert L. Ortiz won a total of five awards for newspaper design, in addition to a first-place award in Social Justice Photography/Videography for his coverage of Native Love's annual walk to bring awareness to Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives. "The photographer takes viewers through the journey of the 15-mile walk," said one contest judge of Ortiz's winning photo essay.

Reporter/Photographer, Divine Windy Boy earned four awards for excellence in photojournalism, including a first-place win in Spot News Photography/Videography for her coverage of the 101st Southern Ute Tribal Fair.

Southern Ute Drum Admin. Assistant, Krista Richards brought home a win in the News Photography/Videography category for her photo titled, "Measuring success."

Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley, earned a first-place win for Climate Photogra-



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Reporter/Photographer Divine Windy Boy took home a second-place win in Sports Photography for her striking image of Women's smoke dancer, Logan Booth showcasing her champion style during the "Seneka Locklear Smoke Dance Showcase" competition at last year's Gathering of Nations Powwow.

phy/Videography for his environmental coverage titled, "Hazy skies greet residents in Pine River Valley, and a second-place win in Feature Photography for his powwow coverage. "Beautiful landscape photos showing the hazy skies," described one contest judge in reference to the air quality coverage.

Judges lauded Ortiz's design and layout in the newspaper as having, "Great use of color photos mixed with a variety of useful and informative content."

This year, more than 80 news media outlets and 30 freelancers from Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and New Mexico entered the contest, which was judged by the Los Angeles Press Club. In all, the contest saw more than 1,900 entries.

"The competition grows each year, and with that, we honor outstanding journalism throughout the four-state region," said contest coordinator Deb Hurley Brobst. "It's an honor to recognize the hard work of these journalists.

Top of the Rockies is a regional, multi-platform contest for reporters and news organizations in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Wyoming. According to the SPJ website, the contest grew from a Colorado-only contest after the closure of the Rocky Mountain News in 2009 to ensure a robust and competitive field. Entries compete in four divisions based on newsroom size. This year's awards ceremony was held in person at the historic Denver Press Club.

Growth Fund awards safety



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Growth Fund employees gathered at the Sky Ute Casino Resort to enjoy lunch and receive their awards during this year's Safety & Environmental Achievements Awards Luncheon held, Wednesday, May 1. The event is held to recognize outstanding performance by Growth Fund or business enterprise employees in the areas of health, safety and environmental compliance. This year Jay Dee Brunson, Manager at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds, is the recipient of the Non-Energy Safety & Environmental Achievement Award. Brunson was nominated by Madilena Chavarillo for his outstanding performance.

Operations Specialist Daniel Brown is this year's recipient of the Energy Safety & Environmental Achievement Award. Standing with Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel and Council member Marge Barry, Brown is presented with a plaque and Pendleton blanket at the event.



SUIHA earns certificates



courtesy SUIHA

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority recently received two prestigious awards. The Golden Shovel award was given for being the first Northern Plains Office of Native American Programs (NPONAP) recipient to complete its Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant. The second certificate of achievement is for the successful completion of four high quality homes for low-income families residing in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Cedar Point Ute II subdivision using Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive Grant Program funding. Pictured left to right: SUIHA board members, Delbert Cuthair, Jr., John J. Washington, Executive Director Eric Spady, Office Coordinator Rebecca Torres, Ramona Eagle and Nathan Strong Elk on Wednesday, May 8.

Ignacio gives recognition



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Town of Ignacio highlighted five members of the community for their longtime work and support for the town, on Monday, May 13. Dixie Melton, Sandra Maez, Southern Ute tribal member Edward Box III, Sharon Craig, and Stella Cox received certificates of recognition.

Southern Ute tribal member Edward Box III stands alongside parents Eddie Box Jr. and Betty Box following his recognition on Monday, May 13. Box was recognized for his service as the Town of Ignacio Trustee and Mayor Pro Tem for ten years.



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Happy birthday Russell Box Sr.



photos Divine Windy Boyw/SU Drum

Doug Hill shares a story of how he met Russell Box Sr. during the Russell Box Sr. Bench Dedication event held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum on Tuesday, May 14. This event also served as a surprise birthday party for Box. Students at Ignacio School District were invited as they crafted the benches to be dedicated to Box. Also in attendance were members of the community, Tribal Council, and tribal employees.



The "Butterfly Bench," is just one of the benches crafted in honor of Russell Box Sr. This bench features small metal butterflies set into the wood and an honorary plaque. This bench was handcrafted by the Ignacio High School Woods Manufacturing Program.

Russell Box Sr. looks at each handmade bench during his surprise birthday party and bench dedication event held on Tuesday, May 14 at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Dylan Songer, Environmental Scientist for Cottonwood Consulting, LLC explains how the remediation project by the Tribe's Environmental Programs Department will prove to be beneficial for the environment beyond the initial removal of the potentially hazardous materials, crews also contoured the landscape with natural rock and reestablished critical wetland areas in the process.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Bear Dance Fire burn area trail reopening

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

On June 3, 2022, the Bear Dance Fire ignited on tribal trust land and burned 89 acres north of the Bear Dance grounds and along the Los Pinos River. Following the fire, non-hazardous and hazardous debris was observed on the ground surface in areas paralleling Ute Road by the Tribe's Environmental Programs Department (EPD). Exposed hazardous materials created a potential concern for public health. Out

of an abundance of caution, Tribal Council closed the Bear Dance Fire burn area, including the hiking trail along the Los Pinos River.

After extensive planning, EPD, Cottonwood Consulting, and Emergency Environmental Services initiated a remediation project on April 8. The project was successfully completed on May 6. This involved the removal and proper disposal of an estimated two million pounds of potentially hazardous materials and soil. Additionally, to enhance the visual appeal of the area, an estimated

340,000 pounds of non-hazardous debris was removed. The remediation area has been backfilled with clean soil and reseeded with an approved local grass mix.

The Los Pinos River hiking trail had been closed during remediation activities. These activities will be completed on Friday, May 17, and Tribal Council has approved the reopening of the trail.

If you have any questions, please contact the Southern Ute Environmental Programs Department at 970-563-2272.

Utes break break at MPF



photos Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

Tribal members of all ages are welcome to join Sip, Chat, & Chew! Staff and volunteers (from left to right) Keifer GoodTrack-Alires, Dermarr Harlan, Christen Heart, Morgann Graham, and Stais Harlan were all excited to see James with parents, Camron Heintz and Jasmine Carmenoros.



On Friday May 10, the staff of the Multi-Purpose Facility gathered on a lovely warm day for another successful Sip, Chat, & Chew! The MPF's staff served food to visitors of the three sister tribes and caught up with friends and family. Miss Southern Ute Autumn Sage, among many tribal members, came to enjoy a meal together.

Garden plants to be provided to tribal members

The Southern Indian Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division is planting the demonstration garden for the second year. Agriculture staff is currently planting onions and potatoes. This year we ordered extra onion plants and seed potatoes that we are distributing to Tribal members at no cost. The extra onion and potatoes will be made available to Tribal members for your home gardens. We will provide approximately five pounds of seed potatoes and fifty onion plants to each Tribal member on a first come first serviced basis. These will be available beginning May 6th at the Agriculture Division Office, 655 CR 517, Ignacio, CO.

If you have questions please contact Kevin Mallow, Agriculture Division Head or Linda Odell, Agriculture Technician at 970-563-2900.

PUBLIC SERVICE

Campfire safety at Bear Dance Grounds: Enjoy the outdoors responsibly

Staff Report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Forestry Division and the Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Ute Agency Fire Management Office want to remind campers at Bear Dance Grounds to practice campfire safety. Wildfires can have devastating consequences, including property loss, harm to wildlife, and serious injuries.

Campfire Safety Tips:

- Clear a 10-foot area: Before starting your fire, remove any leaves, twigs, or flammable

materials within a 10-foot radius of your campfire ring.

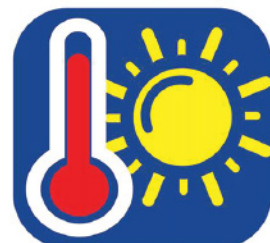
- Small is safe: Keep your campfire manageable and maintain a ring of rocks around it.
- Water is key: Have plenty of water on hand to extinguish your fire if necessary.
- Never leave unattended: Always supervise your campfire closely.
- Burn completely: Let the wood burn all the way down to ash, if possible.
- Drown the fire: Extinguish your fire by

drowning it with water. Stir the ashes with a shovel and soak them thoroughly.

- Ash disposal: Never leave ashes hot. Douse them with water and stir them until cool to the touch before leaving your campsite.

By following these simple guidelines, you can help ensure a safe and enjoyable camping trip for everyone at Bear Dance Grounds! Make lasting memories with your loved ones, but remember to keep campfire safety a priority.

ALERT: WILDFIRE DANGER



Warm temperatures dry out fuels like leaves, twigs and grasses.



Low humidity levels and lack of rain will dry out the fuels.



Wind helps spread flames faster. Even a small fire can quickly spread.

Make sure your campfire is dead out!



CHECK

Check offices, bulletin boards, and websites for current fire restrictions.



DROWN

Drown the campfire ashes with lots of water.



STIR

Stir the remains, add more water and stir again.



FEEL

Feel with your hand. If it's too hot to touch, it's too hot to leave.

Campfire Alternatives...

Consider alternatives to campfires, such as pressurized gas stoves and lanterns.



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his updates. Despite receiving copies of the requested governmental agreements with the State and County, he did not follow up with the Tribe for further discussion. Instead, he simply indicated he had not had a chance to review them. In January of 2024, Tribal staff set up quarterly meetings with City staff to discuss ongoing issues. The first was held in February and again the concerns over annexation were expressed. The City staff indicated those plans were on hold.

Despite these assurances, it appeared the City was being evasive. The Tribe began to receive indications that the City of Durango was moving forward with its annexation plans. Therefore, on March 26, Chairman Baker wrote then City Mayor Melissa Youssef, insisting that the City not move forward with its plans to annex Reservation lands. As Chairman Baker expressed in that letter:

“On behalf of the Tribal Council, this letter is to make clear to the City of Durango that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe intends to oppose any efforts by the City to annex lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation without our explicit consent. The City’s effort to take tribal lands is part of a shameful legacy that should have no place in our current time. We will no longer tolerate broken treaties and promises . . .

Efforts to take Reservation land should be an artifact of history. It is troubling that today, we have to fight such efforts by the City. To be clear: we will continue to protect what remains of our homeland from annexation without our consent. We will not tolerate any violation of our Treaty rights. We ask that you respect the Tribe’s sovereignty as we respect yours. We ask that any further plans for annexation of Reservation lands immediately cease.”

Mayor Youssef chose not to respond to the Chairman. Instead, she sent a letter to various government officials, insisting that the City had no plans for annexation and had prepared no petitions for annexation. Instead, it was simply performing due diligence in case there was an annexation request from a landowner. A few excerpts from that letter are helpful.

“... the City of Durango has not acted to annex the La Posta Road area forcibly. *It has only been performing due diligence to determine what annexation may entail, including what infrastructure may be required if the City is presented with a petition to annex the area ...*

The City of Durango is not forcibly annexing this area, *the City of Durango has not drafted a petition for annexation for the property owners ...*”

The Tribe does not know who prepared this letter for Mayor Youssef to sign, and what she had been told in advance of signing it. But the statements made in the letter are inaccurate.

As a public government agency, the City of Duran-

go is subject to the Colorado Open Records Act, also known as CORA. This Act requires that the City produce certain documents upon request. Tribal Council authorized a CORA request of the City related to its plans on La Posta Road. The documents received as part of that request revealed that the City was not simply performing due diligence in case it received a landowner request for annexation. It was actively pursuing annexation of Reservation lands with blatant disrespect for Tribal Council’s authority and the Tribe’s sovereignty.

As shown in City documents, in 2013, the City prepared its La Posta Road Area/District Plan. In that 101-page document it set forth its agenda “for economic growth through commercial, light industrial and industrial businesses, as well as different types of housing.” In the La Posta Plan, the City stated: “As part of the planning process, the City made it clear that they would consider annexation of some or all of the La Posta Road Area in the future.”

Noticeably absent from the City’s plan is any discussion of the Tribe or the Reservation, despite the fact it was talking about development within the Reservation boundaries. This was not unintentional. We discovered that the City deleted any reference to the Tribe or the Reservation in preparing the Plan. Below is an example where the City staff removed any reference to the Tribe before the Plan was finalized:

The La Posta Road Area (Exhibit A) is located at the southern edge of the City of Durango, encompassing the lands on either side of La Posta Road (County Road 213) from the Rivera Bridge south to the point where the Animas River swings back to meet the road across the Animas River to the northern boundary of the sovereign lands of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The area includes the land known as Koshak Mesa, between La Posta Road and the Animas River, the Animas Airpark Mesa to the west of La Posta Road and the land west of the airpark up to the public lands that stretch up to Lake Nighthorse reservoir.

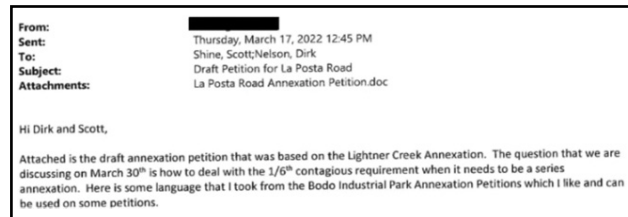
The documents also revealed that the City had a timeline for annexation identifying when petitions would be drafted, signed and presented to City Council.

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	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
General site planning								
Revised future land use map from SEH - also to reflect Kneller's latest site plan and road alignments			today					
Annexation process								
Draft annexation petitions - consistent with City zoning								
Survey quality exhibits to accompany annexation petitions								
Signed annexation petitions received								
Annexation Impact Report prepared								
Planning Commission Public Hearing on the series annexation								
Annexation petitions to City Council								
Annexation Impact Report sent to County								
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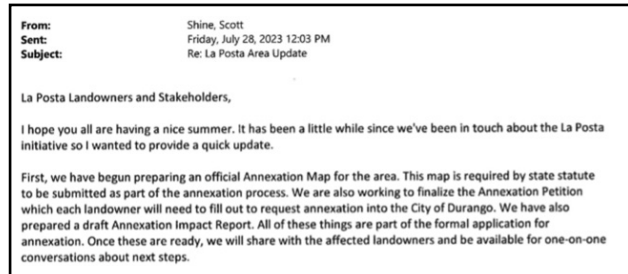
Nowhere in that timeline is there a time period for consultation with the Tribe.

Emails produced in response to the CORA request identified that the City’s Planning Office, the City attorney, and Mr. Shine were involved in the drafting of

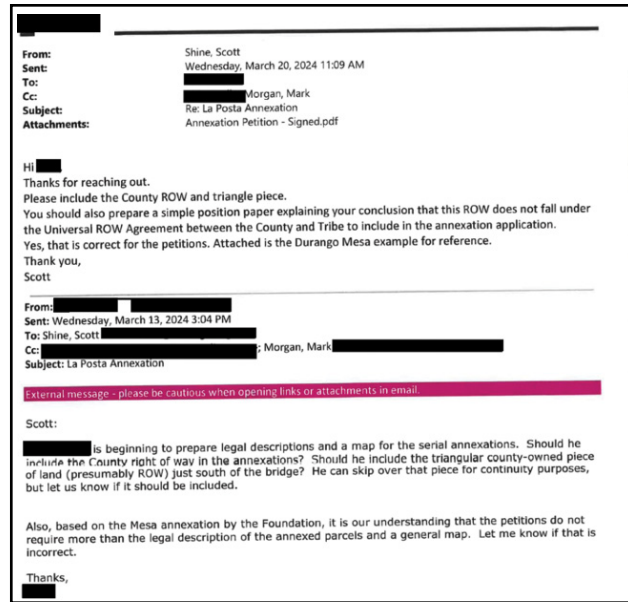
the petition for annexation in March 2022. We have redacted email addresses and names of individuals who have not publicly addressed this issue to protect privacy:



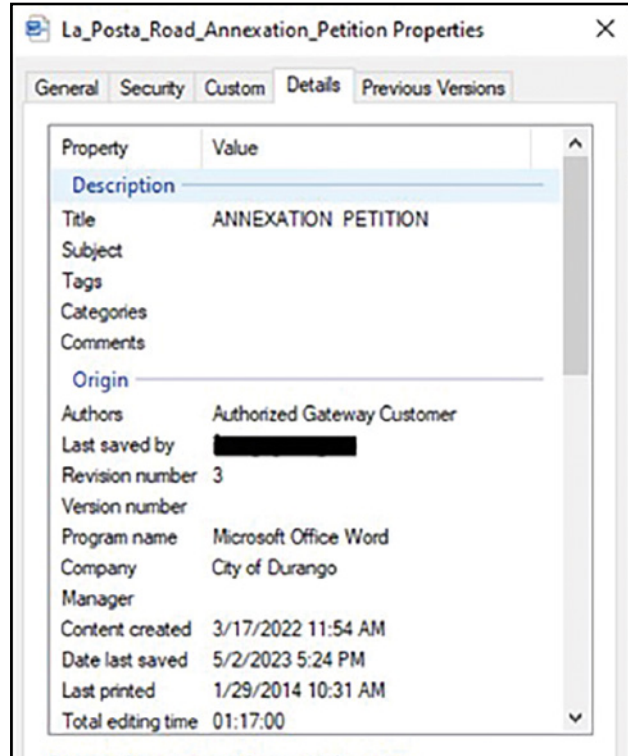
And in July 2023, Scott Shine communicated to landowners his intention to shortly present the petition for them to sign:



In addition, on March 20, 2024, Shine was communicating directly with an attorney for landowners about what to include in the annexation petition and how to avoid a longstanding inter-governmental agreement the Tribe had entered into with La Plata County. The City attorney was included on those communications.



Additionally, the Tribe discovered the draft petitions. The metadata shows the document was created by the City of Durango:



What this portrayed is active participation by City staff in efforts to annex Reservation lands as late as March of this year, information which they withheld from Tribal Council. These documents show that the then Mayor Youssef’s statements in her March 27 letter

quest to the City Council or the public. This is not “wordsmithing.” This is holding the City of Durango accountable for its dishonesty.

Tribal Council’s response to the City was prompt. In a letter to Mayor Youssef on April 2,

that the City was only “performing due diligence to determine what annexation may entail, including what infrastructure may be required if the City is present-

ed with a petition to annex the area ...” and that “the City of Durango has not drafted a petition for annexation for the property own-

ers” are manifestly untrue.

When confronted with these glaring inconsistencies, the City attorney characterized them as “wordsmithing.” In Indian Country, and throughout the rest of the country, words have meaning, and these inconsistencies are characterized quite differently. The City staff who were present at

Chairman Baker emphasized that the Tribe would do what was necessary to protect its sovereignty and asked her to immediately withdraw her March 27 letter. As he explained:

“The Tribe will stand firm in protecting its lands and sovereignty. We will protect the health, safety, and welfare of our tribal members and future generations. Your staff’s conduct has been deceitful and dishonest. The responsibility lies with you to take the necessary action to address and rectify the issue and repair the relationship with the Tribe.”

The City’s conduct goes beyond simply misrepresenting its intentions. It was discovered that the City Attorney’s office had drafted and circulated a legal opinion insisting that the Tribe had no jurisdiction over its own Reservation land outside of its own trust land. Absolutely no legal authority was cited in support of this position as there was none. The Tribe responded with a lengthy discussion of the law as it applied to the Tribe’s jurisdiction on the Reservation and explained that the City Attorneys’ legal analyses was “incomplete and inconsistent with well-established precedent and principles of Federal Indian Law, interpretations by the Attorney General’s office, and decades of practice among federal, state, tribal, and municipal authorities on the Reservation.” But it reflected a far more important concern. Not only were City employees actively engaging in the annexation of Reservation lands, but they were also questioning the Tribe’s treaties and long-standing legal principles establishing the Tribe’s sovereignty and right of self-government within the Reservation boundaries.

Tribal Council offered to discuss the matter with the City Council, which was refused. This left the Tribal Council with a number of options. As the first option, the Tribe authorized legislation, Senate Bill 24-193, with bipartisan support in the Colorado legislature, ensuring there could be no annexation of Reservation lands without the Tribe’s consent. Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud testified on April 17, 2024 in support of this legislation at the first hearing in the Colorado Senate before the State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. In a forceful speech, she declared, “We have come too far too far to be faced again with threats to Reservation lands and the Tribe’s treaty protected rights. In 2024 we should not be experiencing challenges to our Reservation and our sovereignty from a hostile City government. These days should have long passed.”

SB 24-193 passed unanimously in the Committee and the full Senate.

It then went to the Colorado House State, Veterans and Military Affairs Committee. A hearing was held on May 2, 2024 at which Chairman Baker testified. Once again, the testimony was clear and direct, identifying the contributions made by the Tribe to the community and the disturbing conduct of the City staff. Chairman Baker expressed, “Reservation land is not just property, it is sacred. In Colorado, we collaborate while respecting each other’s sov-

ereignty. Our relations with our community members have shown that economic development does not require annexation. This legislation reaffirms what should be obvious – that a Tribe’s Reservation may not be annexed without the Tribe’s consent.”

The bill passed the Committee unanimously and has now passed the full House with no objection. It is proceeding for consideration by Governor Jared Polis.

State legislators across the political spectrum united to condemn the City’s blatant disregard for Tribal self-determination and sovereignty.

Tribal Council continues to consider additional options. Tribal leadership will do what is necessary to protect its sovereignty, the safety of Tribal members, and will never allow outside entities to seize Reservation land like in the now disavowed federal policies of allotment and assimilation.

In spite of historically tense relations between the City of Durango and the Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has taken the high road and been one of the largest investors in the City’s future, investing over \$130 million in residential and commercial development. To address the housing crisis, the largest residential development in Durango was started by the Tribe. Phase II of that development has been sitting on the City Planner’s desk for years with little action. The land where Common Spirit Mercy Hospital is located was donated, in part, by the Tribe. In addition, the Tribe donated millions of dollars so that the hospital could open its doors and obtain life-saving equipment. During COVID, when most employers shut their doors, the Tribe, as the largest employer in the County, continued to pay employees even though they could not work because of the devastating effect not doing so would have on their families and the local economy.

The Tribe has consistently demonstrated commitment to southwest Colorado’s well-being. From providing crucial water and wastewater infrastructure for residents to partnering on a new housing complex to address affordability, the Tribe prioritizes the community’s needs.

Recognizing the lack of broadband access, the Tribe spearheaded an \$80 million initiative to connect Reservation residents and collaborate with surrounding counties to expand regional connectivity. The same collaboration can exist with respect to La Posta Road. Economic development does not require annexation. In Colorado we respect each other’s sovereignty and work together.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has effectively collaborated as economic partners with our adjoining communities. The City’s underhanded action is an outlier and, unfortunately, has increased tension in our community. Moreover, it has led the Tribe to evaluate whether continuing to invest its resources with governmental entities, like the City of Durango, that do not respect the Tribe’s sovereignty is appropriate. If this relationship is to be repaired, the City Council must take accountability for its actions and change course. The Tribe is always willing to work with honest partners that respect tribal sovereignty.



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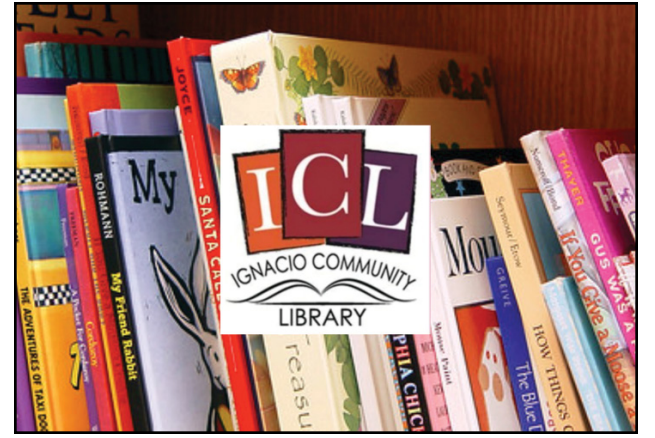
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Adult summer reading program

By Liz vonTauffkirchen, Assistant Director/Librarian
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

As a public library, we at Ignacio Community Library (ICL) offer a robust Summer Reading Program every year for children. The current iteration includes Tuesday Storytimes, Wednesday storytime & activities, a book-tracking element with prizes via our Beanstack mobile app, and family-based all-ages programs. You are likely familiar with this program, as ICL has offered some version of this program since the early 2000's. Many public libraries offer a version of Summer Reading that is aimed at adults, as well. This year, ICL is jumping on this trend and joining the bandwagon.

This year, the ICL Summer Reading Program (SRP) runs June 5 through July 24. Starting on Wednesday, June 5, when you sign up your kids for SRP, you can sign up yourself for Adult SRP, too! Adults will have the opportunity to log the first book they finish and receive a prize! When the adult participant finishes the second book during the program and completes the form, he or she



officially completes the program and will receive a second, even nicer prize! Adults complete the program after finishing only two books (participants select their own books to read) but may continue to read as many books as they can (or want) to read for the duration of the program; each completed book and form entitles the adult to one additional entry for the grand prize drawing at the end of July. Adult SRP participants also receive an additional entry into the grand prize drawing for each Adult SRP program they attend.

The Adult SRP program events this summer include two Try Virtual Reality events, each on the third Thursday of the month (June 20 and July 18) from 4 to 6 p.m. All ages programs

will also qualify for Adult SRP prize drawing entries, so attendance at the Tie-Dye Party on Tuesday, June 18 at 2:30 p.m., or Crafternoon on Tuesday, July 13 at 2:30 p.m., will also qualify each participant for an additional grand prize drawing entry.

There are many potential benefits to hosting Adult SRP in our community. For one, evidence suggests that it is beneficial for children to witness their adults reading. Another advantage is that Adult SRP includes parents in the whole Summer Reading process, and it's fun for adults, too! Hopefully, adults and kids will have fun with SRP and use the library more, in general.

We hope to see you and your family at ICL for Summer Reading this summer!

Come paint with us!
Wed, May 29 | 10:00 - 2:00

No matter what your age, you're welcome to drop in and join us throughout the day.

Southern Ute Language Working Group

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Language Working Group is looking for seven (7) eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Southern Ute Language Committee. The Committee shall operate under the supervision of the Cultural Preservation Department to preserve the Southern Ute language so that future generations will be educated and partake of this gift given to our forefathers and their forefathers by our Creator. Requirements: Three-year term; meet twice a month as a committee; and must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member. Please submit your request for appointment to e-mail crizzo@southernute-nsn.gov or by mail, Southern Ute Language Committee, c/o Cultural Preservation Dept., Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO, 81137.

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Southern Ute Fisheries Biologist, Ben Zimmerman holds a flannelmouth sucker on the downside of the Cherry Creek culvert, which is due to be replaced with a bottomless structure that allows fish to pass upstream.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Wildlife agencies dedicate Cherry Creek Fish Passage

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service recently announced more \$70M in Bipartisan Infrastructure Law funding for fish passage projects around the nation. This announcement included money for the Cherry Creek Fish Passage project, in the La Plata Watershed, which provides more than \$700,000 in funding to remove a 60-foot galvanized steel culvert that currently blocks the migration and movement of three species that are in Colorado's State Wildlife Action Plan and are critical to Colorado's aquatic ecosystems.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

U.S. Fish and Wildlife Interim Regional Habitat Coordinator for the Mountain Prairie Region, George Jordan (left) and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Fisheries Biologist Cole Brittan (right) discuss stream hydrology and how it impacts fish migration.

in Southwest Colorado. The project, once complete, will restore habitat connectivity and reduce flooding in nearby communities. This site visit gave key personnel in wildlife resource management a chance to see the project first-hand.

"Movement and migration to complete seasonal cycles are important to many different species of fish and wildlife in our region," Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head, Aran Johnson said. "We appreciate our neighboring agencies working on projects, like this fish passage, that benefit the resource by removing obstacles to those movements."

According to the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Cherry Creek cul-

vert, once taken out, will be replaced by a bottomless structure that allows fish of all species and age classes to pass. It will also open approximately 15-20 miles of habitat for roundtail chub, bluehead sucker, and flannelmouth sucker, more than doubling the amount of three-species habitat in the La Plata River watershed.

"Projects of this type are only possible by creating partnerships; thanks to La Plata County for their contribution and a special thanks to CPW, namely Jim White (Aquatic Biologist), for spear heading this project," Zimmerman said. "Knowing that I was part of reconnecting some of the historic range for these fish will be a highlight for my career."

OSPREY SNARED IN FISHING LINE • FROM PAGE 1

freed the osprey and removed any remaining fishing line in the nest.

Under more careful examination the young osprey appeared healthy, but something else was wrong. The young osprey underwent x-rays which determined she had a broken wing. For the best chance of survival, the osprey was admitted to a birds of prey rehabilitator on Colorado's Front Range for its best chance to be released back into the wild. Unfortunately, after months of rehab, the young osprey perished.

"Unfortunately, it is not uncommon for Southern

Ute Wildlife staff to have to respond to our young ospreys becoming entangled in fishing line in the nest," Southern Ute Wildlife Division Head, Aran Johnson said. "Over the years we have had to intervene at least a half dozen times and have even had to remove hooks from the birds."

To help prevent a similar situation in the future, the Southern Ute Wildlife Division encourages visitors to practice disposing of waste properly. Sometimes fishing line gets caught and you can't retrieve it all, but Southern Ute Wildlife asks

that you do your best clean it up. Lake Capote has trash cans and newly installed fishing line recycling bins dispersed around the lake.

"Osprey parents continuously bring new material into the nest by grabbing vegetation off the lake shore," Johnson explained. "Fishing line, fishing lures, plastic and other trash also get picked up and put into the nest putting the nestlings in danger. We ask that anyone recreating at the lake dispose of their fishing line and trash responsibly to keep Lake Capote beautiful and the wildlife healthy."

CDOT COMMEMORATES • FROM PAGE 1

tation Director Julie Constan said. "Once traffic is switched onto the interchange, our project crews will begin the process of reclaiming US 550 down Farmington Hill."

The event was an open invitation, encouraging the public to drive and walk the new US 550 alignment before it opens to traffic. The four-lane highway now crosses over the two impressively tall Gulch Bridge structures, which offer expansive views of the La Plata Mountains, prior to connecting with US 160. Guests were invited to drive across the Grandview Bridge, through the new Grandview roundabout and across two new bridges on the new alignment that now connects US 550 to the



"Bridge to the Future."

The historic US 550 route approaching Durango, which descends Farmington Hill, is set to be demolished and reclaimed back to a natural state; this includes the removal of the stoplight and intersection at the base of the hill. This section of the highway has a reputation for being especially treacherous in the winter due to its tight curves and steep grade. The Grandview Interchange boasts a much safer route for travelers, while also accounting for future population growth in the Four Corners region.

CDOT project team members were on site to answer questions prior to the formal dedication ceremony, speakers from partnering agencies on the multi-year project included CDOT, Federal Highway Administration, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, City of Durango, La Plata County and Lawrence

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"As we stand here today, I would like to remind you, this is Ute land and part of our traditional homelands," Southern Ute Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud said. "The most significant contribution our Tribe has offered to this project is in the land itself... We are pleased that CDOT has honored and recognized our ties to the land."

Additional project work items to be completed once traffic is switched onto the new alignment include:

- Removal of the traffic signal and median on US 160 at the bottom of Farmington Hill.
- Finishing a new frontage road on the west side of US 550.
- Mammal underpass work on US 550 northbound side.
- Installation of weather stations and CCTV cameras.

- Installation of an electronic variable message board for northbound travelers.
- Signing, striping and mailbox placement.

"This multi-year project will enhance economic vitality for southwest Colorado and neighboring states," Constan said. "The newly connected interchange will ensure safe and reliable travel for vital goods and services to and from New Mexico and the Four Corners region."

The US 550-US 160 Connection South project cost is just under \$100 million. The project has garnered tremendous support from local, state and federal governments and agencies. Funding sources for the \$98.9 million project included a \$500,000 contribution by the Southern Ute Growth Fund/Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

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MMIR Prayer Walk continues with support



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Ute Mountain Ute Royalty members joined Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Council members and approximately 30 walkers began the 15-mile trek from Elmore's Corner towards Ignacio, beginning with a sunrise service by elder, Hanley Frost.



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Jorge DeLaTorre, Jimmy Maldonado, and Randall Paredes and the group of The Nahui Ollin Runners, from Denver, walked part of the 15-mile route before doubling back and running – catching up with the walkers – and continuing to Ute Park as a group.



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Ute Mountain Ute Councilman, Conrad Jacket (Army) carried the Ute Mountain Ute tribal flag for the entirety of the MMIR Prayer Walk. Jacket is also a member of the Ute Mountain Ute Color Guard.

The 3rd annual MMIR Prayer Walk continued into 2024 with additional support from Southern Ute tribal departments and staff. Escort service was provided from beginning to end along the 15-mile walk, from Elmore's Corner to Ute Park in Ignacio. The Southern Ute Division of Social Services also hosted the closing ceremonies with speakers including, SUPD Chief, Michael Barrow, Behavioral Health's Marvinna Olquin and Preston Barry, and keynote speaker Trennie Burch, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Taskforce of Colorado. Executive Director and founder of Native Love, Daisy Bluestar and Native Love members organized the walk. A meal was provided by Southern Ute Justice and Regulatory.



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Lorelie Cloud, Needa Chackee, Conrad Jacket and Nenetta McNamara lead the walkers between Oxford and Ignacio.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Councilwoman Marge Barry welcomes runners, walkers and bystanders who attended the event; Councilwoman Torres, Vice Chairman Cloud and Councilman Gallegos spoke as well.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage stands alongside her mom Lynette Sage and SUPD Chief Barrow during the welcome and prayer at Ute Park in Ignacio.

STATE OF COLORADO

Delmar appointed to Colorado Office for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

Staff Report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

In April 2024, Melody Delmar, a member of the Navajo Nation, was appointed as the Director of the Office of the Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (OMMIR) within the Division of Criminal Justice in Colorado.

"I am honored to be selected as the next director for the state of Colorado's first OMMIR office," said Delmar. "This role is more than a career goal; it is my personal mission and life-long passion. I am ready to continue raising awareness for my community, strengthening partnerships across Colorado and our neighboring states, and closing the gap between agencies and families."

Delmar brings over 15 years of experience working with Indigenous communities in various roles across the nation, including economic development, public health, and social work in states like New Mexico, Arizona, Maryland, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Prior to joining OMMIR, she led the state of New Mexico's Indian Affairs Department's Missing and Murdered Indigenous Persons (MMIP) initiatives as the Special Projects Coordinator and Constituent Services Liaison.

"We value the importance this role contributes to our state," said Matthew Lunn, director of the Division of Criminal Justice. "Melody brings a wealth of work, education, and knowledge to the Office of Murdered and Missing Relatives. We are looking forward to making strides and raising awareness."

Delmar's extensive experience includes implement-



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Trennie Burch, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Taskforce of Colorado, Melody Delmar, Director of the Office of the Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, and Daisy Bluestar, Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Taskforce of Colorado, at the closing ceremonies of the 3rd annual MMIR Prayer Walk, in Ute Park, in Ignacio, Saturday, May 18.

ing statewide cultural education and programming for Native American Heritage in Missouri and partnering with the National Institutes of Health Tribal Health Research Office to support the public health response in American Indian/Alaskan Native communities during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2024, she received the 2023 US Attorney General Merrick B. Garland award for "Outstanding Contributions to Community Partnerships for Public Safety" for her work with MMIP on tribal, state, and national levels.

As a Kathryn M. Buder Scholar, Delmar earned a Master's in Social Work from the Brown School at Washington University in St. Louis, focusing on policy and research on Violence Against Women and Children in AI/AN communities. She also holds a Bachelor of Science in Psychology from Northern Arizona University.

Established in 2022 through Senate Bill 22-150, the Office of the Liaison for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives serves as a liaison on behalf of the Indigenous commu-

nity, helping connect families with resources, providing information on reporting missing or murdered loved ones, and increasing awareness regarding missing and murdered Indigenous people. The office also works to develop and enhance partnerships with Tribal Law Enforcement and communities, collaborate with state and local partners to develop training, and support the Community Volunteer Advisory Board.

In her short time as director, Delmar has proactively engaged with various agencies, stakeholders, and Tribes, and hosted OMMIR's Community Volunteer Advisory Board quarterly meeting. Looking ahead, she aims to continue meeting with the community, raising awareness, and closing the gap between families, community members, organizations, law enforcement, and federal partners.

For more information or to collaborate with the office, contact Director Delmar at melody.delmar@state.co.us. Visit OMMIR's website for the latest updates: <https://dcj.colorado.gov/dcj-offices/ommir>.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Councilwoman Vanessa Torres speaks to those in attendance at the closing ceremonies of the 3rd annual MMIR Prayer Walk in Ute Park, Saturday, May 18.

MMIR

Hope Never Fades: Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives

By Vanessa Torres
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

Maykh!
I attended the 15th Annual National Missing and Unidentified Persons Conference, held in Las Vegas, Nev. from April 16-18, 2024. This conference brought together a community dedicated to a singular goal: finding missing loved ones. It was a powerful experience, filled with both the heartbreak of unsolved cases and the unwavering determination to bring loved ones home.

The conference kicked off with a powerful message from Nevada Attorney General Aaron Ford. He highlighted the staggering number of missing person cases each year, the emotional toll on families, and the need for collaboration across jurisdictions. In these cases, there are more questions than answers. He emphasized the need to break down silos and foster collaboration between jurisdictions and agencies.

One of the keynote speakers, Desiree Young, shared the heartbreaking story of her son, Kyrion Harmon, who vanished from his elementary school science fair in Portland, Ore., in 2010. Her struggle to find answers, navigate media scrutiny, and deal with the lack of charges in the case resonated with many attendees.

The experience of Desiree Young mirrored the stories of many missing Indigenous people. Their cases often fade from the public eye, leaving families without answers, and communities without closure. This conference highlighted the urgent need to raise awareness about missing Indigenous relatives and to ensure their stories are heard.

This is critical as Native communities are facing a silent crisis. According to the FBI's National Crime Information Center, in 2020 alone there were 5,295 Indigenous women and 4,276 Indigenous men reported missing across the United States.

I attended several breakout sessions that addressed the specific challenges faced by Tribes and Indigenous communities. The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) hosted a session on Missing Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) and human trafficking in Indian Country. The discussion covered cold cases, jurisdictional issues, and resources available to tribal authorities.

Another presentation explored the Canadian Residential School Investigation, led by Elder Ernie Lawdette, a First Nations police officer who drew up on his grandfather's teach-

ings and the experiences of other survivors. This session highlighted the historical trauma faced by Indigenous communities and its lasting impacts.

This conference was a vital platform for knowledge and resource sharing. Representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was an honor, and I remain steadfast in my commitment to raising awareness for this issue.

Locally, the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives Task Force of Colorado plays a vital role. This volunteer-led group, including Daisy Bluestar and Trennie Burch, is dedicated to leadership, policy development, data collection, advocacy, and support. The Task Force has assisted in the passage of Senate Bill 22-150 and Senate Bill 23-054 which established the Office of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives, required the Colorado Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to engage in data sharing to develop an MMIR dashboard, led to the creation of the MMIR hotline (833-900-6647) and the Missing Indigenous Person Alert (MIP). Their work also includes advocacy in assisting families, coordination of MMIR events, training for law enforcement, and search assistance. Task Force Member, Daisy Bluestar said, "When we come together as a people, we are more likely to bring a relative home safely. Piemichira máanuúchiu Nanama! Toghoyaqh pámaneni."

Here are some important steps to take if a loved one goes missing:

Stay Calm, Contact Law Enforcement Immediately:

- Call the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-4401.
- In emergencies, dial 911.

Gather Information:

- Talk to friends and family to determine your loved ones last known whereabouts.
- Below is a list of questions that may be asked, note this list is not all inclusive:
 - o Full description, height, weight, eye color, hair color, identifiable scars, marks, and tattoos, last clothing seen in head to toe, jackets, backpacks, and any other notable accessories.
 - o Information on friends, associates, workplace, and coworkers.
 - o Any health conditions, mental illness, or any type of handicap that may need to be known along with any medications, are their medications critical for their health, and did they

- leave those behind.
- o Any possible locations they like to hang out or have implied an interest in as a destination.
- o Current photographs that can be disseminated and shared with CBI for the MIP alert.
- o Does the missing party have any involvement with special groups or agencies, such as DSS or Alcohol Anonymous.
- o Parental or spousal information if they are not the reporting party.

Designate a Point of Contact:

- Establish a single person to communicate with law enforcement and to provide updates with family and friends.

Seek Support:

- Remember, you are not alone. The MMIR Task Force of Colorado can be reached at 970-553-0337. They offer assistance and resources to families of missing loved ones.

The collaboration between the MMIR Task Force of Colorado and Law Enforcement is essential and critical. Early action leads to a faster investigation. When you contact law enforcement about a missing person, a dispatcher will ask you questions. This is standard procedure to collect as much detail as possible. This information is then broadcast to all on-duty officers. An assigned officer will then meet with you to gather further details. There are two important reasons to involve law enforcement immediately:

Authorization for official alerts:

- The law enforcement agency in charge of the investigation is the only entity that has authorization to request and cancel an official Missing Indigenous Person Alert broadcast by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation. This alert is crucial for spreading the word and getting help finding the missing person.

Professional investigation resources:

- Law enforcement has the authority and resources to conduct a thorough investigation. CBI will create an official poster distributed to all regional and state agencies, and the alert will be broadcasted widely through dispatch centers.

The fight continues, but the unwavering spirit of our community gives me hope. Together, with collaboration and continued awareness, we can bring missing loved ones home.

INDIAN COUNTRY

MMIR crisis calls for Indigenous data sovereignty

By Jodi Rave Spotted Bear, Committee Chair
SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL JOURNALISTS FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

This column is written by Jodi Rave Spotted Bear (Mandan, Hidatsa and Arikara Nation), who is the Society of Professional Journalists Freedom of Information Committee chair. She also serves on the SPJ Foundation Board and SPJ First Amendment Forever Fund Committee. She's the founder and executive director of the Indigenous Media Freedom Alliance and publisher of Buffalo's Fire.

A national commission is calling on the federal government to declare a "Decade of Action and Healing" regarding the public safety crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous peoples. The commission issued a report listing its many findings, including problems of reporting and collecting data. The U.S. Interior and Justice departments issued a joint response in early March.

"No one should have to experience the loss of a loved one – let alone losses across generations – due to the lack of resources, jurisdictional complexities or unnecessary bureaucracy," wrote Interior Secretary Deb Haaland (Laguna Pueblo) and U.S. Attorney General Merrick Garland in a joint statement released in a 231-page report on March 5.

To acknowledge the high rate of missing and murdered Indigenous persons, the two federal agencies responded to recommendations of the Not Invisible Act Commission, or NIAC. In its 212-page Not One More report released Nov. 1, 2023, the commission pointed to the federal government's historic failure to uphold trust responsibilities to Native people.

The report includes seven chapters of findings and recommendations. Chapter 2 addresses reporting and collecting data on missing, murdered and trafficked persons including 16 findings related to data collection.

"Accurate data on Native Americans are necessary for federal, state, local, and tribal governments to monitor conditions and make informed policy and spending decisions. Unfortunately, there is a lack of available data at all levels of government but especially at the national level to ascertain the extent of the problem," wrote subcommittee members.

The NIAC and Indian Law and Order Commission recommended the federal government generate

accurate crime reports for Indian Country.

The Justice and Interior departments responded that DOJ "has been making steady improvements in crime reporting since the Indian Law and Order Commission released its recommendations. Since 2016, when the FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting, UUCR, Program began its transition to the National Incident-Based Reporting System, NIBRS, only reporting, the FBI has collaborated with the Bureau of Indian Affairs to encourage and assist Tribal agencies to report NIBRS data."

Overall, the Not Invisible Act subcommittee issued 14 data-related recommendations to the Interior and Justice departments, ranging from the federal government's need to generate accurate crime reports for Indian Country and completing an audit of systems and sources that collect data on missing American Indian/Alaska Native persons.

Not Invisible Act commissioners wrote: "There is a crisis in tribal communities. A crisis of violence, a crisis of abuse, and a crisis of abject neglect affecting Indian women and men, Indian children, and Indian elders. The federal government must act now; not tomorrow; not next week; not next month; and not next year. Once and for all, the federal government must end its systematic failure to address this crisis and react, redress, and resolve this. We call on the federal government to declare a 'Decade of Action and Healing' to address the crisis of missing, murdered and trafficked Indian people."

The report confirms one of the biggest roadblocks experienced by journalists reporting on missing and murdered Indigenous people – a lack of reliable or accessible data.

The public safety crisis of missing and murdered Indigenous peoples reaches far beyond advocates, federal agencies and myriad law enforcement workers. A survey by the First Nations Development Institute recently listed missing and murdered Indigenous women as the top concern of voters in the 2024 election season.

Despite being the smallest percentage of the population, Indigenous people rank among the second highest number of reported missing and murdered persons, according to the U.S. Department of Justice. At least 11 states with Indigenous communities have launched initiatives concentrated on improving

communication, data and resources.

Journalists on the frontlines of reporting on murdered and missing Indigenous persons need a central database to accurately report on this ongoing crisis in Indian Country.

Rebecca Landsberry-Baker (Muscoogee Creek Nation), executive director of the Indigenous Journalists Association, underscored the importance of Indigenous data sovereignty – the collection, ownership, and application of data being managed by organizations rooted in community as a best practice for protecting Indigenous people and resources.

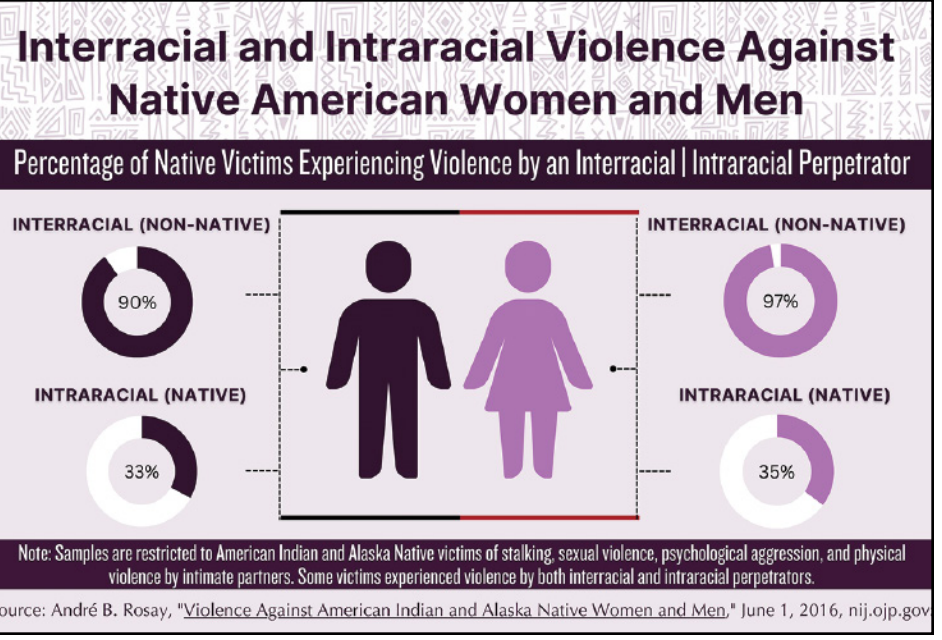
"Indigenous journalism by and for Indigenous peoples is a key driver of self-determination and to fully realize that we must ensure that our data and histories are accurately represented within the media landscape. Expanding access to accurate news and information is essential to healthy democracies across tribal, local, state, and national levels, and a centralized database would be a critical reporting resource for all journalists covering the MMIP crisis," Landsberry-Baker said.

IJA President Christine Trudeau (Prairie Band Potawatomi) added that a centralized and comprehensive MMIP database is long overdue. "This is the monumental breakthrough needed to better cover this ongoing crisis, and we need it now."

The NIAC's report illustrates how the lack of comprehensive, quality data has hidden how severe the missing and murdered Indigenous people's issue is across Native American communities. Although the Justice Department declares it "has been making steady improvements in crime reporting," it's clear that progress is slow and inadequate.

A central database managed by a neutral party, such as the Indigenous Journalists Association (formerly the Native American Journalists Association), is needed due to the existing lack of standardized reporting protocols across competing legal jurisdictions.

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Southern Ute Bear Dance 2024 CAMPING REGULATIONS



Camping will be allowed at the Southern Ute Bear Dance Campgrounds.

CAMPING IS ALLOWED UP TO THREE DAYS AFTER THE BEAR DANCE.

- NO UNATTENDED FIRES**
- NO ALCOHOL OR DRUGS**
- NO DISRUPTIVE ACTIVITIES**
- BE RESPECTFUL OF THE CAMPGROUNDS**



Questions or concerns please call Matthew J. Box, Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief, 970-759-7038

Spring Prayer

THURSDAY, MAY 23, 2024 • STARTS AT SUNRISE • BEAR DANCE CAMPGROUNDS

In honor of Mother Earth allowing us to use the ground and the water flowing through the area, where we have our Bear Dance celebration, a Spring Prayer and tobacco will be offered at sunrise on the morning of May 23.



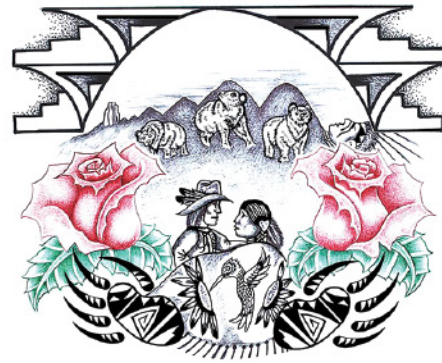
Additional info: Alex Cloud 970-442-1013

Public Event May 31 - June 3

135th ANNUAL UTE MOUNTAIN BEARDANCE Towaoc, CO

The Bear is Still Dancing

Kwiyaget Tago Mamkonuhka Wa'Ipagayus



SATURDAY JUNE 1	
Run Registration	8am - 6:45am
Run 5k, 10k, Half Marathon starts	7am
CO-ED Softball Registration Now until May 17th Deadline	Contact: 970-564-5360
CO-ED Softball Tournament Starts	8am
Parade Lineup	9am
Parade Starts	10am
Diabetes Tent	10am
Powwow	HIGH NOON
Powwow	6pm

SUNDAY JUNE 2	
Run Womens Walk, Youth Fun Run, Fastest "Ute" Elder Dash	
In-person run registration	7am - 7:45am
run Starts	8am
Bear Dance Starts	10am
Elders Appreciation:	
Wilbert Mills and Gamet Olquin	3pm

FRIDAY May 31, 2024	
Sunrise Blessing	7am
Beardance Starts	10am
KCA, BUSH WACKERS and CDC students	
will be at the Beardance Grounds	10:30am
Powwow - Grand Entry	6pm

MONDAY JUNE 3	
Bear Dance Starts	10am
Feast	2pm
Diabetes Walk	7am
(Booth @Beardance Grounds)	

Bear Dance Chiefs:

**Terry Knight Sr. Farley Ketchum Sr.
Mark Wing Terry Knight Jr.
Austin Jacket**

Rules:

- Women MUST wear a Shawl to dance
- Women MUST wear a skirt to dance
- Women will select the male dancers
- All males within the arena MUST dance if selected by the females

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Southern Ute Bear Dance May 24-27, 2024

Southern Ute Reservation

Bear Dance Corral Blessing: May 24th, 10am

Bear Dance Feast: May 27th, 12pm

Bear Dance contact info: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew J. Box, (970) 759-7038

Vending info contact: Sherisa Valdez (970) 563-2988



Bear Dance Rules: No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing. Photography, video & audio recording is strictly prohibited, except by members of the Ute Tribes. The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft. The Pine River is RESTRICTED. "Be aware. Be good to each other, and do not bring any anger, hate or jealousy to the sacred grounds."

Southern Ute Bear Dance Powwow May 24 & 25, 2024

Sky Ute Casino Resort, Events Center
14324 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO

GRAND ENTRY:

• Fri., May 24: 7 pm; Sat., May 25: 1 pm & 7 pm

REGISTRATION:

• Fri.: Opens 5 pm, Closes 7 pm; Sat.: Opens 12 pm, Closes 1 pm

HEAD STAFF:

- Head Lady – Miss Southern Ute
- Head Man – Picked Daily
- MC – Daryl Powaukee
- Arena Director – Michael Grant
- Drum Judge – Darren Cuch

POWOW COMMITTEE DANCE SPECIALS

- Winner Take All
- Iron Man Fancy – \$1,000
- Iron Woman Fancy Shawl – \$1,000

DANCE CATEGORIES:

- Golden Age (55 yrs.+): Men & Women
- Men (18-54 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Northern Traditional, Southern Traditional
- Women (18-54 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Northern Traditional, Southern Traditional
- Teen Boys (13-17 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
- Teen Girls (13-17 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
- Jr. Boys (6-12 yrs.): Fancy, Grass, Chicken, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
- Jr. Girls (6-12 yrs.): Fancy Shawl, Jingle, Combined Northern & Southern Traditional
- Tiny Tots (5 yrs. & Under)

ARTS & CRAFTS / FOOD VENDOR INFO:

Registration & Fees: Sky Ute Casino Resort Sales Dept. 970-563-3000 ext. 1753 (First come, first serve)

HOST HOTEL INFO:

Sleep Inn Durango
1260 Escalante Dr., Building A Durango, CO 81303
970-403-1350
Use Code: Southern Ute Beardance Powwow
2 Nights only total \$228
10-Rooms Available
Breakfast included 5 a.m. to 10 a.m.

SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE:

Tara Vigil – Chairman
Rochelle Aguilar – Vice Chairman
Rhianna Carel – Treasurer
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Committee Members:
Dona Frost, Karen Washington, Lisa Jacket, Malaina Carel
S.U. Councilman, Marty Pinnecoose – Tribal Council Ex-Officio

For information contact: Tara Vigil, 970-799-0615 or Valerie Armstrong, 970-317-3585

DRUM CONTEST: OVERALL PAYOUT \$23,000

1st – 5th Place, Split Northern / Southern

*Singers who are under 18 yrs. and register for the Drum Contest MUST have ONE 18 yrs. or older member as the payout representative.

DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST REQUIREMENT:

For payout purposes ONLY, MUST show your Social Security Card AND current valid State/and or Tribal ID with your address. You must also provide a current phone number.

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Sky Ute Casino Resort, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, will not be responsible for accidents, theft, injuries, food borne illnesses or death.

Memorial Day 2024 Day of Remembrance

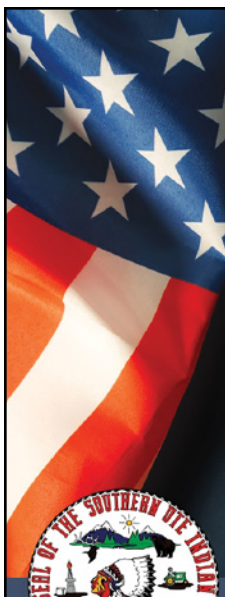



Presented by:


The Southern Ute Veterans Association
in cooperation with
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe



Memorial Day: Monday May 27, 2024
Southern Ute Veterans Park - 10:00 AM




MEMORIAL DAY
 REMEMBER & HONOR



Tribal Office Closure

In observance of Memorial Day, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed on Monday, May 27, 2024.

Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, May 28, 2024.

Everyone Invited!


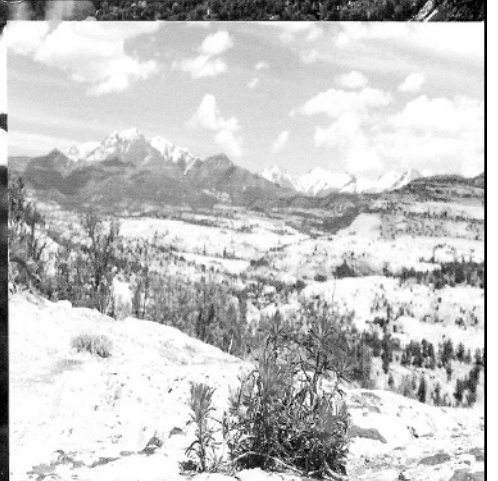
100 Years of Silence Presents:

Narrative, Video, Art Display of Our Story;

Journey of Resilience!

Please join us @ The Southern Ute Museum

May 25th @ 10:00AM

Multi-Purpose Facility
Traditional Sewing and Beading
May 21, 22 & 23, 2024




Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM
Wednesday & Thursday
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Call Elise to sign up & get supply list 970-563-2641
 Bring your unfinished items and any new projects you would like to start. Make an appointment for one-on-one assistance
 256 Ute Rd. Ignacio CO 81137 - 970-563-2640, multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



Multi-Purpose Facility
Annual Bear Dance Arts & Crafts Fair



Sunday & Monday May 26 & 27, 2024
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Artists, Artisans, Crafters, Bakers

Space—10 X 10 with 2 chairs \$30/day or \$50/both days
 Space is assigned at time of payment—Cash, Check, Money Order only
 Limited number of tables available to rent \$10
 Doors open 7:30 AM
 Call Stais to reserve your table


Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
Call for more information 970-563-2640 or 970-563-2641

Multi - Purpose Facility
May 2024 Events

Traditional Beading & Sewing—Tuesday—Thursday May 21, 22 & 23
 Day Sessions - 10:00 AM—3:30 PM
 Evening Sessions Wed & Thurs. 5:30 PM—7:30 PM

Special Events

MPF Food Sale—Friday May 31—11:30 AM—2:30 PM
 Singing Mountain Diabetes Healthy Cooking
 Rescheduled to June

Date Change

Arts & Craft Fair—Sunday & Monday May 26 & 27, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM
 Classes are open to the public—call to sign -up & for a supply list
 - Events are subject to change—watch for announcements or call the MPF-


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BEARDANCE

WEEKEND HOURS
All visitors are FREE!

Friday, May 24th: 7am-7pm
May 25th-May26th :10am-5pm
Building will open @7am for showers ONLY

Memorial Day, May 27th: 7am-10am
Open for showers ONLY





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Annual Bear Dance Arts & Crafts Fair



Sunday & Monday May 26 & 27, 2024
9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Come and shop for great gifts, baked goods, artwork, beadwork & other hand crafted items. Enjoy a cool drink, and great food.


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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio goalkeeper Bella Lorenzini, a sophomore, secures a save while pressured by Bayfield senior Lily Lewin (2) during the Lady Bobcats' road match Thursday evening, May 2, inside BHS' Wolverine Country Stadium.

BOBCATS SOCCER

Lady Bobcats sign off in Bayfield

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Again, reduced by injury and absence to competing 8-v-8 on the soccer pitch, the Ignacio Lady Bobcats' difficult 2024 campaign ended early Thursday evening, May 2, with a 9-0 loss at 3A Bayfield.

Set up by a corner kick taken by junior Sydney Rey, which deflected off IHS senior Jillian Middlebrook at goalkeeper Bella Lorenzini's back post, the hosting Lady Wolverines opened the scoring in the second minute as senior Genesis Barrera gained possession and, with a pass paralleling the goal line, found senior Preslie Wagner at the opposite post for a 1-0 lead.

Wagner then rang a shot off an Ignacio defender in the fourth minute, and Barrera converted a seventh-minute Rey corner into BHS' third goal. Assisted by senior Michelle Kirk, Rey increased BHS' lead to 4-0 in the tenth minute, then scored again in the 20th. Following a welcome mid-half water break, Bayfield senior Brylee Sampley scored (assisted by senior Lily Lewin) in the 24th minute and the Lady Wolverines coasted into halftime ahead 6-0.

The Lady 'Cats finally logged a shot attempt in the 55th minute, but BHS senior goalie McKenna Noonan scooped up freshman Maliyah Martinez's try low and to her left. Literally moments after the second pre-planned pause for refresh-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Angelina Guzman-Griego (7) battles Bayfield senior Anna Vasgird (4) for control of the ball during the Lady Bobcats' road match Thursday evening, May 2, inside BHS' Wolverine Country Stadium.

ments, junior Kambrie Byrd grew Bayfield's lead to 7-0 in the 60th, and Rey followed – shooting somewhat reluctantly from 17 yards out after finding no teammates nearby to whom she could pass – in the 71st. She then netted the home team's last goal in the 78th, assisted by Barrera (who totaled four helpers in the match; Lewin was credited with two), as BHS improved at the time to 6-5-3 overall.

Ignacio, meanwhile, elect-

ed to forfeit a scheduled 5/4 season finale in Gunnison against Crested Butte and begin the long wait for 2025 standing 1-14-0 overall, 1-6-0 in the unbalanced 2A Intermountain-South. Before playing an unplanned third match against Telluride – but with no bearing on the league standings – as a replacement for IHS (Del Norte had forfeited to THS the same day), CBCS improved at the time to 12-2-1 overall, and a league-best 7-0-0.

BOBCATS TRACK & FIELD

Girls 17th, boys 17th in Grand Junction

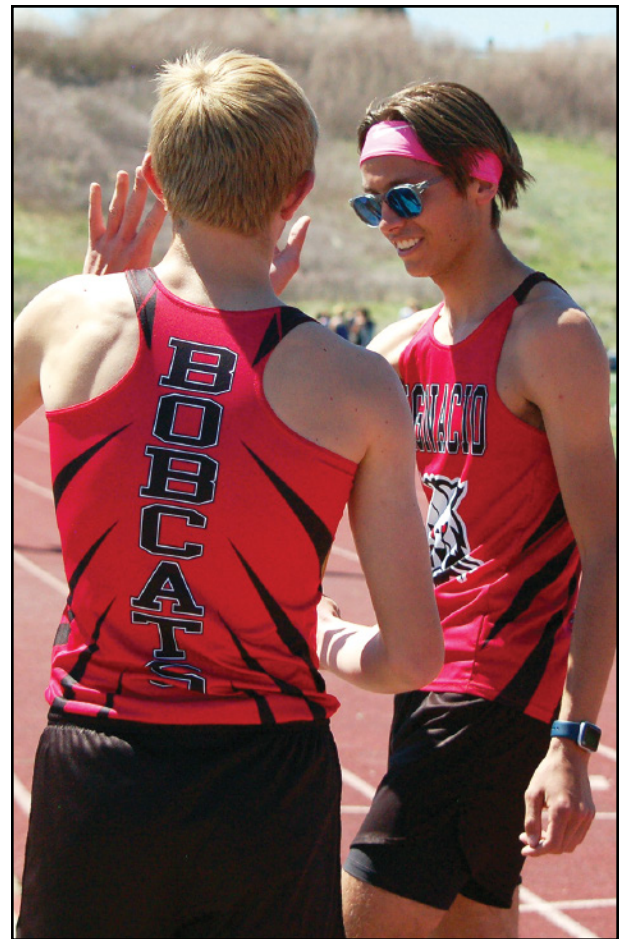
IHS gets State preview at Teeters Invite

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Despite recording a half-dozen top-ten results in their final appearance before the 2024 CHSAA Track & Field State Championships, Ignacio's Lady Bobcats got a fairly accurate preview of the grand finale as their work garnered only ten team points and a share of 17th place at the Dennis Teeters Tiger Invitational.

Hotchkiss-based North Fork also earned ten points at the two-day, 29-team meet, while 4A Montrose won the girls' title with 92.5 accumulated points. 4A G.J. Central (74) came in second, with 4A Durango (68), 3A Pagosa Springs (67) and meet-hosting Grand Junction (66) about as close as competitors could get in pursuit of third place.

Senior Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga placed sixth in the 300-meter hurdles, clocking a time of 50.23 seconds, and classmate Maci Barnes took sixth in the long jump with a best leap of 15 feet, 11 inch-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Corey Gomez congratulates freshman Cayson Burcham after a successful 3,200-meter relay race at the recent IHS-hosted San Juan Basin League Track & Field Championships. The Bobcats' 4x8 crew – Gomez, Burcham, junior Kendrick Nossaman and sophomore Trace Crane – will close out the 2024 season competing at the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships in Lakewood, Colo.

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Honoring players and coaches



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Stoney White Thunder performs an Honor Song – saluting players, coaches, parents and spectators alike – prior to the Bobcats' non-league home doubleheader Saturday, May 11, versus Custer County. As he sang, the sun began shining through an overcast sky – definitely an indicator that not only would the possible inclement weather remain at bay, but that IHS would prevail on Senior Day (which the 'Cats did, 15-0 and 20-0). "Stoney's the best hand-drum player around – for my money – and it was a powerful moment," head coach Isiah Valdez said. "It was really emotional; the seniors, I started coaching them when they were sophomores, and to have three full seasons with them is special. It's a sad day, but a good day too."

!!!!ATTENTION!!!!

Coaches are still needed for the Tri Ute Games in the following sports:

- *Co-Ed Volleyball
- *Wrestling
- *Archery(Traditional/Compound)
- *Golf

Packets due: Friday, May 24, 2024!!!

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Boys and Girls Ages: 9-18yrs

- Enrolled Tribal Members
- 1st Descendants
- CIB (Certificate of Indian Blood)
- 2nd Descendants

- *Co-Ed Basketball
- *Co-Ed Volleyball
- *Swimming
- *Skateboarding
- *Golf
- *Wrestling
- *Archery (Compound/Traditional)
- *Traditional Hand Games
- *Participate in the Tri-Ute Ultimate Challenge

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Ignacio sophomore Gabe Archuleta dives across home plate to score a run during Game 1 of the Bobcats' 15-0, 20-0 sweep Saturday, May 11, of non-league Custer County.

BOBCATS BASEBALL

'Cats shooting into the postseason

IHS sweeps Custer County on Senior Day

By Joel Priest SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Knowing how his team would likely fare against a struggling Senior Day foe, Ignacio skipper Isiah Valdez and his assistants felt it best Saturday, May 11, to send visiting Custer County back to Westcliffe as fast as possible.

"Honestly, that's why I'm pitching today," senior Phillip Quintana explained. "We were going to go with some of our other pitchers and try to warm them up (for postseason play), but Coach wanted to get out of here quick. So that's what we did."

"Some other teams, you know, that we play ... they're good clubs but a little lesser quality, and it's kind of hard sometimes to stay motivated and really rise to the occasion," said Valdez. "I preach that we've got to treat every team like they're the best we're playing. We've got to step on their throats early and not let off ... because we've got some big games coming up."

And after posting a four-inning, 15-0 'mercy-rule' win in Game 1 of the doubleheader, IHS exploded for 14 runs in the bottom of the first inning in Game 2 and coasted to a 20-0 conquest in three - concluding regular-season work with a fifth shutout win, while also atoning for an unfortunate 5-4 loss on the 7th to 3A Pagosa Springs.

"We should have won that game," Quintana said. "But today we just needed to

come back, get some more confidence; these were good games to do that. That's what I tried to do, and that's what all our boys tried to do."

"We're a pretty good hitting team," senior Devante Montoya said. "Came out slow, but at the end we really started hitting the ball like we know how."

But though the like-named Bobcats arrived in reduced number, they came hyped after strong efforts versus 3A Florence (the game was deadlocked, 12-12, going into the ninth inning but halted by lack of daylight and declared a draw) on the 7th and in 2A Southern Peaks action at South Park (running out of available and/or eligible pitchers, the Burros' staff decided to concede defeat, 9-2, in Fairplay after just two innings) on the 9th. And for their determination the baseball gods granted them a slight reward.

With Custer County down to their last out in Game 1, and Quintana having struck out eight of the preceding nine hitters, a sudden and stiff wind gust disrupted his rhythm just before he began his windup. And the you've-gotta-be-kidding-me smirk on his face only widened; after resetting himself atop the mound, Quintana pitched to CCHS' Taylor Bradford - who not only made contact, but contact firm enough to bounce the ball high over Quintana and with enough pace to then split shortstop Montoya and senior second baseman Marcus Maez for

a single breaking up Quintana's no-hitter.

"We were lucky to get a hit there at the end," said grinning CCHS head coach Zach Bissell. "But kudos to (Quintana); he pitched his butt off and they played a great game. We almost found a way to push one (run) across ... but couldn't do it."

The only other CCHS player to reach base against Quintana (W; 4 IP, H, 0 R, BB), senior Kelsyn Pool drew a third-inning walk, but after advancing to second via a wild pitch to sophomore Doc McCoy and then stealing third base, was stranded after Quintana struck out McCoy, junior Wyatt Grundy and sophomore leadoff man Ty Stoltzfus in succession. Each went down looking, and Quintana totaled ten Ks.

Offensively, Montoya went 3-for-4 with a triple, two runs and three batted in. Ambrose Valdez went 1-3 with a run and one RBI; Gabe Archuleta was 1-3 with two runs and three RBI; William Mendoza-Lechuga was 2-2 with a walk and three runs scored. Stoney White Thunder was 2-2 with a double, sacrifice fly, two runs and three RBI, and Marcus Maez went 0-1 but walked once, was plunked once by Bradford (L; 2.2 IP, 15 R, 6 BB, HB, 2 K) and scored twice.

In Game 2, Montoya no-hit Custer County (2-20-1 overall) while scattering four walks and striking out five. In

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SunUte hosts Rep Wars 2.0



courtesy SunUte

Winners of the SunUte Rep Wars 2.0 received trophies and certificates on Saturday, May 11 at the SunUte Community Center. Outstanding accolades went to Jenna Maxwell, Jakob Box, Kelsey Frost and Stetson Jones. Sky Ute Casino Resort sponsored grand prizes for the Rep Wars 2.0 event. Winners listed below.

REP WARS

Bench Press and Deadlift Rep Challenge RESULTS

Table with columns for Bench Press and Deadlift results, categorized by weight classes (Women's Ultra-Lightweight, Middleweight, Heavyweight, Open).

Table with columns for Bench Press and Deadlift results, categorized by weight classes (Men's Ultra Lightweight, Lightweight, Middleweight, Heavyweight).

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUTSTANDING LIFTERS:

Jenna Maxwell Jakob Box Kelsey Frost Stetson Jones

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In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2024-0041-CV-NC
Kelcie Adele Arrowchis Mills, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Kelcie Adele Arrowchis Mills has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Kelcie Adele Arrowchis. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **JUNE 10, 2024**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.
Dated this 2nd day of May, 2024.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

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 15th of April, 2024
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0024-CV-PR
Tracy 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 **JUNE 4, 2024 at 9:00 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 26th of April, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0028-CV-PR
Corey Lloyd Richards, 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 **MAY 28, 2024 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 26th of April, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0013-CV-PR
Richard Lee Jefferson, 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 **JUNE 10, 2024 at 9:00 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 24th of April, 2024
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0035-CV-PR
Tim Watts, 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 **JUNE 3, 2024 at 9:00 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

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) 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 services or \$9.25/month for qualifying broadband or broadband bundles. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) 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 on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1.800.201.4099 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



COMMUNITY GREETINGS

Watts Family Thanks

The Watts family would like to extend our deepest thanks to friends and family of the late Tim Watts, including Hood Mortuary, Sky Ute Casino, Multi-Purpose Bldg., VFW from Durango (veterans) and the Southern Ute Veterans. All the food that was brought for his wake, Special thanks to Benjamin Watts and Tallias Cantsee for the beautiful songs, There is not enough words to fully express heartfelt thanks for the prayers, love and sympathy you have extended to our family during the time of our loss.



Watts Family & Frost family

CONGRATS to the graduating classes of 2024!

From the staff of The Southern Ute Drum!

CONGRATS GRADS

Soly, Gabre & Phillip

We are so proud of you and are witnesses of all your hard work and perserverance! We love you so much and pray only God's best for you in this new adventure of your life.

Love, The Benard-Cox-Chae Family

Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 04/30/24

UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION

2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- MAY 27TH MEMORIAL DAY — CLOSED
- JUNE 19TH JUNETEENTH — CLOSED
- JULY 4TH / 5TH INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED
- SEPT. 2ND LABOR DAY — CLOSED
- OCT. 14TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 28TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 9TH/10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY

Tribal Members: Pick up 2024 Trash Permits—call office or contact Mr. James Red at Transfer Station Ramp. Show Tribal ID.

MAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Annual Fire Hydrant Flushing to start week of May 6th.
- Tribal Members: Free HDPE Black Pipe still available. Size is 12-inch diameter. Each tribal household is limited to 80 feet. Call Utilities Office to schedule pick-up.
- Shut-off Day is MAY 1st! Pay your bill before 10am on 5/1 to avoid utility shut-off and late fees!
- May 27th — Utilities Offices and Transfer Station are CLOSED for the Memorial Holiday.

THANK YOU!

OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM
Lobby closed 12p -1p on Fridays

Reach a staff member by phone at (970) 563-5500

Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shut-offs are the first Wednesday of each month:
May 1st / June 5th / July 10th

Avoid Late Fees. Settle your payments before 10am on Shut-off Day

PAYMENT OPTIONS

- Online at: www.suitutil.com
- Choose "Pay My Bill" tab
- Utilities Drive-Up Window
- Utilities Drop Box at Office
- Wells Fargo Drive-Thru (Ignacio Branch)
- Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution
- Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137
- Phone (970) 563-5500

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL UTILITIES OFFICE.

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com

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, Friday June 21
- NOON, Friday, June 14
- Distribution, Wednesday, July 3
- NOON, Friday, June 28
- Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 20
- NOON, Friday, Nov. 15
- Distribution, Friday, Dec. 20
- NOON, Friday, Dec. 13
- Distribution, Friday Dec. 27
- NOON, Friday, Dec. 20

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

Drum Deadline

Next issue:

May 31

EARLY Deadline:

May 24

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Notice Of Direct Final Rulemaking and Request For Comments on changes to Article I and Article II: Part 1 of the Reservation Air Code

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission is seeking comments from interested persons on certain changes to the Commission's Reservation Air Code (RAC).

I. Dates. This action is effective on May 17, 2024, without further notice, unless the Commission receives relevant adverse comments by June 16, 2024. If the Commission receives relevant adverse comments, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner in which this notice was published informing the public this action will not take effect. The revisions to the RAC will become effective upon approval by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency ("EPA").

II. Authority under which the changes are proposed.

Authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission by the Intergovernmental Agreement Between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the State of Colorado Concerning Air Quality Control on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation dated December 13, 1999 ("IGA"), tribal law (Resolution of the Council of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe # 00-09), State law (C.R.S. § 24-62-101), and federal law (Act of October 18, 2004, Pub. L. No. 108-336, 118 Stat.1354) to adopt rules and regulations for air quality programs applicable to all lands within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Commission's direct final rulemaking authority can be found in section IV.G. of the Commission's Procedural Rules.

III. Submission of comments.

Please provide any comments no later than June 16, 2024. Please submit your comments to Danny Powers, Air Quality Division Head for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: airquality@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission, c/o Danny Powers, Air Quality Division Head, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Department, P.O. Box 737 MS# 84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137

IV. Supplementary information and summary description of RAC changes.

The Commission is proposing to revise RAC Article I and Article II Part 1, by:

- (1) removing the "emergency" definition from RAC § 1-103 (23)
- (2) removing RAC § 2-117, "Emergency Situations"

These revisions are described in more detail below.

On July 21, 2023, the EPA finalized the Removal of Title V Emergency Affirmative Defense Provisions from State Operating Permit Programs and Federal Operating Permit Program rule (<https://www.federalregister.gov/d/2023-15067>). The rule, effective August 21, 2023, removed the affirmative defense provisions from the EPA's Title V operating permit program (found at 40 CFR §70.6(g)) and required state, tribal and local permitting authorities to submit revisions to the EPA to remove the emergency affirmative defense provisions from their Title V programs within 12-months of the rule effective date. The Reservation Air Code contains affirmative defense provisions in Article I and Article II: Part 1. The provisions were modeled after EPA's 40 CFR §70.6(g) provision. All revisions being proposed through this action are for the sole purpose of removing those provisions from the RAC. The Environmental Commission's removal of the "emergency" definition from RAC § 1-103 (23) will correspond to EPA's removal of 40 CFR § 70.6(g)(1) and the Environmental Commission's removal of RAC § 2-117, "Emergency Situations" will correspond to EPA's removal of 40 CFR § 70.6(g)(2).

The Commission is publishing this direct final action without a prior proposed rule because it views the changes as noncontroversial and anticipates no adverse comments that could prevent the Commission from adhering to the EPA mandate for state, tribal and local permitting authorities to remove the emergency defense provisions from their Title V programs within 12-months of the effective date of the EPA's rulemaking. If the Commission receives adverse comment, it will publish a timely withdrawal in the same manner this notice has been published informing the public that the action will not take effect. It also will publish a notice of proposed rulemaking and will address the comments on the direct final action as part of that proposed rulemaking.

V. Where a complete copy of the RAC and RAC changes can be obtained.

A copy of the RAC and a redlined version showing the changes is available upon request from the Tribe's Air Quality Division Head who can be contacted by e-mail, phone, or mail, at the addresses or phone number noted below. The RAC and the exhibit showing the changes also is available at the following website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/public-comments/>

For further information contact: Danny Powers, Air Quality Division Head, Air Quality Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone number 970-563-2256; e-mail dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov.

2024 ALLOTTEE UPDATE MEETINGS

Durango, Colorado	Fort Duchesne, Utah
WHERE: DoubleTree Hotel Riverview Boardroom 501 Camino Del Rio Durango, Colorado 81301	WHERE: Ute Crossing Grill 7491 Hwy US-40 Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026
WHEN: Tuesday, June 11, 2024 4:00 pm *Presentation followed by dinner Drop ins welcome, if possible, please RSVP	WHEN: Thursday, June 13, 2024 4:00 pm *Presentation followed by dinner Drop ins welcome, if possible, please RSVP

Contact and RSVP: Dee Franklin dee.franklin@ovintiv.com Phone: 800.374.2855

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Architect and Planning Services Ignacio, Colorado

GF Tuuiniimi, LLC ("Owner's Representative") is soliciting interested parties to provide third party professional planning and architectural services for an apartment development project in Ignacio, CO. The project entails two 30-unit, 3-story, factory-built apartment buildings with an on-site built single-story amenity building. The objective of these services is providing architectural design, structural engineering, MEP, final construction drawing, and construction administration for the project. Experience working on tribal lands and overseeing modular construction projects preferred. The services may include but are not limited to: Conceptual Planning; Schematic Design including site plan, coordination with the modular factory for floor plans, exterior elevations, and cost estimating; Structural Engineering and MEP; Construction Documents for final contractor pricing and construction; and Construction Administration. RFPs must be submitted no later than 3:00 pm MDT on May 31, 2024. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late RFPs. Email RFPs to Owner's Representative. If contractor is not able to email, hard copies must be delivered to Owner's Representative.

Owner's Representative: GF Tuuiniimi, LLC
Attn: Tim Zinc, 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250
Phone: (970) 764-6442. Email: TZink@sugf.com

Preference will be given to Indian Owned Businesses certified with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance(TERO) per the TERO code. For all questions, please contact Owner's Representative.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Construction Monitoring Services Ignacio, Colorado

GF Tuuiniimi, LLC ("Owner's Representative") is soliciting interested parties to provide third party professional construction consulting services for an apartment development project in Ignacio, CO. The project entails two 30-unit, 3-story, factory-built apartment buildings with an on-site built ~2,300sf single-story amenity building. The objective of these services is to identify and communicate potential construction-related risks both prior to the start of construction and during the course of the project. Experience providing construction consulting services for development on tribal lands and overseeing modular construction projects preferred. The services may include but are not limited to: Pre-Design and Contracting Consulting Services; Plan and Cost Review Services; Modular Company Site Visit; Monthly Site Visit and Draw Review Reporting; Secondary Monthly Site Visit and Reporting; Attending OAC Meetings (In Person or Virtually) with E-mail Summary; Project Closeout Report; 12-Month Warranty Review Report; and Consulting Support Services. RFPs must be submitted no later than 3:00 pm MDT on May 31, 2024. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late RFPs. Email RFPs to Owner's Representative. If contractor is not able to email, hard copies must be delivered to Owner's Representative.

Owner's Representative: GF Tuuiniimi, LLC
Attn: Tim Zinc, 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250
Phone: (970) 764-6442. Email: TZink@sugf.com

Preference will be given to Indian Owned Businesses certified with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) per the TERO code. For all questions, and to obtain the site plan if desired, please contact Owner's Representative.

REQUEST FOR QUALIFICATIONS Construction Manager as General Contractor Ignacio, Colorado

GF Tuuiniimi, LLC ("Owner's Representative") is seeking a Request for Qualifications (RFQ) from qualified general contractors to oversee construction of an apartment development project (Project) on a 3-acre parcel of land located at Buckskin Charlie Drive and Ute Road in Ignacio, CO. The project entails installation of two 30-unit, 3-story, factory-built (modular) apartment buildings with an on-site built ~2,300sf single-story amenity building. The Project includes site stitching and patching of the modular units along with all site performed work. RFQs must be submitted no later than 3:00 pm MDT on May 31, 2024. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late RFQs. Email RFQs to Owner's Representative. If contractor is not able to email, hard copies must be delivered to Owner's Representative.

Owner's Representative: GF Tuuiniimi, LLC
Attn: Tim Zinc, 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250
Phone: (970) 764-6442. Email: TZink@sugf.com

The 60 apartment units will include a mix of one (1) bedroom, two (2) bedroom, and three (3) bedroom units along with boxes necessary for stairs and egress, mechanical, electrical and plumbing systems, and janitorial services. The overall building footprint may vary slightly based on selected modular supplier. The units will be built to the 2018 ICC set of standards and other MEP standards per the State of Colorado, including but not limited to the IBC, IFC, IECC, etc.

Preference will be given to Indian Owned Businesses certified with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) per the TERO code. For all questions, and to obtain the site plan if desired, please contact Owner's Representative.

45-day Notice of Availability Bear Dance Agricultural Assignment

Applications are now open for Tribal Land Assignments for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members who are eligible.

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-104(1)(c) availability of the land. 29-2-104(3) If, after review by the department...the land is determined to be available for assignment, the department shall publish and post notice of availability...

Posting Date: April 5, 2024

Expiration Date: May 20, 2024

To apply for a Land Assignment, eligible Tribal member applicants must submit an Application for Assignment of Tribal Lands, a Farm Plan¹, and a drawing card containing their name, address, and contact information (including phone number and email).

The Lands Division will review the submitted applications and drawing cards to ensure only eligible Tribal members' names are placed in the drawing.

Once the 45-day Notice of Availability ends, a drawing date will be scheduled immediately. Two names will be chosen - one Primary Name and one Secondary Name. The Secondary Name will act as a backup in the event the Primary Tribal member declines the land at any point in time after the drawing. The drawing for the land will provide all eligible applicants with an equal opportunity to apply and be selected. The selection process will not be determined by Tribal staff or Tribal Council but rather through a randomized process known as the "Lottery Drawing." The chosen applicant will be assigned the land.

The selectee's documents formalizing the assignment will be presented to the Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. The selectee will adhere to the 5-year farm plan.

If you are a tribal member and want to confirm your interest in an assignment, you can submit a card along with an application and a 5-year farm plan. If you have any comments or objections about the assignment, you can submit them as well. You can either mail, email, or deliver in person your submission to the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or contact us at 970-563-0126.

¹ SUITC – Title 29-2-102(1), Any individual tribal member 18 years of age or older...
² SUITC – Title 29-2-108, Issuance of Denial of Assignment. After review of the department's recommendation, the Tribal Council shall grant, deny, or partially deny the assignment applied for, taking into consideration the following: (2) The size and number of assignments held by the applicant and the history of the applicant's compliance with grants of assignment. (4) Adequacy of the applicant's farm plan...

45-day Notice of Availability CR 318, Ignacio, CO, SUIR

Applications are now open for Tribal Land Assignments for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members who are eligible and currently do not have a homestead assignment.

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-104(1)(c) availability of the land. 29-2-104(3) If, after review by the department...the land is determined to be available for assignment, the department shall publish and post notice of availability...

Posting Date: April 5, 2024

Expiration Date: May 20, 2024

To apply for a Land Assignment or Lease Request, eligible Tribal member applicants must submit an Application for Assignment of Tribal Lands and Homestead Development Plan along with a drawing card containing their name, address, and contact information (including phone number and email).

The Lands Division will review the submitted applications and drawing cards to ensure only eligible Tribal members' names are placed in the drawing.

Once the 45-day Notice of Availability ends, a drawing date will be scheduled immediately. Two names will be chosen - one Primary Name and one Secondary Name. The Secondary Name will act as a backup in the event the Primary Tribal member declines the land at any point in time after the drawing. The drawing for the land will provide all eligible applicants with an equal opportunity to apply and be selected. The selection process will not be determined by Tribal staff or Tribal Council but rather through a randomized process known as the "Lottery Drawing." The chosen applicant will be assigned to occupy the land.

The selectee's documents formalizing the assignment or lease (whichever is applicable) will be presented to the Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment or lease. The selectee will have two years to develop the lot, according to the Homestead Development Plan.

If you are a tribal member and want to confirm your interest in an assignment or lease, you can submit a card, an application, and a Homestead Development Plan. If you have any comments or objections about the assignment, you can submit them as well. You can either mail, email, or deliver in person your submission to the Department of Natural Resources - Lands Division at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or contact us at 970-563-0126.

¹ SUITC – Title 29-2-102(1), Any individual tribal member 18 years of age or older...
² SUITC – Title 29-2-104(A), A Tribal member may hold only one assignment for use as a homestead at a time...

45-day Notice of Comment and Objection Assignment Application Request Carol Ann Olguin

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-104(1)...the department shall publish and post...notice of a proposed assignment for comment and objection. The notice shall include the applicants name, a description of the property for which an application for assignment may be filed, and a description of the use to be made of the land... 29-2-104(3) If, after review by the department...the land is determined to be available for assignment, the department shall publish and post notice of availability...

May 3, 2024

June 17, 2024

Carol Olguin Request
Sec. 33, T30R, R70E, N34M, P.04
La Plata County, Colorado

The Department of Natural Resources recently received an application from Carol Ann Olguin for an assignment of tribal lands. The land she has applied for is a small strip located next to her existing assignment. The easement to her assignment is included in the proposed parcel, which will grant her access to her existing assignment. Moreover, a catchment pond will be constructed within the proposed boundaries to enhance water delivery to the agricultural assignment.

SUITC – Title 29, Land Assignment Code 29-2-106. Objections to and Comments on Assignments. (1) Within the 45 day posting period described above, any tribal member may file with the department a written objection or written comments on the land assignment. (2) An objection shall include the name and mailing address of the party objection, a description of the assignment objected to, a short and plain statement of reasons why the land should not be assigned or should be assigned only in a modified form, and any suggested conditions which should be included in the grant of assignment.

Tribal members wishing to submit comments or objections regarding this assignment request may do so by mail or email to the Department of Natural Resources—Lands Division, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or sluzar@southernute-nsn.gov, on or before **June 17, 2024**.



REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Regulated Building Materials Sampling And General Remediation And Environmental Services

The Safety and Environmental Compliance Management Group (SECMG) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Growth Fund is requesting proposals for sampling regulated building materials on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (Reservation) and for general environmental and remediation support services. Sampling, remediation and environmental support service proposals should be in the form of a rate sheet for the necessary professionals required to perform the services and provide the deliverables. The parties will execute a service agreement addressing all labor, materials, expenses, tools, equipment, and other services necessary to complete the services prior to the provision of services. Under such agreement, SECMG may provide specific scope of work and notices to proceed on a project-by-project basis. The selected contractor will perform the services and provide the deliverables in accordance with the descriptions, specifications, and delivery schedule in the applicable agreement. Bid Submittal: Please submit bids to Andy Young by May 31, 2024

**Primary Points of Contact: Andy Young,
Growth Fund Safety and Environmental Compliance Management Group
Cell: 970-749-4519, Email: anyoung@sugf.com**

EPD seeking input on GHG reduction strategies

The Southern Ute Air Quality Division has received a Climate Pollution Reduction Grant (CPRG) from the USEPA and is working on evaluating strategies for the reduction of greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions on the Reservation. The Division is seeking input on potential GHG reduction strategies. Please visit the Division's webpage to provide your input and learn more about the CPRG program. <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/air-quality/climate-pollution-reduction-grant/>

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Water Well Services

The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) Construction Services Division requests written T&M NTE Proposals (Time & Material Not-To-Exceed) to service water wells throughout the southern Ute reservation. All work under these specific relates to the servicing of individual water well facilities necessary for providing water to the individual homeowner. The AS-NEEDED scope of the project will include, but not be limited to, the following: Pump removal and/or installation and servicing; Well disinfecting and water quality testing; Water pressure system servicing; and Emergency support. Please respond and let us know if you are interested. Proposals are due no later than 3 P.M. M.S.T, Monday, June 3, 2024 Please contact Tanya Vigil or Danny Abeyta at 970-563-2502 if you need further information.

NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

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

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.
Facility: Animas Compressor Station
Section 1, T33N, R10W, 14 miles west of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.
Facility: Capote Compressor Station
Section 33, T33N, R9W, 11.50 miles SW of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.

Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.
Facility: Elk Point Compressor Station
Section 25, T33N, R9W, 8.50 miles SW of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility.

The Air Quality Division (AQD) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicant. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQD's

website at <http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/>, and at the Environmental Programs Department office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQD in care of Daniel Powers, Air Quality Division Head, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQD will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (May 1, 2024).

KSUT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed. As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors. KSUT Tribal Radio, www.tribalradio.org, is an affiliate of NativeVoice 1, and can be heard in Southwest Colorado at 91.3 FM (Ignacio) and 100.9 FM (Towaoc), and in Northwest New Mexico at 89.7 FM. KSUT Four Corners Public Radio, www.ksut.org, serves 14 communities in the Four Corners, including Durango at 90.1 FM, Cortez 106.3 FM, Farmington and northern New Mexico at 88.1 FM, Pagosa Springs at 88.1 FM and Silverton at 91.1 FM. Both KSUT stations air news, eclectic music, entertainment, storytelling, and documentary programming, and are an affiliate of NPR, the BBC, American Public Media, and Public Radio International. The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 P.M. at KSUT, 15150 Colo. Highway 172 in Ignacio. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to conduct confidential station business. If you are a Southern Ute tribal member and are interested in serving on the KSUT Board of Directors, submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham. Letters can be emailed to tami@ksut.org or mailed to PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Seat is open until filled. More information on the KSUT Board of Directors, including a current board list and recent board minutes can be found at: <https://www.ksut.org/ksut-board-of-director>

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking interested candidates to submit a letter of interest to fill one (1) position on their school board. Interested persons must be over the age of 18. Are you interested in helping shape the future? What about serving children and your community? The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking members for its school board. Being on a school board can be a rewarding experience when you realize you are helping ensure a good education for the tribal member youth in our community. If you are interested in working with a team of like-minded individuals who wish to bring excellence to academics, then being a SUIMA School Board member is for you. With Resolution 2020-142, signed on October 13, 2020, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has been given permission to form their own School Board Separate from Tribal Council. With the majority of the Board being tribal members, the School Board will uphold SUIMA's mission as it provides a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture and language within a Montessori environment. The purpose of the SUIMA School Board is to work with the Tribal Council to ensure that SUIMA has sufficient resources; helps oversee SUIMA's operations and administration; and regularly updates the Tribal Council. Interested parties may submit a letter of interest by May 31, 2024, to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, PO Box 737 #52, Ignacio, CO 81137; by bringing the letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy office; or by emailing the letter of interest to the SUIMA Principal at mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov.

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department Tribal Historic Preservation Office (THPO) is seeking to fill 4 positions on the THPO Advisory Board. Board Members will serve as the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer's Advisory Review Board and will be appointed by Tribal Council for three-year terms. Members of the THPO Advisory Board shall possess Ute cultural and historical knowledge as well as understand Tribal, state, and federal historic preservation regulations and laws. The THPO will ensure that as appropriate the Advisory Board will have the benefit of advice from consultants who meet the Secretary of the Interior's Historic Preservation Professional Standards, in the professions appropriate for the resources under consideration. For more information or to submit a letter of interest, please contact Crystal Rizzo at 970-563-2306 or crizzo@southernute-nsn.edu.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill two (2) volunteer Board Member positions. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill One vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please 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 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, 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. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open Until Filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

TERO COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) commissioners; A person with Tribal Regulatory knowledge and experience and; Southern Ute Tribal member at-large to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: Tribal Regulatory Knowledge and Experience; 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; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. 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; Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, call TERO, at 970-563-0117 or 970-563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Admin. Bldg., 71 Mike Frost Way.

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE


The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee ("Committee") is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for a three (3) year term. This is a compensated Committee, and you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. Applicants must also pass criminal background and reference check, per the Tribal Credit Committee By-laws. The primary purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and render decisions regarding Secured Home Loan applications and monitor and evaluate the Tribal Credit loan programs and make recommendations to Tribal Council. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund ("Declaration"); Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Hold regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email to chudgens@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Christine Hudgens, CFO, at 970-563-2444.

WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD: YOUTH ALTERNATE

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 information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center Seeking Board Members

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is a non-profit organization that has been an integral part of the Four Corners Community for the past 15 years. The recent establishment of the new Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts has opened exciting possibilities for the future. We are actively seeking community members to participate in shaping this future. Kindly complete an application to become a part of this significant endeavor. <https://dscac.org/board-meeting-minutes>



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

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

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

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

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

Closing Date: Open until Filled

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

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

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit 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 to 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 (Part-time)
Closes 5/28/24 – A regular part time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Assistant Cook
Closes 5/28/24 – assisting the Head Cook and Food Service Manager to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Family Court Case Manager
Closes 5/21/24 – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Responsible for psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/year.

HVAC Technician
Closes 5/22/24 – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

Project Aware Program Manager
Closes 5/21/24 – The Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) Manager will lead, develop, and maintain a comprehensive plan to meet critical objectives outlined by the Tribal Education Dept. and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) Counseling program, in compliance with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services administration (SAMHSA). Will serve as the Tribal Education Agency liaison to the State Project Director and will build infrastructure, collect and share data, create local policies, oversee the implementation of key programmatic elements, develop and maintain relationships with Tribal, school and community organizations, and increase communication with families to build ongoing wellness and resilience for students. Grant funded and continued employment is contingent on availability of funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/year.

SunUte Receptionist (Southern Ute tribal members only)
Closes 5/21/24 – Assuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening, and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Air Quality Scientist II – Planning
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager – Monitoring and Planning, coordinating, and conducting technical, regulatory, and air quality improvement planning tasks for the Tribal Air Quality Planning Program. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/year.

Aquatics Manager
Open Until Filled – Under supervision of Fitness Director, provides management and supervision of aquatics facility, to include day-to-day operations of facility, in-service training, pool maintenance, supervision of lifeguards, performing lifeguard duties, and sets high expectations of safety. Pay grade E11; Pay starts at \$49,160/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Part-time)
Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Boys & Girls Club – Summer Aide
Open Until Filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) summer program. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Chief Judge Apprentice (Southern Ute tribal members only)
Open Until Filled – An apprentice position for a Southern Ute Tribal member to learn all the requirements and duties of the Chief Judge position in the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Mentoring, training, and all aspects of employee supervision will be performed by the current Chief Judge or delegate in accordance with SUIT Personnel Policies and Procedures. For purpose of employment, the successful candidate shall be classified as an apprentice. The Judicial Review Committee shall also provide insight, guidance, and recommendations when needed. The trainee program is two years to five years depending upon experience and individual progress. Performance will be evaluated pursuant to the requirements of the Tribal Apprenticeship Program and annually with the Tribal Judicial Committee. Will be eligible for wage increase based on performance evaluations and policies governing this position. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, incumbent will transition into the Chief Judge Lay position. Non-exempt and starts at 20% below a grade E22.

Clinical Applications Coordinator
Open Until Filled – Under general direction of

the Health Center Support Services Manager, serves as the Clinical Applications Coordinator (CAC) for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department and the Southern Ute Health Center. Maintaining the Electronic Health Record (EHR)/Resource and Patient Management System (RPMS) for the Health Department, coordinating up-grades, and providing training to all users. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

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

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

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

Dispatcher
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Dispatcher Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)
Open Until Filled – A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Education Assistant
Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide. Supporting instruction through a variety of duties, providing classroom coverage and supervision of children. Pay grade N6; pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

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

Forestry Fuels Crew Member
Open Until Filled – Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

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

Gaming Investigator II
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Gaming Investigator III, regulates and controls Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour.

Grants Financial Analyst
Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related



Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)

~MAY 2024 TRAININGS~

- **Microsoft Teams: May 13**
- **Microsoft Word: May 20 & 21**

Time: 9am – 5pm each day

Location: Southern Ute Growth Fund
14929 HWY 172
Ignacio, CO, 81137

Call: 970-563-5555 to sign up.

"Seating is limited and open to Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members. First 10 people to sign up and attend each training will receive a \$25 gift card"

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED

The courses will provide you with the fundamentals of MS Teams & MS Word. Training is taught by San Juan College. If you attend any of our offered trainings, SUDEP has the desktop version of MS 365 which is available for you FREE to download.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494.00/annually.

Health Center Support Services Manager
Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records, and referral services. A key focus will be to always establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

Heavy Equipment Operator
Open Until Filled – Provides routine maintenance and safe operation of heavy equipment in carrying out project assignments for the Construction Services Division. Pay grade N11; pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

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

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)
Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, but not limited to, duties such as: technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. Must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Assists with consultation with tribal, state, and federal consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) when needed. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

Patrol Officer I
Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

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

Scorekeeper (Part-time)
Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Dept. Pay grade N6; pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Special Needs Aide (Part-time w/benefits)
Open Until Filled – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success, and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Substance Use Treatment Program Manager
Open Until Filled – Development, management, and coordination of the substance use treatment facilities including the inpatient treatment center, recovery housing, transitional housing, childcare, methadone clinic, and future facilities as developed in future phases of the project. Program Manager will work in close coordination with the Public Health Physician and Behavioral Health Manager to administer the program in accordance with resolutions approved by Tribal Council. Grant funded and continued employment is contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

Summer Youth Employment
Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2024, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

Teacher Aide
Open Until Filled – Supporting the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) through a variety of duties including providing classroom coverage and supervision of children in the After-School Program, being assigned to differing duties on an as-needed basis. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$14.67/hour.

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

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

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

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)
Open Until Filled – A trainee position for un-certified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Umpire/Referee
Open Until Filled – Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte Recreation Department sporting events. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

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

***Audio Video Tech Assistant (Part-time or Full-time)**
 Engaging in the set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the Audio and Video Technician. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Will be responsible for maintaining a professional appearance within the provided event space and in view of clients, always wearing the appropriate uniform.

Bell Person (Part-time)
 Will be mainly responsible for assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Assistance may include but not limited to luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport, and assisting with phones as needed.

***Beverage & Cocktail Server (Full-time)**
 Must maintain the highest level of guest service while providing cocktail and beverage service to Casino guests. Will prepare beverages prior to serving and will be required to lift and move up to 60 pounds regularly and will be responsible for monetary transactions.

Bingo Staff (Part-time)
 Servicing guests during Bingo games, including selling additional special games and pull tabs, instructing customers in Bingo play, calling Bingo games, beverage service and other duties promoting guest satisfaction and play. Verifying winning Bingo cards and makes payouts accordingly.

***Bowling Mechanic I - Entry Level (Full-time)**
 An entry level position to allow mechanically oriented, but less experienced individuals an opportunity to get familiar with pinspotter machines. Will improve operational execution through attention to detail and experience. Follows the direction and trainings of the Lead Technician. Bowling mechanics are responsible for repairing automatic pin spotters and related bowling equipment.

***Buyer (Full-time)**
 Compiles information and records to prepare orders for the procurement of material, including all food and beverage products. Will research and evaluate products to be purchased for the Casino, making it cost efficient, and maintains and regulates cost for Casino operations. Verify Classification and specifications of all purchase order requests, search inventory records and/pr warehouse to determine if materials on hand are in sufficient quantity. Maintains vendor database in inventory management software and handles all incoming invoices.

***Café Cashier (Full-time)**
 Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Café kitchen. Prepares coffee and pizza from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Café Cashier will balance the register at 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.

***Casino Housekeeping Staff (Full-time)**
 Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms. All areas must be disinfected, swept, mopped, vacuumed, and dusted.

***Director of Marketing (Full-time)**
 Reports to the General Manager and is responsible for overseeing the Marketing Manager and the Guest Services Manager as well as the overall operations of the Marketing Department including but not limited to, promotions, sales, entertainment, advertising, and player development program. Carries out responsibilities in accordance with the organization's policies and procedures. Manages all areas of database analysis to target the areas of player data to enhance and retain the gaming market and is responsible for all marketing expenses.

***Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)**
 Reports to the Facilities Manager and was established for the purpose/s of supervising individual shifts to include facility and deep cleaning staff within the maintenance department. Coordinating all repair and alterations of the property including the exterior and grounds and to work in conjunction with facility technicians. Ensuring that jobs are completed efficiently and within regulatory guidelines and projected deadlines. Collaborates with others, coordinates schedules, and performs other related duties as assigned.

***Facilities Technician (Full-time)**
 Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by provid-

ing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

***Fine Dining Supervisor (Full-time)**
 Will monitor and supervise the day-to-day operations of Seven Rivers Restaurant, and Lounge, ensuring guests are provided with an exceptional fine dining and first-class guest service experience. Restaurant Supervisor will supervise all floor staff including Host/Hostess, Server, Busser, and Bartender. Ensure staff is working together as a team to provide optimum service for guest needs. Complete opening and closing duties. Monitor dining room and lounge for seating availability, service, safety, and well-being of guests. Assist management in training, scheduling, evaluating and/or disciplining, motivating, and coaching employees in addition to serving as a role model.

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

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

***Groundskeeper (Summer TEMP)**
 A seasonal and temporary position that reports to the Ground Supervisor on shift and is responsible for supporting the daily grounds maintenance of all areas at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Will participate on a team accomplishing the general upkeep, repairs, and alterations of the grounds, maintaining all roads and sidewalks, landscaping, automatic sprinkler/irrigation systems, and storm water management/detention areas. To improve the environmental condition, and appearance of the overall facility and grounds operations.

***Guest Relations Manager (Full-time)**
 Has operational oversight and administration of the staffing requirements and schedules of the Sky Ute Casino Aces Club Player's Club Representatives and Player Hosts. Responsible for all facets of the Aces Club Player's Center and the Casino Host program, as well as the Guest Service program for the Casino to ensure the highest level of guest satisfaction and loyalty. Will lead efforts in providing personalized service, addressing guest inquiries and concerns, and fostering positive relationships with Casino guests. Should have a complete understanding of player data and player development philosophies. Is active on the casino floor and provides engaging leadership and training. May be required to work irregular hours and extended shifts including late nights, early mornings, weekends, and holidays, as business needs dictate. Will interact with guests proactively and will tailor service offerings to meet the individual preferences and needs of each guest. Reports directly to the Director of Marketing.

***Hotel Manager (Full-time)**
 Reports to the Director of Hospitality and is responsible for all hotel operations for the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Will assist in developing, implementing, and monitoring policies and procedures for the Sky Ute Casino's hotel and retail operations. Will be accountable for all financial aspects under the hotel and retail operations and will have oversight in staffing, training, scheduling, rewarding, and disciplining employees, addressing complaints, and resolving problems/concerns. Oversees staff in PBX, Uniformed Services, Front Desk, and Retail. Will maintain a high standard of guest service within the hotel departments and actively promote positive customer and employee relations by ensuring that excellent customer service is continually provided.

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

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

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

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.

Petroleum Engineer, Senior and III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)
 Closes 5/27/24 – Requires advanced application of petroleum engineering skills principally in the areas of production operations, well optimization, and well intervention. As a member of a multidisciplinary team position has broad responsibility associated with optimizing field performance and depletion. Conducting project evaluations and supporting internal processes associated with budgeting, approvals, and post-appraisals.

Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist – Growth Fund Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)
 Closes 5/24/24 – Oversees the technical aspects of the compliance program for the Department of Energy. Conduct environmental and reclamation inspections in a variety of aspects of oil and gas development; drafts permit stipulations, conditions of approval, remediation actions and other documents; ensures compliance with applicable Tribal and Federal stipulations and regulations associated with energy-related projects. Coordinates and responds to spills and provides oversight of remediation actions and works with other agencies to educate Operators concerning Federal and Tribal regulations and expectations to maintain compliance.

Land Administration Assistant – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)
 Closes 5/24/24 – Provides administrative and communications support to the Land Administration department, including data collection and performing database quality checks for Land Records Analysts, Division Order Analysts and Landmen.

Land Specialist – Growth Fund Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)
 Closes 5/24/24 – Obtaining, developing, and maintaining orderly and accurate land related records for all energy projects located on Tribal Trust lands within the exterior boundaries of

the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, including but not limited to: oil and gas leases, surface use agreements, and rights-of-way. Works collaboratively with Growth Fund staff, other Tribal Departments, BIA, and BLM to provide land support, review, and due diligence for energy project on Tribal Trust surface or mineral lands; prepares energy related contracts and reports as needed.

Royalty Auditor – Growth Fund Department of Energy (Ignacio, CO)
 Closes 5/29/24 – Performing audits of Southern Ute Tribal oil and gas royalties.

Accounting Assistant II and III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)
 Closes 5/31/24 – Providing accounts payable and accounting support to the Red Willow Production Accounting Department.

Control Analyst – Red Cedar Gathering Co. (Durango, CO)
 Closes 5/24/24 – Providing support with processing, tracking, reporting, and communicating volume and measurement accounting data; ensuring accurate timekeeping records, and other payroll-related tasks; accounting entries and reconciliations; and preparation of schedules and reports.

HR Training and Development Coordinator – Growth Fund HR (Ignacio, CO)
 Closes 5/31/24 – Assisting with the oversight and development of educational training programs and processes associated with the organizational and professional development of Growth Fund employees. Provides support with functions of the HR Department.

Assistant Human Resources Manager – Growth Fund HR (Ignacio, CO)
 Closes 5/24/24 – Assisting with the day-to-day operations of the Human Resources department; and provide back up for payroll/timekeeping; compensation, training, reporting, and provides support to the VP of Human Resources.

NMAI is Hiring Assistant Associate Director of Advancement

The Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian is hiring an Associate Director of Advancement. This is a Trust position, and applications are open until Friday, May 10. Here is the link with the full job description and instructions on how to apply <https://trustcareers.si.edu/postings/cef47e3b-2884-4aa2-9254-c37b08e4cae2>. If you know of anyone who would be a good fit, please encourage them to apply!

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job Announcements cont.

***Players Club Representative (Full-time)**
 Performs all administrative functions of a Players Club Representative such as: signing up new members, player's account maintenance, answer player club and general property questions, administering redemption, complimentary and access rewards, and benefits to qualified players club members. Maintain the highest standard of guest service, problem resolution and confidentiality. Develops and creates a long-lasting experience for all Club Card members.

***Property Shift Manager (Full-time)**
 Key License coverage for the Casino gaming area, providing leadership and oversight in the operation of all Casino activities in the absence of the General Manager. Assists in maintaining efficient gaming operations in accordance with the Division of Gaming Regulations of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Assists and monitors that appropriate actions are taken to ensure the safeguarding of company assets and the health and safety of guests and employees of the property.

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

***Rolling Thunder Grill Line Cook (Full-time)**
 Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the menu and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness.

***Room Attendant (Full-time)**
 Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and

performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms.

***Room Attendant (Summer TEMP)**
 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.

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

***Seven Rivers Line Cook (Full-time)**
 Works under direct supervision of the Executive Chef, Executive Sous Chef, and/or Kitchen Manager. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in Seven Rivers and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality, and freshness.

***Slot Operations Floor Person (Full-time)**
 Providing excellent guest service to all slot guests and ensures that all gaming devices are monitored on a continual basis for full capacity operation. Will at times require the employee to work without direct supervision. Job knowledge and the ability to "self-start" are essential. Reports to the Slot Floor Manager or designee.

***Slot Technician II (Full-time)**
 Day-to-day maintenance, repair, installation, and relocation of slot machines and related devices. Ensure a positive guest experience by maintaining optimal gaming device performance. Reports to the Slot Technician Supervisor.

WILDLIFE MANAGEMENT

Mountain lion safety and awareness

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE WILDLIFE DIVISION

Mountain lions are common but elusive animals in our area. Lions generally avoid being seen by people, but it's not uncommon for them to live in and around urban and suburban areas. Lions can be attracted to neighborhoods that support deer and other wildlife that they consider food. Unfortunately, they can see our pets as possible prey items as well. It's important to learn basic mountain lion safety in case you come face to face with one of these powerful creatures.

Reduce the chance of a mountain lion visiting your property

- Don't give a lion good hiding cover near your home: keep landscaping, especially around the kid's play area, open so that a lion can't easily hide and can easily be seen approaching.
- Plant deer resistant plants and shrubs to reduce the number of deer in and around your property.
- Keep pets from roaming.
- For hobby farms, keep livestock in a secure barn at night.
- Don't let kids play outdoors without supervision during low light hours.

Reduce the chance of running into a lion in the field

Tribal members, employees and community members like to walk along the river trail, the Bear Trail and Scott's Pond. These are all areas where mountain lions have been seen in the past. Take basic precautions:



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- Walk or run in pairs or groups.
- Make noise/talk loudly.
- Avoid walking in these areas early in the morning or late in the day.
- Keep kids or pets within arm's reach.

Reading mountain lion body language

Mountain lions have nearly identical body language to your house cat. It's helpful to understand a cat's body language to give you an idea of their next move and yours.

Concerning Behavior:

- A mountain lion doesn't immediately flee when spotted.
- The lion has its ears up and is watching you closely.
- If after it is seen the lion continually disappears and reappears in different places with eyes on you.

Alarming Behavior:

- Moves closer (less than 50 yds.) and into a hiding position.
- Ears are laid back and staring intently at you.
- Tail twitching.
- Hind feet pumping in anticipation of a pounce.

How should you respond?

- Stay calm.
- If you have a child, or small pet, pick them up immediately to keep them from spooking and running.
- Make yourself look as big as possible; raise your arms, put your jacket up above your head.
- Back away slowly.
- Grab something you could use as a weapon if needed.
- Never take your eyes off the lion, you want to know where it is at all times.
- Be prepared to fight if needed!

When to call:

- If you see a mountain lion in close proximity to people or near places people typically gather.
- If you suspect a lion has killed livestock or a pet.

Who to call:

- Southern Ute Wildlife Division, 970-563-0130 during regular business hours.
- Tribal Dispatch/Tribal Rangers/SUPD, 970-563-4401 during off hours and weekends.

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es. She also earned seventh in the 800m run (2:26.57), while fellow senior Lauren deKay placed seventh in the pole vault (7'6").

Barnes ended up ninth in the triple jump (31'11.25"), and IHS' 800m sprint medley relay placed ninth in 2:01.45.

On the boys' side, IHS managed just eight points and also tied for 17th, albeit with 4A Palisade.

Most of those came via freshman Cayson Burcham's efforts in the 400- and 800-meter runs; he put down a 53.52 in the former and finished tenth, but improved at double the distance to fourth (2:01.07). He also helped the 3,200m relay log a sixth-place time of 8:46.43—well behind 4A GJHS' winning 8:18.70, but tops amongst the few

2A-level teams entered.

Junior Kendrick Nossaman finished 14th in the 400, clocking 54.51 seconds, sophomore Trace Crane was 14th in the triple jump (37'2") and sophomore Lincoln deKay was 14th in the pole vault (9'0"). Senior Kyle Rima placed 16th in the shot put (36'11"), and the 1,600m relay (3:41.69) ended up 15th.

Followed by Durango (87.33 points), GJHS (81), New Castle-based 3A Coal Ridge (56.5) and 2A Cedaredge (44), Montrose (112) emerged as the Invitational's collective champion.

Who's All Going: The State Championships will be held May 16-18 at Jefferson County Stadium in Lakewood.

Representing Ignacio in

the Class 2A Boys' competition will be Burcham (No. 7 seed in the 800) and deKay (No. 10 in the 110m hurdles, No. 17 in the 300m hurdles). Thanks to their Teeters time, the 4x8 relay – senior Corey Gomez, Crane, Nossaman, Burcham – also qualified and is seeded 14th behind 1-seed and defending event champ Peyton (whose 2024-best 8:24.08 is down from a State-winning 8:16.27 in '23, but plenty impressive considering two runners graduated last spring).

Barnes will represent the Lady 'Cats in the 800 (No. 9 seed) plus long (No. 9) and triple (No. 17) jumps, while Mendoza-Lechuga will go in the 300m hurdles (No. 13) and sophomore Samantha Riddell in the high jump (No. 15).

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his own support he went 2-for-3 with a walk, three runs and one RBI. Valdez was 2-3 with a triple, two runs and three batted in; senior Rylan Maez was 2-2 with two walks, three runs and two RBI.

Senior Wade Dunbar-Berger was 2-2 with a triple, walk, run and three RBI, and Archuleta 1-1 with two walks and three runs scored. Quintana (1-2, BB, R, RBI in Game 1) ended up 0-0 but drew four walks and scored as many runs, while White Thunder finished 1-3 with a double, two runs and two RBI.

"We really just came

wanting to have a little fun in our last games of the year," Bissell said. "We had a couple that weren't able to travel – one broke his arm, one had soccer – so we were down, but we're a young team and looking to bring them all back next year so we can grow and get better."

Standing 17-6 overall, Ignacio's postseason destination was not yet known – due to regular-season games still being played statewide – as of press time. Early Tuesday morning, May 14, the 'Cats stood 18th in CHSAA's Selection & Seeding

Index for Class 2A, though their win total was equaled at the time by only No. 2 Denver Christian (17-4 overall) and exceeded by only No. 3 Las Animas (19-2) and top-ranked Limon (22-0).

"Against Pagosa, we had a couple uncharacteristic errors by guys that don't normally make errors, but ... that's just the thing; when you get complacent it comes back to bite you," Coach Valdez said. "We've corrected some of those mistakes we made, and we're going to look to not make those moving forward."

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- Voice boosters, for short
- Flow, where the WWI German Navy was scuttled
- That show comes --- 8
- Coin flip choice
- Bohemian
- Warts ---
- Federal Agency celebrating its 200th anniversary in 2024
- Turkish leader
- Book after Ezra
- Formed an association
- "Mens sana in corpore ---"
- Crack
- Attention-getting lettering
- Summer meal
- Choice day in November
- Annoy
- "My --- Rachel" (1952 film)
- Hockey heavy
- Plain, "Heartwood" novelist
- Standards org.
- Until now
- Aspiring lawyer's exam

Down

- "Mosquito Water"
- Calvary inscription
- Decorated beers
- Pigpen
- Phase
- Long Island people of the 17th century
- Help
- Cash crop estates
- Off one's guard
- As all American cars are
- Acquired by one's own free choice
- Conclusion
- "Raggedy" girl
- San Jacinto CA reservation
- "The Graham Norton Show" network
- Quickly approach
- Sub --- (in secret)
- Work with wool
- Wily
- "Me and My ---" (1932 movie)

Answers will appear in the May 31 issue of the Drum.

Answers for May 3, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Stow, 5 Beau, 9 Tule, 10 Longs, 11 Katie Couric, 13 Adam, 14 Owning, 15 Yin, 16 Hedc, 17 Oak, 18 Car, 19 Old, 22 Heir, 24 Fee, 25 Avanti, 27 Yeah, 28 Game reserve, 30 Enema, 31 Acme, 32 Deny, 33 This.
Down: 1 Stadia, 2 Tutankhamen, 3 Olim, 4 Wee, 5 Bound, 6 Enrico fermi, 7 Agin, 8 Uscg, 10 Lower, 11 Kayo, 12 Choharie, 18 Citra, 20 Leaves, 21 Dehe, 23 Enemy, 25 Aged, 26 Vane, 27 Yech, 29 Sat.



On May 9, 2024, a mountain lion sighting was reported and confirmed on the Southern Ute Tribal Campus. To ensure the tribal community, staff, and visitors are safe, the Southern Ute Wildlife Division is providing safety measures and guidance while you frequent the tribal campus and local area.



Tips:

- Go in groups when you walk or hike in mountain lion country and make plenty of noise to reduce your chances of surprising a lion.
- Do not approach a lion, especially one that is feeding or with kittens. If the lion behaves aggressively, throw stones, branches, or whatever you can get your hands on without crouching down or turning your back.
- Do all you can to appear larger. Raise your arms. Open your jacket if you're wearing one. If you have small children with you, protect them by picking them up so they won't panic and run.

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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, May 17



Sunny 76°F
Breezy with afternoon winds

Saturday, May 18



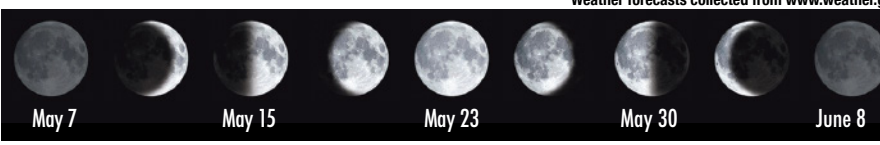
Sunny 77°F

Sunday, May 19



Mostly sunny 76°F
Breezy

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



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