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The Southern Ute Drum wins 12 Indigenous Journalists Association awards



Southern Ute hosts Tri-Ute

Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Athletes from the three Ute sister tribes meet for the Tri-Ute Games in Ignacio, hosted once again by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Teams go head-to-head Wednesday, July 10 – Friday, July 12 competing in co-ed basketball, volleyball, wrestling, golf, archery, skateboarding, hand games, and the Ute Warrior challenge – closing out the final day. Ahead of the multi-day sporting event, teams gathered at the SunUte Community Center for opening ceremonies. The Tri-Ute Games encourage friendly competition, good sportsmanship, and interconnection as the young athletes compete in their respective sports and events.

Look for full Tri Ute Games coverage in the July 26 edition.

EDUCATION

Tribe welcomes new Education Director: Dr. Joseph Claunch

Staff report
 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



Dr. Joseph Claunch
 Director
 Department of Education

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin J. Baker, Southern Ute Tribal Council, and Executive Officer Lindsay J. Box are delighted to welcome Dr. Joseph Claunch as the new Director of the Department of Education, effective, July 1.

“Dr. Claunch’s dedication to fostering academic success and cultural identity within Native American communities is truly inspiring,” Chairman Baker said. “His extensive experience in education leadership, combined with his passion for serving Indigenous youth, makes him an ideal fit to lead our Department of Education. We look forward to his contributions as we continue to provide our students with a culturally rich and positive educational

experience.”
 A member of the Puyallup Tribe of Tacoma, Wash., Dr. Claunch has dedicated nearly 20 years to educating and empowering Native American youth. Throughout his career, he has served as a classroom teacher, ath-

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TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

Southern Ute Indian Tribe takes legal action against the State of Colorado

Tribal lawsuit to ensure Gaming Compacts honored

Staff report
 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

At the American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee’s inaugural meeting, Chairman Melvin J. Baker of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe announced that the Tribe has filed a lawsuit against the State of Colorado to ensure fair access to economic opportunities voted into law by Colorado voters in 2019.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe have been unfairly blocked by the Colorado Department of Revenue from engaging in on-line sports betting, despite longstanding State-Tribal Compacts explicitly allowing them to do so. After years of attempts to negotiate a fair agreement, the Tribe is asking the federal court for a preliminary injunction so they may compete in an economic market that, effectively, only non-Indian private entities have had primary access to



Elliott Wenzler/The Colorado Sun

Southern Ute Chairman Melvin Baker, right, and Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Manuel Heart are welcomed into the Colorado House chambers on Wednesday, Jan. 11, 2023, to address a joint session of the legislature. Baker emphasized resolving sports betting in his 2023 and 2024 addresses to the legislature.

in Colorado since 2020. “Faced with this ongoing injustice, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is now taking the unfortunate but necessary step of legal action. This is the first time we have been forced to file a lawsuit

against the State of Colorado in decades,” Chairman Baker said during his address to the American Indian Affairs Interim Study Committee. “This lawsuit is not a decision we take lightly. It is about securing a fair reso-

lution and ensuring the State lives up to its obligations to the Tribes as outlined in agreements and federal law. We will fight tirelessly to hold the State accountable

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SOUTHERN UTE LEGAL DEPARTMENT

Introducing the lay counsel



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Proceeding their individual swearing in ceremonies, Gabrielle Herrera and Tasha Rodriguez stand on either side of Chief Judge Scott Moore on Thursday, Aug. 3, 2023, inside the Southern Ute Justice Center.

By Divine Windy Boy
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Gabby Herrera and Tasha Rodriguez have been working in the Legal Department as lay counselors after their swearing-in last year in August, working along-

side Tribal Prosecutors and representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in criminal court cases. In this position, Herrera and Rodriguez hope to explore various matters within the Legal Department

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ELKS: Teaming up for science



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Following a lesson on how to collect bugs using tools they were given, students (From left to right) Zay Taplin, Layla Smith, Meskwilwv Wesley, Konstantino Mendoza, and Jaxon Wilde attending the Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar try to identify insects from the Los Pinos River in a pipet, Tuesday, June 25. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Environmental Programs Department hosts their annual Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar for community youth in Ignacio each summer.

See more ELKS photo coverage on page 6.

Oceanside: Youth explore biz



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Tribal Business Exploration Program toured the SpringHill Suites by Marriott Oceanside Beach hotel on Tuesday, June 25. Led by Brian Mulvany, Southern Ute Growth Fund Properties Group President/COO, Southern Ute tribal students learned the ins and outs of the hotel operations and how the Tribe acquired the property.

See more Oceanside photo coverage on page 11.

COUNCIL CORNER

Fire safety and awareness

By **Melvin J. Baker**,
Chairman
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



Melvin J. Baker
Chairman
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Maykh!
As summer temperatures rise and hotter/drier weather becomes the norm in Southwest Colorado, it is important to remember that fire safety goes hand-in-hand with summer fun. Here are some helpful tips to protect you, your loved ones, and nature:

Barbecue Safety

- Before using a grill, check the connection between the propane tank and the fuel line. Make sure the venturi tubes - where the air and gas mix - are not blocked.
- Do not overfill the propane tank.
- Regularly remove grease, fat, and debris from the grill and trays to prevent flare-ups and ensure even cooking.
- Be careful when using lighter fluid. Do not add fluid to an already lit fire because the flames can flash back up into the container and explode.
- Keep all matches and lighters away from children. Teach your children to report any loose matches or lighters to an adult immediately. Supervise children around outdoor grills.
- Dispose of hot coals properly - douse them with plenty of water and stir them to ensure that the fire is out. Never place them in plastic, paper or wooden containers.
- Never grill/barbecue in enclosed areas - carbon monoxide could be produced.

Campfire Safety

- Build campfires where they will not spread, away from dry grass and leaves. Avoid building a fire while it is windy out.
- Keep campfires small and manageable.
- Keep plenty of water and a shovel around to douse the fire when you're done. Stir it and douse it again with water.
- Never leave campfires unattended.

Firework Safety

- The best way to enjoy fireworks is to visit public fireworks displays.
- If you plan to use fireworks, make sure they are legal in your area. Anything that explodes or leaves the ground is illegal in Colorado. Anything that does not leave the ground or explodes, like fountains, smoke balls, novelties and sparklers, are legal.
- Never light fireworks indoors or near dry grass.
- Always have a bucket of water and/or a fire extinguisher nearby.
- Stand several feet away from lit fireworks. If a device does not go off, do

not stand over it to investigate it. Put it out with water and dispose of it.

- Always read the directions and warning labels on fireworks.
- Supervise children around fireworks at all times.

For safety around your home, the Construction Services Division will facilitate the creation of a defensible, safe perimeter around your home by providing the necessary labor and equipment. This initiative mainly aims to aid our elders and tribal members with disabilities, ensuring a secure environment free from potential fire hazards.

Services will include removing hazardous trees, underbrush, weeds, and other flammable materials. While this assistance will be provided at no cost to our elders and disabled members, other tribal members may incur a nominal fee for equipment and labor. However, I strongly encourage all members to participate in this vital project, as it is a collective effort to safeguard our homes and community. You are not obligated to do anything except allow Construction Services to visit and evaluate fire danger/hazards around your home. Any other actions would require additional permission from the homeowner.

If you would like to have Construction Services visit and evaluate outdoor fire safety at your home, please contact Danny Abeyta at 970-563-0260 or email dabeyta@southernute-nsn.gov. You may also complete the form using the QR code.

Together we can be vigilant to protect each other, our homes, and our Reservation this season.

Toghoyaqh!

TRIBE TAKES LEGAL ACTION • FROM PAGE 1

for its commitments."

In the Gaming Compacts, which have been in place for almost 30 years and approved by the federal government, the State agreed that the Tribes can engage in "those gaming activities and bet amounts that are identical to the activities and bet amounts that are authorized in the State of Colorado."

In 2019, Colorado voters approved Proposition DD, legalizing online sports betting in the state, thus permitting the Tribes to engage in the same activities. However, for the past four years, the Tribe has been stonewalled by the State of Colorado, unfairly preventing it from accessing these economic opportunities.

What is the reason for banning Colorado tribes from equal access to this market?

It all comes down to the fact that federal law does not allow the taxation of tribal gaming activities and mandates that any revenue must be used for tribal governmental operations and the general welfare of tribal members.

The short answer? Colorado is not allowed to tax the

tribes and they want to.

The State of Colorado has actively overlooked the millions of dollars of annual investments that reflect the Tribe's commitment to supporting and improving the well-being of Colorado residents and addressing service gaps. And instead, it has relentlessly sought to unfairly prevent the tribes from accessing these opportunities, including by wrongly threatening vendors supporting tribal sports betting operations and by trying to force the tribes to forfeit their sovereignty.

"Not only does the State refuse to recognize the agreements we made that ensure access to these economic opportunities, but they ignore our significant investments that we make every year in Southwest Colorado - including protecting Colorado water quality," Chairman Baker said. "We invest in water, clean air, healthcare, housing, broadband, and so much more for our tribal members and for the 12,000 Coloradans who [live] within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation with benefits that resonate to residents in

surrounding communities. The Tribe is also the largest employer in La Plata County. We pride ourselves on being partners to the State of Colorado."

This year, Colorado state legislators had the capacity to refer a measure to the 2024 ballot that will amend the 2019 law to increase taxes on sports betting, and yet have not fixed the issues that unfairly exclude the tribes from this economic opportunity. After implementing sports betting in 2022, the State of Kansas quickly amended their law last year to allow tribal gaming entities to participate in online sports betting, recognizing the unfair competitive disadvantage initially created.

While other states have amicably resolved similar issues, the State of Colorado and gaming industry lobbyists have unfairly blocked the Tribe's efforts to fix this oversight. With unwavering commitment to fairness and a steadfast resolve to hold the State to its word, we can ensure a future where the promises of today blossom into a brighter tomorrow.

CLAUNCH: NEW ED. DIRECTOR • FROM PAGE 1

letic coach, youth program leader, and most recently, the Executive Director of the Zuni Youth Enrichment Project for the Pueblo of Zuni in New Mexico.

Dr. Claunch holds a bachelor's degree in American

Indian Studies from Haskell Indian Nations University, a master's degree in Education from the University of Oregon, and a doctorate degree (Ph.D.) in Sport and Exercise Psychology from the University of Kansas.

During this transition, the Department of Education will continue to offer services and assistance to our students, families, and staff. You may contact the Department of Education at 970-563-0237.

Many Moons Ago

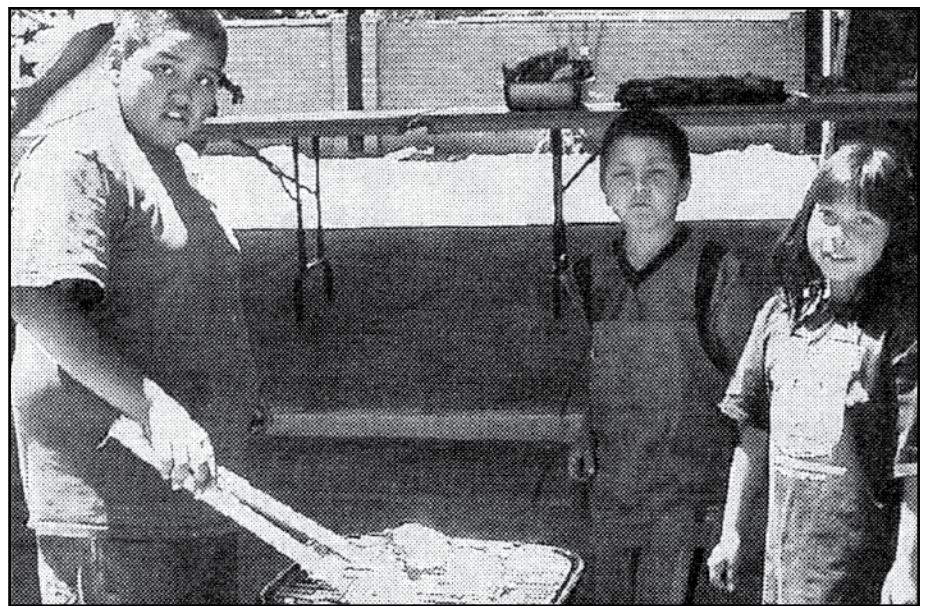


Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member Selena Cook, candidate for San Ignacio Fiesta Queen waves to the crowd, as she is chauffeured by her sister Andreanna Cook. San Ignacio Fiesta was held July 26-27 in Ignacio. There was a parade, horseshoe tournament and dance on Saturday and a Mass and dinner on Sunday.

This photo was first published in the July 11, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Leonora Burch/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

David Bennally (holding tongs,) Johnny Martinez and Destinee Lucero take part in the 4-H Day Camp held at the La Plata County Fairgrounds during the week of July 7-11, 2004.

This photo was published in the July 9, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

A hot sunny day jump and performance by Calvin O'John, Martin Rivera, and Devan White into the Depot Creek. The cool water is visited by local kids.

This photo was published in the July 8, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Bradley Bellanger and Gerard Burch take time out of their reading to pose for the picture.

This photo was published in the July 13, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Save The Date

Southern Ute Royalty Pageant

WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14, 2024
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Head Lady Dancer: Kelsey Quintana, Dulce, NM
Head Boy Dancer: Wahinkpe Thunder Hawk, Dulce, NM
Head Girl Dancer: Shanisha Ben, Dulce, NM
Head Judge: Corey Reeder, Anadarko, OK
Tabulation: Carleen Vigil, Dulce, NM

Categories:
Tiny Tot - paid for session
Junior Boys & Girls
Teen Boys & Girls
Women
Men
Golden Age Men & Women

Evening welcome!!
Singers, dancers, Royalty

More Information, contact: Karena Castillo (505) 427-8866

The Jicarilla Apache Nation, Little Beaver Committee/Staff, Pow-Wow Coordinator(s) & staff and/or helpers are NOT responsible for any accidents, theft, injuries, sickness, short-funded travellers, etc.

64th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair POWWOW

Fri., Sept. 6 – Sun., Sept. 8, 2024
Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena, Ignacio, Colo.

Grand Entry: Fri., 7 p.m., Sat., 1 & 7 p.m., Sun., 1 p.m.
Gourd Dance: Fri., 5 p.m., Sat., 11 a.m., 5 p.m., Sun., 11 a.m.

HEAD STAFF
Master Of Ceremony – Erny Zah
Arena Director – OJ Little Cook
Drum Judge – Yahsti Perkins
Head Gourd Dancer – Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk

DANCE CATEGORIES
Tiny Tot – Pay Out (Daily)
Junior Boys/Girls (6-12 Yrs.)
Teen Boys/Girls (13-17 Yrs.)
Junior Men/Women (18-35 Yrs.)
Senior Adults Men/Women (35-59 Yrs.)
Golden Age Men/Women (Combined)

VENDOR INFO
Arts & Crafts: Valerie Armstrong, 970-317-3585 & Rhianna Carel, 970-442-0299. Food: SUFG, 970-563-5541.

SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE
Rochelle Aguilar (970-759-1722), Rhianna Carel (970-442-0299), Valerie Armstrong (970-317-3585)
Lisa Jacket, Karen Washington, Jeremy Carmenoros, Maleina Carel, Marty Pinnecoose (Tribal Council Ex-Officio)

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Sat., Sept. 7: Opens 12 p.m., Closes 1 p.m.

DRUM CONTEST
(Combined) Northern/Southern Drums

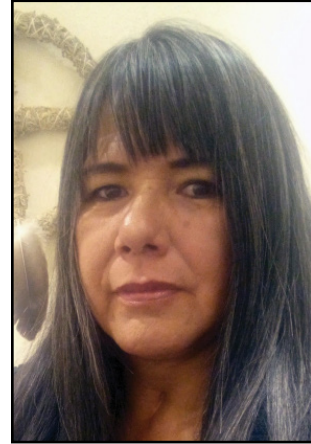
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Southern Ute Powwow Committee, Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Cultural Preservation Dept., Southern Ute Tribe, will not be responsible for accidents, theft, injuries, food-borne illness, or death.

ART & CULTURE

Sacred Lakota knowledge shared by Black Elk Wisdom-Keepers

Staff report
THE GLOBAL VILLAGE MUSEUM

Sacred Lakota Ways: Mitakuye Oyasin will be shared in two special presentations on Saturday, August 31, at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures in Fort Collins, Colo. The phrase Mitakuye Oyasin, which translates to “all my relations,” reflects the Lakota belief in the interconnectedness and harmony between all forms of life.



Jennifer Black Elk
Lakota Medicine Woman

“Join us for an afternoon and evening with wisdom-keepers of the Lakota ways carried through generations of the Black Elk family,” said Jennifer Black Elk, daughter of Wallace Black Elk, world-renowned Lakota Elder and Spiritual Teacher. “We will share the deep, loving, heart-opening spiritual knowledge that is crucial for the coming together of all people as one family.”

From 1-3 pm, Jennifer, her daughter – Leslie Mora-Oropeza Black Elk, and her granddaughter – Wanbli Akin Wi will outline the depth and meaning of Mitakuye Oyasin as related to the Medicine Wheel, the em-

bodiment of the connection between all life both manifest and unmanifest. This will lay the foundation for drumming, singing, and traditional knowledge-sharing by Jennifer’s son, Kari Black Elk, from 6-8 p.m.

“Kari carries the deep wisdom of his ancestors, along with his own gifts of insight, for these times,” Jennifer said. “When the four colors of humanity combine their efforts and journey together into our connection with the sacredness and oneness of life that we carry in our hearts, we will create the Hoop of Life.”

The registration price of \$10 per person is for one or both presentations. As the presentations are expected to sell out, early reservations are encouraged at globalvillagemuseum.org. Refreshments will be served, and registration includes admission to the Museum’s four galleries. In the Main Gallery, One World, One Family honors indigenous peoples and their cultures. Photographs of Native American objects are showcased in the Museum’s Hall Gallery, and both exhibits run through Sept. 21.

The Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures is located at 200 West Mountain Avenue in Fort Collins, Colo. Museum hours are 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, \$1 for ages 4-12, and free for children 3 and under. Adult tours receive discounted admission of \$3/person.

For more information and closure dates during the change of exhibits, visit globalvillagemuseum.org or call 970-221-4600.

SOUTHERN UTE SUN DANCE TAGU WUNÍ

Ignacio, CO • July 19-22, 2024
Sun Dance Chief, Matthew Box

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

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

“Be aware. Be good to each other, and do not bring any anger, hate, or jealousy to the sacred grounds.”

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

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BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Statewide campaign to promote 988 Colorado Mental Health Line

Staff report
COLORADO BEHAVIORAL HEALTH ADMINISTRATION

The Colorado Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) and 988 Crisis Hotline Enterprise proudly announce the launch of a campaign to increase awareness and utilization of the 988 Colorado Mental Health Line (988). The service connects people in Colorado to trained crisis specialists offering compassionate mental health, emotional, and substance use support via call, text, and chat.

Colorado has been a pioneer in delivering life-saving crisis services since 2014 with its Colorado Crisis Line, well ahead of the federal mandate for state-provided crisis services. With the nationwide introduction of 988 in July 2022, there is now a unified, easy-to-remember number for those in crisis.

"This is an exciting moment that further demonstrates Colorado's commitment to leading the nation in providing high-quality crisis services to anyone in our state who finds themselves in need," BHA Commissioner, Dannette R. Smith, said. "While many people in Colorado have long been aware of the Colorado Crisis Services Line, only about 5% of people in Colorado know about 988.

"In Colorado, there is no wrong door for receiving crisis services, through CCS and 988, and we are thrilled to have this opportunity to further promote the three easy numbers that will lead to life-saving support for our communities," Smith said. "Our goal is to ensure every Coloradan knows that help is just a call, text, or chat away."

"The 988 Crisis Hotline Enterprise is thrilled to partner closely with BHA to launch this campaign to raise awareness and promote critical 988 services," said Juan Escobedo, 988 Crisis Hotline Enterprise Board Chair. "Through funding from our Board and the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA), we were able to spend the past year conducting extensive research and community engagement - including conversations with youth and adults - to ensure that the messages included in this campaign are culturally relevant, inclusive, impactful and can effectively reach and inform communities all across Colorado."

Now, 988 in Colorado has a new website, logo, and name designed with the input of Coloradans. It is important to note that those who are familiar with CCS will still be able to call or text to get the support they need from the number they know well. But now, they'll have an additional option with the extremely easy to remember 988 number.

To learn more about key 988 partners and the future of Colorado Crisis Services, BHA invites the public to a 988 Informational Session on Wednesday, July 31, from noon - 1p.m. Register in advance via Zoom. To learn more, visit the 988 Colorado website.

When most people think of July monthly celebrations, they think of July 4th. But did you know that today, July 12, is Simplicity Day? This day honors the author and naturalist thinker, Henry David Thoreau (1817-1862), who advocated for living a simpler life. While this may be the origin of the day, a more general concept of simplicity or simplifying life can serve us all and improve life in general.

Wherever and whenever we can simplify our lives, doing so can give us back some of our energy and resources for enjoying life. Perhaps rather than planning a long, involved summer vacation, we could stay home and enjoy local sites and adventures. The simple summer joys like picnics in the shade and lake swimming can be quite restorative.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Today is Simplicity Day

By Tamara D. Turner
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Some of the noted psychological benefits of simplicity are providing more clarity in our mind and having less to worry about. In addition to lowering stress, other sources mention that simplifying life can foster creativity, build joy, improve concentration and lead to living a fuller life.

As we get older and often have less energy or stamina for everything we used to do, we learn to be more efficient with our energy such as choosing to be around people who build us up, letting go of what we can, like, for example, deciding that the house can be a little less clean once in a while so that we can enjoy time with others more.

Simplicity goes well with gratitude. That is, gratitude helps us to remember that simplicity can rejuvenate us, whether that is quality time with friends and family or in nature or silence.

As you enjoy this summer full of activity and pulsing energy, just remember that simplicity can bring joy too and often helps contribute to a healthy, happy outlook. Have a lovely July!

Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay

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

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

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



HEALTHY NEWS You Can Use!
HYDRATION

Staying hydrated is key to enjoying a hot summer day. While water helps to cool your body temperature, it is also essential for lubricating joints, aiding in digestion and many other body functions.

How to stay hydrated? Of course, drinking water and other low sugar beverages is one way, but eating foods that are high in fluids are also part of staying hydrated.

Foods high in fluid:

- Fruits such as watermelon, cantaloupe, and strawberries, oranges, pineapple.
- Veggies such as spinach, celery, cucumber, and tomatoes.
- Dairy such as cottage cheese, yogurt, and milk.

Need ways to enjoy water more? Try adding mint, cucumber, lemons, or limes. Drink on a schedule rather than waiting until you are thirsty, and you will need more if you are exercising and/or sweating a lot. Carry a water bottle with you and drink throughout the day!



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Contact: Lisa B. Smith (970)-563-2344

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

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, July 29
Pickup Date: Wednesday, July 31



SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH PRESENTS:

MENDING BROKEN HEARTS

In-person meetings will begin on **Tuesday, July 16, 2024, from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.**

So. Ute Cultural Center & Museum Large Classroom.

Light snacks will be provided

**Please note the group will close after the third session.*

Facilitators:

Marvina Olguin, Peer Recovery Coach
marogluin@southernute-nsn.gov

Preston Barry, Peer Recovery Coach
pbarry@southernute-nsn.gov

Please call 970.563.5700 for more information

Mission Statement

It is our mission to inspire & empower other sisters & brothers in treatment and help those in recovery live a life of integrity, honesty, & resiliency. Knowing that honesty is the foundation of change, if we live our lives one moment at a time & rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, **WE WILL CHANGE.**

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE, WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER



IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Readers' advisory

By Liz vonTauffkirchen

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Did you know that we in the library industry have a name for the art of helping someone find their next favorite book? We call that service "Readers' Advisory" or RA for short.

Professional Librarians study RA in graduate school and other library staffers perfect the art through professional development workshops, classes, and other trainings. All library staffers hone the practice each day in libraries everywhere and particularly here at the Ignacio Community Library. Have you ever come in to peruse the Staff Picks display, or had a staffer recommend a book based on other books you have liked? That is RA in action!

Some (usually bigger) libraries, like Denver Public and Arapahoe libraries here in Colorado and Rochester Public Library in Minnesota, offer Readers' Advisory forms on their websites for patrons to fill out and receive personalized recommendations from a librarian directly via email. I have tried these services and found the recommendations to be pretty good. We are interested in potentially adding a service like this here in Ignacio. However,



setting up the webform and arranging the librarian manpower to process the forms and generate suggestions will be time consuming, so we'd love to hear from patrons who think they might use a service like this. If we get a lot of interest, we will know that it is a project worth the time and effort; so, let us know if this is something you would use and be interested in!

These same libraries and many others also offer RA forms in paper versions for homebound patrons who may have limited access to computers or internet service. Both the paper and the digital forms result in some fantastic suggestions based on the individual tastes of each patron. Based on some other projects we have tried in both digital and paper versions; I suspect a paper version might be more popular here in Ignacio. Have

you ever tried using a service like this? Would you use this service if we offered it here in Ignacio?

Right now at ICL, we offer RA services in the form of a staff picks display (just to the right of the main entrance, come check it out), staff picks bookmarks, on-the-fly RA service directly to patrons, suggestions in our newsletter, and monthly RA training and practice at our staff meetings.

We are learning more and perfecting the craft of making Readers' Advisory suggestions every month here at ICL to serve you, our patrons, better. We are always looking for ways to serve the public better, and Readers' Advisory is just one of the many ways we do that. What sort of RA service is best for you? Come in and let us know; we'd love to see you here at Ignacio Community Library!



Robert L Ortiz/SU Drum archive

SUIMA students enjoy the pool at SUIMA Field Day before they are off to enjoy their summer.

SUIMA

Pawaaghani po'okwatu – Eagle's Nest

Hoping everyone is having a wonderful summer!

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

SUIMA staff hopes everyone is having a wonderful summer break.

Registration Packets, Medical Packet, School Calendar, and Classroom Supply Lists:

- Registration packets for enrollment into SUIMA are available at

www.suima.org. under the "For Parents" tab. Along with new students, returning students need to have an updated registration packet turned in on, or before, the first day of school, which is August 19. This can be filled out electronically.

- The current Medical Packet is accessible

to print off and take to your child's physician so that medical information can be updated prior to the school year. This cannot be filled out electronically.

- The 2024-2025 Academy School Calendar is also available on the website.
- School supply lists for all levels can be found under the parent tab at www.suima.org. You can also come to the office and snap a photo of the lists, which are posted on our door.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- Aug. 15 – Open House for 2024-2025 school year.
- Aug. 19 – First Day of School: 2024-2025 school year.

ISD appreciation BBQ



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Naneato and Southern Ute Drum Newspaper Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley received certificates of appreciation on behalf of their respective newsrooms from the Ignacio School District by Superintendent Chris deKay. The Ignacio School District hosted an appreciation BBQ for staff of The Southern Ute Drum and KSUT Tribal Radio Station on Tuesday, July 9.

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! 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, Descendents and JOM.

Kelly Fiddler, Masters in Education, Southern Ute Education Dept., 330 Burns Ave., kfiddler@southernute-nsn.gov 970-563-2779

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

Please sign up your student(s) ahead of time for school supplies by calling or emailing the following information:

Bayfield School or Ignacio School
Grade level for the 2024-25 school year

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

If the student is not yet enrolled with the JOM program, PLEASE submit the following documentation:

Copy of student's Tribal enrollment card or paperwork

IF YOU HAVE FURTHER QUESTIONS OR WANT TO SIGN UP, CONTACT

Education Specialist:
Kaylyn LeClaire by email
kleclair@southernute-nsn.gov or
call (970) 563-0237 ext. 2793

Pick up dates:
Bayfield- Thursday, August 1st
Ignacio- Thursday, August 8th

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Open Enrollment for the 2024-2025 School Year!!!

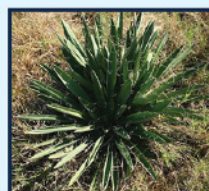
SUIMA is now accepting registration applications for the upcoming school year for new and returning students. You can apply online at suima.org under the For Parents tab or pick up an application at SUIMA. (Call the office before stopping by to ensure someone is on campus (970) 563-0253.)

- Must be an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member or first descendant.
- All returning students need a new application completed.



Multi-Purpose Facility Youth Craft Day

Wednesday July 17, 2024
10:00 AM - 2:30 PM



Hands on experience to make soap from the Yucca root. Learn to make tortillas!



Youth 6 - 17
Parents - Grand Parents

Please call to sign up - space is limited -



256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO 970-563-2640, e-mail multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

EPD's Environmental Leadership & Knowledge



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Department held their annual Environmental Leadership and Knowledge Seminar from Tuesday, June 25 – Thursday, June 27. ELKS participants visited the Wolfwood Refuge on Tuesday followed by hands on experiments, where the students had opportunities to learn about insects and science. Participating youth also had a chance to visit the Tribe's bison pasture outside of Ignacio, managed by the Division of Wildlife.

Photos by Zuriah Baker
The Southern Ute Drum

Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin Baker shares a story about his own personal pet bison with ELKS participants following a lesson presented by the Division of Wildlife and Cultural Preservation on the Tribe's buffalo herd.



Amonnie Johnson shows Keagan Black a piece of buffalo tuff outside of a chute at the bison pasture.



An ELKS staff member shows "Elephant Toothpaste" to Keagan Black and Losita Alires following a science experiment.



Izabella Cloud places her hands against a fence with other ELKS participants in hopes of having a wolfdog come up to them.



Zay Taplin listens to the tour guide as she pets Xena the wolfdog.

JULY ACTIVITIES

JULY 4-5, 2024
TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED

JULY 9, 2024
MOVIE DAY (FARMINGTON)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10:00 A.M.

JULY 12, 2024
FISHING (LAKE CAPOTE)
LUNCNCH AND SNACKS PROVIDED
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10:00 A.M.

JULY 16, 2024
CASINO TRIP (TOWAOC)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10:00 A.M.

JULY 18, 2024
SHOPPING TRIP (FARMINGTON)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10 A.M.

JULY 23, 2024
PAGOSA HOT SPRINGS
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10 A.M.

JULY 25, 2024
CASINO TRIP (NORTHERN EDGE)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 10 A.M.

JULY 30, 2024
MOVIE DAY (DURANGO)
VAN WILL DEPART ELDER SERVICES @ 11 A.M.

CALL ELDER SERVICES @ 563-2309 TO HAVE YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE ACTIVITIES LIST OR IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

BEADING CIRCLE

LED BY:
JENNIFER GOODTRACKS

- Join us to learn the Traditional art of beading.
- Open to all Indigenous Community Members (16 and older)

- Classes are Wednesdays 5:30PM-7:00PM
- Held at the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building (4101 CR 222, Durango, CO 81301)

All supplies are provided, no experience necessary!

For more information & to register, please call 970.563.5700



M.M.I.R. RIDE

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES

VENDOR'S WANTED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1
LOCATION: MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AND CHAPEL
256 UTE RD, IGNACIO, CO 81137

WEAR RED

REGISTER HERE FREE VENDING

RIDER JUSTICE

DURANGO HARLEY DAVIDSON NATIVE LOVE

M.M.I.R. RIDE

MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

REGISTRATION @ 9:00 AM
KICK STANDS UP @ 10:00 AM

LOCATION: LA PLATA COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER, DURANGO, CO
ENDING LOCATION: MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AND CHAPEL, IGNACIO, CO

INCLUDES:

- GUIDED RIDE
- VISIT TO UTE SACRED LANDS
- REFRESHMENTS
- CULTURAL PERFORMANCE
- MMIR RIDE T-SHIRT
- MMIR INFORMATIONAL

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\$30 RIDER | \$15 PASSENGER

PRE-REGISTER AT: FOURCORNERSMOTORCYCLERALLY.COM BY 07/01 FOR GUARANTEED T-SHIRT SIZE

RIDER JUSTICE

DURANGO NATIVE LOVE

FINDING A MISSING LOVED ONE: WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- Stay Calm & Contact Law Enforcement**

 - Call the Southern Ute Police Department at 970.563.4401
 - In an emergency, call 911
- Gather Information**

 - Talk to friends & family about last known locations
 - Be prepared for questions from law enforcement:
 - Physical description, health conditions, current photo, & possible destinations.

**Note this list is not all-inclusive*
- Designate a Point of Contact**

 - Establish a single person to communicate with law enforcement and to provide updates with family & 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.
- Alerts**

 - The law enforcement agency in charge of the investigation is the only entity with authorization to request & cancel an official Missing Indigenous Person Alert broadcast by the Colorado Bureau of Investigation.

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313
For questions or concerns regarding a missing person, contact SUPD at 970-563-4401

COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Nearly 80% of Colorado parents and caregivers are not using their child's car seat correctly

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION



COLORADO
Department of Transportation

Summer is in full swing, and with school out and schedules relaxed, many families rely on the help of babysitters, grandparents or other caregivers to watch their children. With a different caregiver at the wheel, the risk increases that car seats or booster seats may not be used or installed correctly, putting kids at risk in the event of a crash.

Last year in Colorado, 78% of car seats inspected by child passenger safety technicians were not being used correctly or were not installed properly, according to the Child Passenger Safety Board's National Digital Car Seat Check Form (NDCF) database. This number is an increase from 2022, when Colorado's car seat misuse rate was just under 70%.

The most common type of car seat misuse in Colorado last year was the harness — either being too loose, wrong placement of the harness slots or incorrect routing of the crotch buckle/slot. Other factors leading to misuse include moving a child out of a booster seat too soon and using a car seat that is not correctly fitted to the child's height, weight and physical development.

According to the NDCF database, children aged one and under riding in rear-facing only car seats (infant bucket seats) had the highest misuse rate of any age group and type of car seat.

"Car seats are not necessarily intuitive, and they are all different, which is why it's so important to read the manufacturer's manual, even if you think you've got it figured out," said Trooper Kent Trimbach of the Colorado State Patrol and program coordinator for Car Seats Colorado. "It's your responsibility to equip your-

self with the knowledge and resources to keep your children safe on the road and relay that information to any caregivers who transport your child."

In addition to different caregivers, summer activities also often involve moving car seats between different vehicles. Each transfer increases the chance of installation errors. Double check after every transfer to confirm the car seat has been installed correctly and is secure.

"Parents are juggling more than ever before, and during summer when kids are out of school and parents are still working, it can get incredibly busy," said Darrell Lingk, director of the Highway Safety Office at CDOT. "This constant juggling of responsibilities can sometimes lead to forgetfulness when it comes to car seat safety. We want to remind families to make car seat safety a priority, even amid the hustle and bustle of summer activities."

Car Seats Colorado offers the following tips to help parents and caregivers keep children safe in the car:

- Ensure all caregivers, including grandparents, nannies, babysitters and friends, are trained on the proper use and installation of your car seat(s). Provide them with a simple checklist or reference guide.
- Always refer to the car seat manufacturer's manual and vehicle owner's manual for car seat installation instructions.

- Make sure your child is in the correct car seat for his or her size, age and development.
- Periodically check for any recalls on your car seat or booster seat.
- Double check car seat installation after transferring from one vehicle to another.
- Get a free car seat check. Click here to find a location near you.

"Our little ones rely on us to keep them safe," said Trooper Trimbach. "They can't protect themselves — it falls upon parents and caregivers to ensure that they are properly secured when riding in a vehicle."

If you are unable to afford a car seat for your child(ren), WeeCycle, Children's Hospital Colorado and SafeKids Colorado Springs have programs through which families are able to get a free or low-cost car seat. Visit their websites for more information.

Car Seats Colorado

Car Seats Colorado is a joint effort of the Colorado State Patrol, CDOT, local car seat technicians, law enforcement, emergency services and other professionals who are dedicated to implementing child passenger safety programs and encouraging parents to take the necessary steps to protect their children when in vehicles. Learn more about how to keep children safe in vehicles and download informational resources at CarSeatsColorado.com.

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"Compassion without Fatigue"

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WEDNESDAY AUGUST 14TH, 2024
10:00AM-2:30PM

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM
LARGE CLASSROOM

Lunch will be provided

Please RSVP
970-563-4730 / Ext: 2207
Email: mweaver@southernute-nsn.gov

ROYALTY QUARTERLY REPORT

Maleina J. Carel

Jr. Miss Southern Ute

Maykh'

My name is Maleina Carel and I'm currently the Jr. Miss Southern Ute for 2023-2024. I'm 16 years old and going into the 11th grade this coming school year. My bands are Mouche-Capote and Weenuche. My maternal grandparents are Hardy Joy Sr. and the late Anna Weaver egap. My great grandparents on my paternal grandparent's side are James Price Sr. and Linda Lopez of Towaoc, Colo. My paternal grandparents are the late Vernest Carel egap and Marlene Price Carel egap. My sister is Rhianna Carel.



Maleina Carel
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2023-2024

I have been newly elected and have the honor to serve on The Sunshine Smith Cloud Youth Advisory Council and I also serve on the Powwow Committee.

I would like to share my last quarterly report of the events that I have attended and participated in as my reign as the Jr. Miss Southern Ute for 2023-2024 comes to an end.

March:

Meet & Greet with Council along with the Royalty Committee, Multi-Purpose Community Powwow did an introduction and helped serve the Elders their plates of food, the Denver March Powwow in Denver, Ute Day at the State Capitol in Denver, the community Easter egg hunt, Hozhoni Ambassador Exhibition at the Fort Lewis College and the Hozhoni Powwow held at Fort Lewis College.

April:

I was in attendance for the Veterans Powwow, Stu-

ception, SUIMA had their transitioning ceremony, the opening and blessing of the Bear Dance grounds, we did a welcoming and introduction for the Bear Dance kick off meal held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort event center, and I was in attendance for the Ute Mountain Ute Pageant in Towaoc, Colo.

June & July:

I attended the Ute Mountain Ute Powwow and Bear Dance, Durango Rendezvous motorcycle event at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, the Elders Appreciation dinner, The Fatherhood is Sacred concert, and the TARA Independence parade in Arboles, Colo.

May:

I traveled to Utah three different times during this month to attend the following Bear Dances held during the month of May 2nd - 5th Randlett Bear Dance, 10th-13th Fort Duchesne Bear Dance and then the 16th-19th WhiteRocks Bear Dance. The Randlett Bear Dance I was asked to Welcome the Bear into the corral along with another Royalty. I was very honored, and it was a great experience for me as a visiting Royalty. I attended the NAVO Club Celebration of Native Heritage at the Ignacio High School, Growth Fund hosted a Native American Mining & Energy welcoming re-

This concludes my final quarterly report for this year, and I hope you all have enjoyed my participation representing as the Jr. Miss Southern Ute for 2023-2024. It has been an honor representing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the membership from the oldest to the youngest and my family. I have enjoyed all the different community events, Powwows, Bear Dances, Royalty pageants and supporting our Southern Ute Indian Tribal departments with their various events. I also would like to thank our sister tribes for their hospitality and their support during our visits to their events. I wish you all a good rest of the year and many blessings to you.

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Maleina J. Carel
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2023-2024

Ft. Duchesne 4th of July



courtesy Joseph Howell

Southern Ute Veterans Associate members stand with Johanna Jenkins, Commander of the Northern Ute Veterans, Grace Jacket, Commander of the Ute Mountain Ute Veterans and Vietnam Veterans Powwow Princess during the Fourth of July Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah, Thursday, July 4.



Marie Carel/SU Tribal Information Services

Outgoing Miss Fourth of July Princess, Kohlea 'Bossy' Yazzie and her uncle, the newly crowned Miss Fourth of July princess 2024-2025, Sayuri Robinson; First attendant, Starla Robinson; and Second attendant, LaMonna Blackhorse.



Marie Carel/SU Tribal Information Services

Kenyon Andreanoff (#42) dancing alongside other dancers during the Grand Entry for the Fourth of July Celebration Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah, Friday, July 5.



Marie Carel/SU Tribal Information Services

Outgoing Miss Fourth of July Princess, Kohlea 'Bossy' Yazzie giving her welcome for the Fourth of July Powwow Princess pageant, which was held on Friday, July 5.

OFFICE OF THE FIRST LADY, JASMINE BLACK-WATER NYGREN

CONTEST POWWOW honoring

Miss Kassie John

MISS INDIAN WORLD

Saturday
July 20, 2024
Chieftan Pit
Shiprock, NM

GRAND ENTRY: 1 & 7PM | GOURD DANCE: 11AM-12:30PM & 5-6:30PM

Head Staff

HOST NORTHERN DRUM: Iron Bear, Jesse Waskahat | Table Mesa, NM
HOST SOUTHERN DRUM: Buc Wild, Westin Tso | Chinte, AZ
MASTER OF CEREMONIES: Arnold Chee | Steamboat, AZ
ARENA DIRECTOR: Albert Francis | Burnt Cornvalley, AZ
HEAD MAN DANCER: Roderick Redhouse | Kayenta, AZ
HEAD LADY DANCER: Tzositlah Etsitty, 2024-2025 Navajo Nation Fair Powwow Princess
HEAD GOURD DANCER: Mike Salabiye | Gallup, NM
HEAD DRUM JUDGE: Jaron Tso | Scottsdale, AZ
Honor Guard: Shiprock Chapter Veterans
Sound: Lil Mountain Sounds
Tabulation: Eleanor Wilson | Round Rock, AZ
Arts & Crafts Vendors: No fee (6 spots, 1st come 1st serve)
Singers: Bring your own chairs

Dance Categories

JUNIORS | TEENS | ADULT | GOLDEN AGE (3) PLACES

Drama Contest

NORTHERN | SOUTHERN COMBINED (3) PLACES

Dance Specials

GRASS DANCE SPECIAL 18+
by Roderick Redhouse
TEEN GIRLS OLD STYLE JINGLE
by NNF Powwow Princess S. Etsitty
JINGLE DRESS SPECIAL
by Miss Indian World Kassie John

FOR MORE INFORMATION: WANDA NELSON | (928) 245-7553

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LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Discover the future of energy at LPEA's open house

Members invited to explore innovations and gain insights

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) invites members to an electrifying event focused on beneficial electrification (BE), on Tuesday, July 30, at the cooperative's Durango headquarters. BE represents a revolutionary shift towards using electricity for tasks traditionally reliant on fossil fuels, like heating, transportation, and industrial processes. By embracing BE, LPEA is committed to cutting greenhouse gas emissions, boosting energy efficiency, and delivering cost savings to members. Join us to explore how BE enhances user experiences and benefits the grid – all while paving the way for a cleaner, more sustainable future. The BE Open House will be an interactive showcase

of cutting-edge technologies and discussions about the future of the grid. This new event aims to showcase the future of energy through innovative technologies and sustainable practices. The event will feature a dynamic, science fair-style set-up where attendees can freely explore various displays and booths staffed by LPEA experts available to answer questions. Topics covered will include heat pumps, heat pump water heaters (HPWH), induction cooktops, smart thermostats, outdoor power equipment, battery storage, energy monitors, and electric vehicles (EVs). This event offers two sessions for members to choose from: Noon-1:30 pm and 5p.m.-6:30p.m. Presentations at 12:30 pm and 5:30 pm will address key questions like:

- What is Beneficial

Electrification (BE)?

- How will BE impact the grid, and what is LPEA doing to prepare?

"This event is a good opportunity for our members to learn firsthand about the benefits of electrification," said Jon Kenney, Energy Management Technical Specialist at LPEA. "We're excited to showcase technologies that not only enhance efficiency but also contribute to a cleaner, more sustainable energy landscape."

The event is open to all community members with free admission and light refreshments provided. Engage directly with LPEA representatives to discover how you can be a part of this energy revolution.

For information and event updates, please contact Jon Kenney at 970-749-8002 or jkenney@lpea.coop.

STATE OF COLORADO

USPS consolidation could impact on-time delivery of mail-in ballots

Staff report
OFFICES OF U.S. SENATORS HICKENLOOPER AND BENNET

U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet along with 17 of their Senate colleagues sent a letter to Postmaster General Louis DeJoy requesting information about how the U.S. Postal Service (USPS) plans to ensure the timely delivery of mail-in ballots throughout the 2024 election cycle and beyond. "USPS serves an essential function in American elections. On a nonpartisan basis, it securely processes, transports, and delivers election mail, including ballots. In 2020, the Postal Service overcame a series of challenges, including the onset of a global pandemic,

to fulfill this critical mission. Impressively, it delivered 97.9% of ballots within three days, even as a record number of Americans voted by mail. For the 2022 mid-term elections, USPS maintained this standard of excellence and delivered 98.96% of ballots within three days," wrote the senators. The senators continued: "We applaud these achievements, but much has changed since 2022 ... We believe that the Postal Service remains well-equipped to securely deliver mail-in ballots. However, given the service disruptions already resulting from the DFA plan, we fear the same approach adopted by USPS in 2020 and 2022 may not be sufficient to guarantee on-time delivery results."

Their request comes in light of USPS facility consolidations initiated under DeJoy, which have led to decreases in on-time delivery rates in communities where postal facilities have been consolidated. The USPS greenlit the downgrading of 56 of 59 selected postal facilities across the country – including in Colorado – but the consolidation process has been temporarily paused until after the 2024 election cycle. In April, Hickenlooper and Bennet wrote to DeJoy to express concerns about the recent proposals to consolidate the Grand Junction Processing and Distribution Center and the potential impacts on Colorado's workforce and mail delivery systems.

AG building nears completion



photos courtesy Yumi Johnson/SU Tribal Housing

The building is scheduled for completion on Monday, July 15. Construction is being completed by Crossfire LLC and the building will look almost complete by the end of the week.



A brand new 75' x120' metal storage building at Southern Ute Agricultural Division will house farming equipment and hay storage for the Tribe. The Tribe has a significant investment in farm equipment and the Tribe's AG Division wanted to put more effort into storing the equipment to prevent degradation due to long term exposure from sun, harsh weather, and seasonal elements.

Microsoft – Power Point Training

This course will provide you with the fundamentals of MS Power Point applications. Training is taught by San Juan College.

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

When: July 17th & 18th, 2024

Time: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm each day

Seating is limited and open to all Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members. If space is available, trainings will be offered to Southern Ute Tribal Employees. First 10 Tribal Members to sign up and attend each training will receive a \$25 gift card from Walmart. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided.

To sign up contact SUDEP at (970)563-5555

Sign Up for the Tribal Member Experience

- Go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/>
- Select "Members" at the top of the screen
- Select "I need an account"
- Complete the Tribal Member Access Request Form & click Submit

Account holders must be enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and 18 years of age or older.

Your request will be sent to TIS for verification. SUSS will approve your account.

The login credentials will be sent to the email listed on the form. You may then create your password.

For information, contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2313 or TIS Vital Statistics at 970-563-2248. For technical assistance, contact SUDEP at 970-563-5555.

"Dell Laptop Update reminder"

If you received a Dell laptop from Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP), please note that its time to update the laptop software.

"Software updates are important to keeping your device running efficiently."

Contact us at the number provided if you need help updating or if you would like us to email you the "How to Update your Dell Laptop Software" guide.

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)
14929 HWY 172
Ignacio, Colorado, 81137
(970)563-5555

INTERNAL AUDIT

Samantha Elk shines with Internal Audit under YEP

Staff Report
INTERNAL AUDIT

This summer, Internal Audit welcomed a promising young talent, Samantha Elk. As part of the Southern Ute Education Department's Youth Employment Program, referred to as YEP, participants were able to meet with different departments before final selection. Wanting a challenge, Samantha ended up selecting Internal Audit.

As a sophomore at Bayfield High School, Samantha is already considering different universities and majors, including neuroscience. Internal Audit was the right choice for her, so she could exercise skills such as research, writing, critical thinking, and attention to detail.

A few of the primary objectives of the Summer Youth Employment Program is to ensure that participants gain practical knowledge, real-work skills, learn about the services within the Tribe, and obtain a better understanding of possible future careers with the Tribe.

With Internal Audit, the youth worker gains experience in the auditing field and learns more about how the Southern Ute Indian Tribe operates. In addition, the youth worker is assigned a research project, focusing on a topic of importance to the Tribe.

"Samantha has shown exceptional skill in both research and writing" said



Brian Bex, Director of Internal Audit. "She is incredibly smart and has shown excellent work ethic."

Samantha is working closely with several internal auditors, including Carolyne Eagle, Adam Red, and Jamie Rivera.

For her project, Samantha reviewed the tribal constitution, looked at practices from the federal government related to tribes, and performed several interviews.

"I could tell from the very first interview that the Internal Audit Department would be a perfect fit for our youth worker" Adam Red said. "Samantha is a high achiever."

From her research, Samantha collected and documented her observations. "The amount of writing we do as we conduct our work is immense, so having great writing skills as an Internal Auditor is essential," Jamie Rivera said.

"Behind every project

we do, there are numerous work papers that the auditor writes to detail the work performed. One of our department's core values is that 'we will communicate effectively' and we strive to do that in our writing to create work products that are clear and logical to our readers," Jamie Rivera explained.

As a capstone, Samantha will be developing her observations and presenting her research to the Tribal Council.

This is the second year Internal Audit has participated in YEP. Youth workers that select Internal Audit are subject to high expectations and must perform to the standards of the department, including an understanding of objectivity and integrity.

For more information on the Summer Youth Employment Program, contact Dustin Weaver, Youth Employment Program Coordinator at 970-563-2786.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park

Summer 2024

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park — Summer 2024 Calendar of Events

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park is hosting a variety of events this Summer. Be sure to check them out. For any questions related to the events mentioned below, please reach out to Jay Dee Brunson, Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park Manager at (970)-563-5541.

Discover vibrant entertainment, engaging games, and delectable food stalls—there's something to delight everyone. Bask in the sun, savor the moment, and make cherished memories with loved ones. As always, please visit the [Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park Events](#) page for all the current happenings.

Summer 2024 Calendar of Events at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park	
Dates to Remember	Event Name
July Events	
July 10 th , 11 th , 12 th and 13 th	Summer Shootout Series, Event #2 by TLC Productions
July 27 th and 28 th	Dressage Clinic by Hope Peaks Stables
August Events	
August 2 nd , 3 rd and 4 th	Durango Agility Dogs
August 17 th	Demolition Derby by La Plata County Fair
August 30 th and 31 st	Four Corners Motorcycle Camping
September Events	
September 1 st and 2 nd	Four Corners Motorcycle Camping
September 6 th , 7 th and 8 th	102 nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & the 64 th Annual Tribal Fair Powwow
September 13 th , 14 th and 15 th	Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo
September 28 th	Narrow Guage Rabbit Breeders

Visit the [Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park Events](#) page for all the current happenings.

FAMILY Summer OLYMPICS

FREE EVENT
JULY 27, 2024
10-3

Storytime at the Park

with Dewey...Library on the Move!

Ignacio Community Library invites you to Campbell Park on Thursdays at 11:00 a.m. for stories, songs, games, & more for you & your family to enjoy! (970)563-9287

Canasta

CARD GAME

Sunday, July 21 at 3:30 p.m.

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Wind Chime Making Class

Friday, July 19 at 11:00 a.m.

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Business exploration in Oceanside



Wrapping up the hotel tour, the group enjoyed views of the ocean from the property's roof top pool area.



Kandin Johnson and Julie Stone, Southern Ute Education Department Teacher, view an interactive art display at the Oceanside Museum of Art.



Leandra Litz snaps photos throughout the group's visit to the Oceanside Museum of Art, students took time to explore multiple art exhibits created by local artists.



Phillip Velasquez and Brian Mulvany discuss the rooftop amenities of the Pierside North apartment complex during the second day of the tour in Oceanside, Calif.



On Wednesday, June 26, the Tribal Business Exploration Program visited the Pierside North and Pierside South apartment complexes, exploring the numerous amenities and multiple floor plans within the complexes. Students took time to discuss the rental business with Brian Mulvany, GF Properties Group President/COO.



Neeka Howe, Stephen Romero, and Mira Bourriague stand under a floating display at the Oceanside Museum of Art.

The Southern Ute Education Department took a group of nine students to Oceanside, Calif. during the week of Monday, June 24 – Friday, June 28 as part of a program launch titled, The Tribal Business Exploration Program. Students had the chance to tour multiple tribally owned businesses and land lots along the Oceanside Pier, gaining insight into the hospitality industry and rental business operated by the Southern Ute Growth Fund. The group lodged at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott Oceanside Beach, formally owned by the Tribe. Months before the trip, the group had multiple fundraising events, earning the opportunity to enjoy activities such as a visit to the nearby beach, the Oceanside Museum of Art, the Oceanside Pier, and Legoland.



On the last day of the Tribal Business Exploration Program visit to Oceanside, Calif. students enjoyed rides and attractions at Legoland California. Pictured left to right; Kandin Johnson, Paiten Tucson, Ava Sage-Morgan, Neeka Howe, Leandra Litz, Niko Frost, Phillip Velasquez, Mira Bourriague, and Stephen Romero.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

Wolf Creek Pass fiber optic project begins July 8

Fiber line to provide high-tech resources for safer travel

Staff report
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TRANSPORTATION

The US Highway 160 fiber optic installation project, between Pagosa Springs and the east side of Wolf Creek Pass, will resume work on Monday, July 8. The project takes place between Mile Points 144-174 on US 160.

To date, 169,000 linear feet (32 miles) of conduit, 42,000 linear feet (Eight miles) of electrical conductor, 113 manholes, and 160 pull boxes have been placed between the ski area to Pagosa Springs city limits along with the fiber installation.

pairing damaged conduit, installation of variable speed limit signs, installation of new closed-circuit cameras and installation of a new weather monitoring station. Completion of the project is scheduled for late fall of 2024.

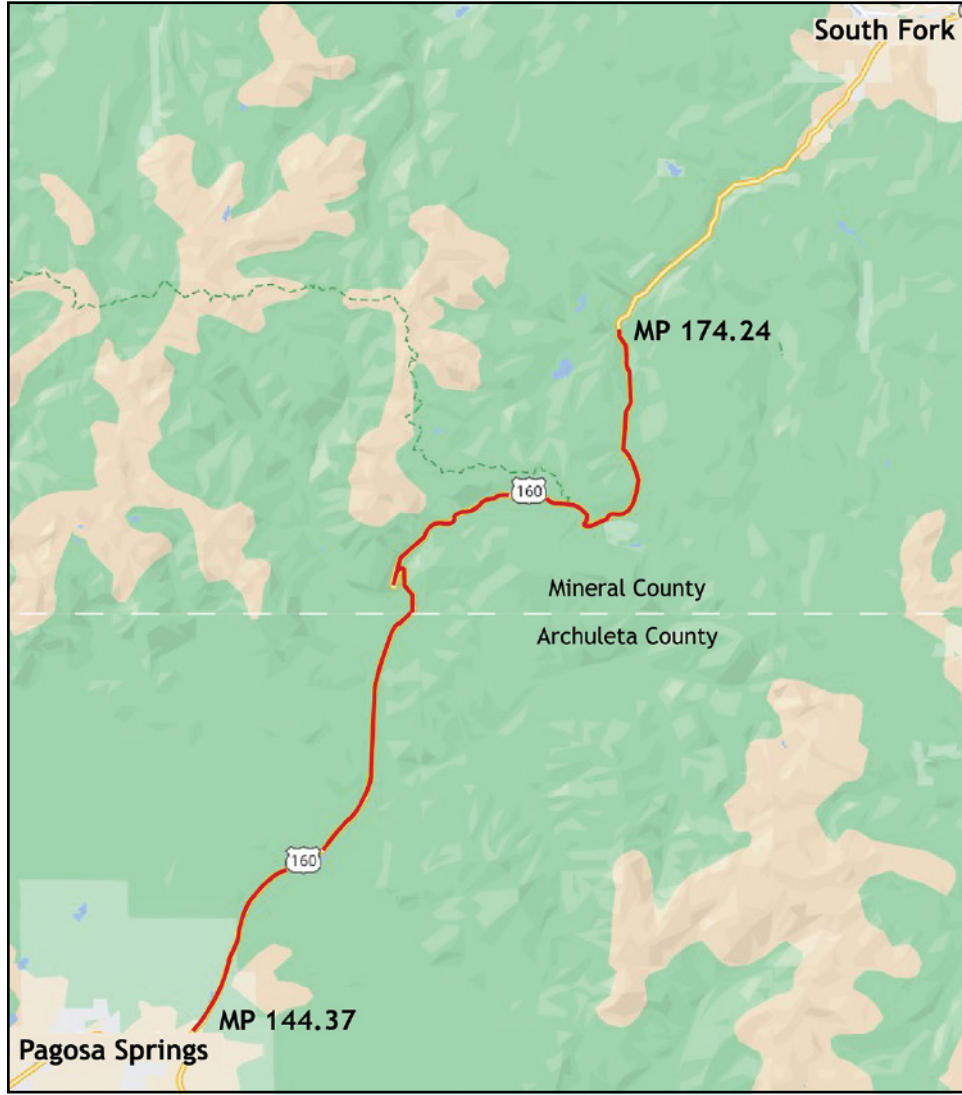
“The fiber optic cable will connect with existing fiber that was installed in 2017 along a 16-mile stretch of the US 160 mountain corridor from Wolf Creek Pass east tunnel to the community of South Fork,” explained Julie Constan, CDOT Regional Transportations Director. “The project will provide additional safety through the use of high-tech equipment and signs to warn all Wolf Creek Pass travelers about changing road and weather conditions, enforced lowered speeds and the westside hairpin turn where many crashes have occurred.”

Traffic Impacts

- Daytime work hours range from 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.
- Vehicles will be reduced to a single-lane, alternating traffic intermittently in either direction.
- Lane closures, guided by flaggers, will have up to 15-minute delays.
- The speed limit will be reduced to 40 mph throughout the work zone.

Project Information

- For additional information about this project: Webpage: www.codot.gov/projects/us160-wolfcreek-pass-fiber
- Information hotline: 970-363-5100
- Email: us160fiberinstallwolfcreekpass@gmail.com

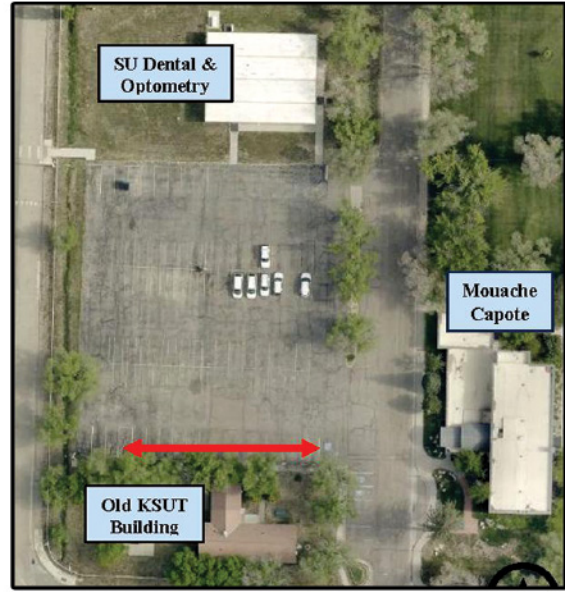


Old KSUT Radio Station Parking Lot Closure

The Tribe’s Environmental Programs Department plans to remove hazardous materials from the old KSUT Radio Station. The property is located at 123 Capote Drive. Remediation will commence on June 24, 2024, and last six to eight weeks. Remediation will consist of removal of interior and exterior hazardous materials and replacement of the roof, without compromising the building structure. Contractors will use safety measures during remediation to protect tribal staff and mitigate any public health or environmental risks.

Remediation activities require ample space for the contractor’s vehicles and waste receptor, so the first row of the south parking lot will be closed for the six to eight weeks of project work. Please consider parking in other areas during this time. The parking lot closure will be reopened following completion of remediation activities.

If you have any questions, please contact Remediation Program Manager, Mitch Dorsk, at 970-563-2272, or Remediation Scientist I, Crystal Kelly, at 970-563-2217.



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Multi - Purpose Facility July 2024 Events

Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday July 13, 9:00 AM—4:00 PM

Quilt Class—Tuesday & Thursday July 16 & 18, —10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday July 19, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Traditional Beading & Sewing—Tuesday—Thursday July 23, 24 & 25, Day - 10:00 AM—3:30 PM Evenings— Wed & Thurs.5:30 PM—7:30 PM

Special Events

Youth Crafting—Wednesday July 17, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

MPF Haunted House Food Sale—Wednesday July 31, —11:30 AM—2:30 PM

Classes are open to the public—call to sign -up & for a supply list

• Events are subject to change—watch for announcements

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The MPF will be Closed July 4, 5 & 22, 2024



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Division of Social Services

JULY IS BEREAVED PARENTS AWARENESS MONTH

Bereaved Parents Awareness Month is recognized every year in July. It is dedicated to raising awareness about the grief parents go through after the unfortunate loss of a child and the kind of support needed to overcome this unimaginable grief.

Facts about Bereavement:

- Those left behind:** Each death leaves behind an average of four to five mourners.
- Time heals grief:** For most people, extreme feelings of grief begin to go away after six months of the tragedy.
- Caregivers may process grief differently:** People caring for someone with a long-term illness might begin their grieving process while the loved one is still alive.
- Yearning takes over:** Studies have found that in the two years after a death, the most reported symptom is yearning for the person who is gone.
- Complicated grief:** Research has found that if symptoms of grief aren't fading away by six months after the loss, it may be a sign of a more serious problem called "complicated grief."

Why Parent Bereavement awareness is important:

It normalizes talking about tragedy: Many people who have experienced the death of a child find it hard to talk about the child. People often avoid mentioning the person's name or even talking about it as they think it can cause pain to the mourners. But sharing feelings always helps overcome grief.

Many people go through it: By the age of 70, 15% of American parents have lost a child, which is a greater number than many of us would have assumed. Bereavement affects a lot of parents around the world and although they might get better with time, they will always appreciate any support.

It's an extremely stressful event: Losing a child is one of the worst things that can happen to a person. It's safe to say that it's every parent's biggest nightmare. Such an event can have harmful effects on the parents, including depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, marital disruption, and even premature death.

Tips for friends and family members:

Offer support: Social support becomes more important than ever during times of grief. Even if you feel uncomfortable at first or are unsure of how to console a bereaved parent, try to at least be there for them.

Even something as simple as being a good listener can be extremely comforting.

Lend an ear: Listen to any parents you know who are going through this difficult time and provide support. Offer to do small chores for them if you feel they might be finding it hard to cope with other aspects of their lives.

It's ok to say the child's name: as parents want to hear their child's name spoken. Be the first to say their name and let the other person know it is okay for them to say their name too, as often, people are afraid they will upset the parent by talking about them. This allows for conversation and positive mental health healing.

You are not alone:

Angeline Whitehorse Family Therapist Social Services 970-563-2335

INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS Federal Indian Boarding Schools in Colorado examined by State Archeologist

Staff report
GLOBAL VILLAGE MUSEUM

Dr. Norton led the research project required by state House Bill 22-1327, which directed History Colorado to investigate the lived experiences of students at the one-time federal Native American boarding school in Hesperus, Colo., also referred to as the Fort Lewis Indian Boarding School. The non-profit division of the Colorado Department of Higher Education was also tasked with identifying potential burial places of students who perished while attending the school.

"The report discusses the foundation of the Federal Indian Education system and its goal of erasing Indigenous cultures and assimilating Native Americans into Euro-American society," said Dr. Norton. "The assimilationist practices of the federal government caused lasting intergenerational trauma." The report was delivered to the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs in June 2023.

The History and Trauma of Colorado's Federal Indian Schools will be presented by Holly Kathryn Norton, History Colorado's State Archeologist, from 6-7:30 pm Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Global Village Museum of Arts and Cultures. The presentation will profile History Colorado's report entitled Federal Indian Schools in Colorado, 1880-1920.

The presentation is in conjunction with the Museum's Main Gallery exhibit, One World, One Family, which portrays the beauty and cultures of indigenous civilizations. The Museum's Hall Gallery displays photographs of Native American objects. Both exhibits run through Sept. 21.

Tickets to the presentation are \$10 per person, and reservations are required at globalvillagemuseum.org. Refreshments will be served, and program registration includes free admission to the Museum's four galleries.

The Global Village Museum is located at 200 West Mountain Avenue, and Museum hours are 11 am to 5 pm Tuesday through Saturday. Regular admission is \$5 for adults, \$3 for seniors and students, \$1 for ages 4-15, and free for children three and under. Adult tours receive discounted admission of \$3/person. For more information and closure dates during the change of exhibits, visit globalvillagemuseum.org or call 970-221-4600.

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- NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 28TH THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- DEC. 9TH / 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
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- Transfer Station is CLOSED on Thursday (7/4) and Friday (7/5), reopening on Saturday, July 6th.
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JR. HIGH RODEO FINALS

Fantastic first ride for Rima

Ignacio mid-schooler scores NJHFR top-20



courtesy Jennings Rodeo Photography

Ignacio's Kodi Mae Rima and her mount make sure their objective stays secured during the 2024 National Junior High Finals Rodeo's girls' goat tying competition. Though not as successful in Des Moines, Iowa, as she ended up being in pole bending, Rima still placed 52nd out of 180 competitors in the event as a NJHFR rookie.

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Five seconds probably cost her top-five standing on the biggest stage.

But still didn't deny Ignacio's Kodi Mae Rima a top-20 result at the 2024 National Junior High Finals Rodeo – and definitely didn't dash her hopes of returning to the same site in '25, when goings will be as exciting but yet old (cowboy) hat.

And when the Centennial State will still be seeking its first-ever winner in pole bending.

Fortunate to travel to Des Moines, Iowa, this summer in the event after finishing fourth in the Colorado Junior High Rodeo Association's year-end points, Rima effectively became the state's No. 1 by way of placing 14th overall. Set to begin her eighth-grade studies this fall, she earned a spot in the specialty's 20-rider short go-round Saturday night, June 29, by clocking a combined 41.715 seconds on two tries – both ranking second within their respective performances – earlier in the week.

"I was walking across the stage, which recognized the top 20 contestants ... and I was holding back the 'happy' tears," Rima recalled Tuesday morning, July 9, in a phone

interview. "I could not believe I made it to the top 20! And I didn't make only myself proud, but all supporters and family and friends."

After the first long go, Rima stood 17th with a 21.072, while Eagle Mountain, Utah's Taytum Anderson paced all with her 20.13. "That was a little slower," Rima said of her pass, "but I was trying to play it safe because of how close the end pole was to the fence."

Finding a bit more speed and control the morning of the 28th, Rima's improved 20.643 trailed only the 20.527 of Stanfield, Arizona's Southern Keith for the session lead, and held up for 11th in the second go as she became a buckle contender.

"I just felt a lot more confident," Rima said. "Like, me and (my horse) together knowing how close the end pole is, and just knowing a little bit about the arena from the first day. When I went to go check myself in, I realized that this was getting real!"

Returning once more to the Iowa State Fairgrounds' Jacobson Arena for the aforementioned short go, Rima – royalty Princess of Durango's 2024 True Western Roundup – clocked an unlucky 17th-place 26.085 while Corah Brunson of Terry, Miss., posted a winning 19.688.

"What they do ... every time that you hit a pole, they add five seconds to your original time," Rima explained, not sounding as dejected as she did educated on how to better avoid a similar bobble in the future. "I'm hoping I can return."

"I was really surprised I made it this far," she continued, "especially with it being my first (NJHFR). The horsemanship I have ... takes a lot, just to bond with your horse(s) and have a really good relationship with them."

Anderson, meanwhile, emerged as NJHFR World Champion by totaling 60.302 seconds on her three successful out-and-back weaves through the sticks. Jackson, Minnesota's Sadie Hotzler (60.477) wasn't far behind, third place went to Reese Chaffin (61.079) of Kinder, La., and fourth to Brunson (61.524). Rima ended up posting a total time of 67.800 seconds.

Cortez's Jayleigh Gordanier finished 57th in the average, clocking 46.632 for her two assured attempts. Olney Springs' Gyntri Hughes (43.046/2) narrowly missed making the short go and ended up 24th, and Wetmore's Avery Draper (47.072/2) placed 62nd – landing Team Colorado all

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5K Heat Wave Hustle



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Glen and Barbara Walker make their way across the finish line, successfully completing the 5K Walk/Run event at SunUte Park Wednesday, June 26. Fitness Trainer, Eliyah Lucero presented the Walkers with a Nike athletic gear tote as a prize following the event. The Walkers are longtime Ignacio residents, and avid runners in the community.



Participants in the 5K SunUte Heat Wave Hustle, Cindy Valdez and Lilly Powell strike a pose after finishing the three-mile course at SunUte Park, Wednesday, June 26.



The 5K SunUte Heat wave Hustle was hosted by SunUte Fitness, Wednesday, June 26, at SunUte Park. SunUte who made the run/walk event possible stand together for a photo at the end of the day (Pictured left to right) Recreation Manager, Kelsey Frost; Fitness Director, Abel Velasquez; SunUte Community Center Director, Morgann Graham; and Fitness Trainer Trainee, Jakob Box.

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INTRODUCING LAY COUNSEL • FROM PAGE 1

ment, attend law school, and work to assist youth.

Tasha Rodriguez is a Southern Ute tribal member, and she has been working as a paralegal for nine years. Before that, she worked in the Southern Ute Tribal Court as a court clerk and briefly worked with dispatch. Gabby Herrera is also a Southern Ute tribal member and has been working as a legal assistant for the Legal Department since 2021 following her graduation from Fort Lewis College.

A lay counselor or a lay advocate is a person who is a non-lawyer and who is qualified by the Court to represent a party in a court case. Lay counselors are held to the same standards and are entitled to the same rights, privileges, obligations, and duties as an attorney admitted to practice before court. Job qualifications include eligibility to practice as a lay counselor in Tribal Court, general knowledge of tribal jurisdiction and Indian law, experience as a legal secretary, court clerk or paralegal, and have a Bachelor of Arts in law enforcement, criminal justice, or related studies.

"My role as a lay counselor is to work with the tribal prosecutor and represent the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, I have my own case load and work with various

departments such as SUPD, probation, public defenders, and victim services to achieve resolution," Herrera said. "As lay counselors, we also have the opportunity to work with other matters within the Legal Department that aren't criminal, so we can expand our knowledge. I also perform various assistant duties such as drafting motions, compiling discovery for cases, reviewing discovery, interviewing witnesses, data entry, etc."

This position has been challenging, but equally rewarding for the pair in their individual career paths, gaining firsthand experience in a law office and guidance from their peers helping them discover their passion in law.

"For me in five to ten years I want to continue working with the Tribe serving my tribal membership, with my lay advocate position I am leaning towards civil cases," Rodriguez said. "Helping families and speaking on their behalf, working with juveniles is really big for me that is my passion—through these nine years I was able to work my way up and I feel like I have gained a lot of knowledge and experience."

"This position has been very valuable to me in my career as I work towards my juris degree, the experi-

ence I am gaining in court and within the legal department has effectively provided me with the necessary tools needed to understand the content in law school," Herrera said. "The attorneys here have guided me on how to apply for law school, where to find study materials, how to manage my time and have given me advice on what to expect—in five years I see myself as a lawyer, I would like to work for the Tribe or the State, eventually I would like become a United States Attorney and then a judge."

Lay advocates are crucial in Indian Country as they close the legal representation gap that is needed in rural areas of reservations where there may not be enough attorneys available. Lay counselors or advocates are significant not only for membership representation, but also for tribes as sovereign nations.

"Being in court in front of the judge, opposing counsel, and defendants can be very intimidating, but having the prosecutor there to guide me helped ease my nerves," Herrera said. "I have been in court for almost a year now and I still feel like I am learning new things every week."

"With this lay counsel position, I hope this inspires people to be like 'I can do that.'"

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

Green,
It just hasn't been the same since you left. We miss your teasing, crazy laugh, and your kindness.
You left so suddenly without a hug, smile or a see you later. You broke our hearts into pieces when you left to be with Creator. We know you are in a better place with Creator in his glory.
We miss and love you Green.

Raymond Frost and Family

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Membership Memories

ROLE OF THE WOMAN IN THE SUN DANCE CIRCLE

By Sunshine Cloud Smith
Words of Wisdom from the Lodge of Edwin Cloud - Sun Dance Chief 1850 - 1946
It is the women who are in the Medicine Lodge, singing and praying who support the Dancers. Women have certain obligations! The women must wear a dress and a shawl, when sitting on the left side (drum side) of the Medicine Lodge and to bring a prayer brush (willows) to sing.
But before the Sun dance they have to refrain from cohabitating with their companion, (if he's a participant of the Sun dance) a month before and a month after Sun dance. Women cannot be around the Inner Circle, (the one that has the Medicine Lodge within) if they are pregnant, menstruating, nursing, or who have had a child within two months of the Sun dance.

No metal chairs or anything that will reflect the sun should be taken into the Lodge.
Women sit on the left side only. Do not ever touch the drum or any man within the Medicine Lodge or any of the Dancers. Women cannot even touch a Sun dancer's clothing or other items except when they are being made.
Women need to bring fresh mint leaves, sage, tobacco, and willows (all to be cut by hand) to the Dancers, but to enter when the drumming has stopped and ask the Doorman to go up and call the Dancer. Everyone needs to wait until the Drum stops to enter and to keep the Doorway open. Never block the doorway. No loud talking, arguing or laughing in the Lodge as this is a sacred place and must be revered as such; Respect, Honor and Dignity Always. Women who want to fast need to stay in the Camp area as a protection for themselves from outside contamination.
This is what every female over the age of twelve has always known if she is from a Sun dance Family. As we have gotten away from our traditions, this is just a reminder of what a woman has to do for the Sun dance and is not intended as belittlement but rather as a lesson for everyone; to protect the Dancers, Singers, Police Officers, Cooks, Fireman, and all the participants. To keep the Sun Dance a strong blessing for All People. The Sun dance is not a three or four day ceremony but rather a Sacred Way of Life for all.
When you enter the Medicine Lodge, shed your hate, purge your heart of all bad things, for hate is the sickness of the Spirit, poison to the Soul. The way of the Great Spirit is Love, Peace and Harmony. Many seek Him, not all find Him. With pure heart and soul, the Great Spirit will touch you and uplift you to soar with Him like an Eagle.
We are all One with the Great Spirit.

Women cannot wear any type of revealing clothing; tank, tube or halter tops, shorts, sundresses or any jewelry. Mirrored sunglasses, perfumes, hairsprays, perfumed lotions, suntan oil or lotion, face powder or talcum powder or anything else with a strong smell such as soaps, deodorants, etc., are also inappropriate. Please bathe before you go to the Sun dance as the Dancers have a sharper sense of smell!
Women also need to supervise their children as they are a distraction to the Dancer when they run around and play within the Inner Circle. Do not let them near the Drums, the Tipi or the outdoor privy near the Lodge. That privy is for the Dancers only! Also do not let the children play near the fire. Actually small children should stay at the camp or at home with a babysitter.
In this modern day leave your stereos, radio, tape recorders, and camcorders at home. Turn your car radio off when you enter the Sun dance Circle. No gun-chewing or hard candies are allowed within the Inner Circle and definitely no food, liquids, alcohol or drugs.

respectfully submitted by Leonora Burch

The above clipping was submitted by Leonora Burch. The article by Sunshine Cloud Smith was published in the July 6, 1990 issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

19th Annual
PARTY IN THE PARK

Bee Taylor
with Special Guests
The Brass Queens

Friday, July 26
Buckley Park, Durango
\$20 Advance / \$25 at the Gate

Join us in celebrating 124 years of
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Ignacio, CO

Parade Theme -
"Para Celebrar" - Gathering Together...

Saturday, July 27, 2024

PARK EVENTS
After the parade - Gather at the Ignacio Town Park for events. Sponsored by Ignacio Creative District. Contact Eva at (970)442-0943 for more information.

PARADE
Saturday, 10:00 a.m.
Registration & Line up at Ignacio High School. Lineup begins at 9:00 a.m. Get form online or register at school. **NO ENTRY FEE-CASH PRIZES!** Visit our website or call the number below.

DANCE
"Cuarenta y Cinco Band"
Dance at Sky Ute Casino 8:00 p.m. - 12:00 p.m. Sponsored by Tom & Connie Atencio Call (970)442-1553 for details.

Sunday - July 28, 2024

San Ignacio Fiesta Mass
St. Ignatius Church
15449 Hwy 172
11:00 a.m.
Honoring our patron saint, St. Ignatius of Loyola

After Sunday Mass join us for Dinner (donations appreciated) Music Silent Auction Pinata for kids Annual Raffle Drawing at 2 p.m. - Multiple Prizes Tickets \$1 ea. or 6/\$5. Call number below for tickets. Call 970-749-6830 for info

Everyone is invited to all events!

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
July 26
EARLY
Deadline:
July 19

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Notice of Proposed Amendments to Title 12 – Range Code & Request for Tribal Member Comments

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking comments from Southern Ute Tribal members on proposed amendments to the Range Code. A copy of the amended Range Code can be found on the Southern Ute Drum news website: <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Title-12-Range-Code-Revised-Public-Comment-clean-version-25JUN2024.pdf> Please use the contact numbers at the end of this notice to obtain a hard copy of the proposed Range Code amendments or to submit comments. The Range Code amendments were developed by the Range Division and reviewed by the Natural Resources, Justice & Regulatory, and Legal Departments. The Range Code is Title 12 in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Law and Order Code.

Public Comments: The Tribal Council requests that all Tribal Members review the revised code and provide comments no later than August 1, 2024 to the Legal Department at:

Email: Feather Astor at: fastor@southernute-nsn.gov or Jason Mietchen at: jmietchen@southernute-nsn.gov

Mail: Feather Astor, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

Phone: (970) 563-2144

Website: Southern Ute Drum - <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Title-12-Range-Code-Revised-Public-Comment-clean-version-25JUN2024.pdf>

For further information please contact: Lorelyn Hall, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone (970) 563-2141; email: lhall@southernute-nsn.gov

The Range Division and Legal Departments will also host two Public Meetings for Southern Ute Tribal members only:

- Date: July 15, 2024, Sun Ute Community Center from 12:00-1:00 pm
- Date: July 31, 2024, Sun Ute Community Center from 4:00-6:00pm

Notice of Proposed Amendments to Title 26 – Liquor Code & Request for Comments

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking comments on proposed amendments to the Liquor Code. A copy of the amended Liquor Code can be found on the Southern Ute Drum news website: <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Revised-Liquor-Code-Public-Comment-Version-26JUN2024.pdf>. Please use the contact numbers at the end of this notice to obtain a hard copy of the proposed Liquor Code amendments or to submit comments.

The Liquor Code amendments were developed by a committee including the Justice & Regulatory and Legal Departments. The Liquor Code is Title 26 in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Law and Order Code.

Public Comments: The Tribal Council requests that all Tribal Members review the revised code and provide comments no later than August 12, 2024 to the Legal Department at:

Email: lhall@southernute-nsn.gov

Mail: Lorelyn Hall, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

Hand delivery: Legal Department, Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.

Phone: (970) 563-2144

Website: Southern Ute Drum - <https://www.sudrum.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/Revised-Liquor-Code-Public-Comment-Version-26JUN2024.pdf>

For further information please contact: Lorelyn Hall, Legal Department, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137; telephone (970) 563-2141; email: lhall@southernute-nsn.gov

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Krislynn Nikole Thompson, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2024-0046-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Krislynn Nikole Thompson has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Krislynn Nikole Romero. 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 **JULY 22, 2024**, by 9:00 AM. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 4th day of June 2024.
BY THE COURT,
Elizabeth Benally, Court Clerk

SoCoCAA Youth Services (grades 6-12; 970-759-2011)

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Until Friday July 26th

Piiinu Núuchi Farmers Market & Outdoor Biz Lab Postponed

Unfortunately, we have had to make the decision to postpone the launch of the Piiinu Núuchi Farmers Market & Outdoor Biz Lab. We did not receive enough completed vendor registrations by the Monday at 5pm deadline to move forward with having the market this week. We also spoke with a few folks who said they were interested in being vendors but won't have anything to sell for a few more weeks. In order to accommodate some of those folks and give us time to recruit more vendors we have made the decision to delay the start of the Farmers Market Season to Friday, July 26, 2024. We will extend the season for an additional two-weeks into October to keep with the originally planned 12 market dates for those vendors who have already paid for the full season. We will issue refunds as well to anyone who would prefer that option. On the bright side we will also be extending the deadline to sign-up for the full season and receive a discount to Monday, July 22 at 10 p.m.! We have received tons of positive feedback and a lot of great comments from people stating how excited they are to see this event come to our community. We still really want to see it happen and be successful, but to get there we need your help! If you know anyone who might have some extra fruits, veggies, etc. to sell please encourage them to register for the Farmers Market by visiting the below link.

Piiinu Núuchi Farmers Market Vendor Registration:
https://southernute.na2.adobesign.com/public/esignWidget?wid=CBFC1BAA3AAABLblQzhDRTBieR2azaJ2U-uauIEWqiWiro0Os_Ax2ZamFDcvxy9NYI3gbFKNDZg6ShdykU0

Remember ALL are welcome and you don't need to be a seasoned farmers market veteran to be a vendor. There is also no season long commitment required. Pick some stuff from your garden, come join us for the first couple of markets, and see how it goes. You might just enjoy it more than you think ... and making a little extra spending money is always nice!

Thanks,
The Southern Ute Economic Development Team

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JOB FAIR

Thursday, August 8, 2024 10AM-1PM

Human Resources Department (3rd Floor of Casino)
14324 Hwy 172 N, Ignacio, CO

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You can also apply at the job fair, HR representatives will be there to assist you.

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Request for Bids Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting Bids for the Southern Ute Fair Powwow on September 6th, 7th, 8th, 2024.

CATERING

The Southern Ute Committee is requesting bids for the Southern Ute Fair Powwow on Sept. 6th, 7th, 8th, 2024.

- **CATERING FOR 50 PEOPLE.**
- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 2024.**
- SATURDAY, SEPT. 7 – BRUNCH, Beginning at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- SATURDAY, EVENING, Sept 7. – DINNER, Beginning at 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- SUNDAY, Sept. 8 – BRUNCH, Beginning at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.

CLEANING CREW

The Southern Ute Committee is requesting bids for Cleaning Crew.

- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 2024.**
- FRIDAY, EVENING: Check-in time 3 p.m. – 5 p.m.
- SATURDAY: Check-in at 10 a.m. –12 p.m. till 1-hour after closing of powwow.
- SUNDAY: Check-in at 10 a.m. – 11 p.m. till 1-hour after closing of powwow.
- The Cleaning Crew will consist of (4) cleaning staff. The Powwow Committee will provide trash bags.

SECURITY

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is Requesting bids for Security.

- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 2024.**
- FRIDAY EVENING: Check-in at 3 p.m.
- SATURDAY: Check-in at 10 a.m. – 12 p.m.
- SUNDAY: Check-in at 10 a.m. – 11 p.m.

SOUNDSYSTEM

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is requesting bids for Soundsystem.

- **FRIDAY, SEPT. 6, SATURDAY, SEPT. 7, SUNDAY, SEPT. 8, 2024.**
- FRIDAY EVENING: Set-up before 5 p.m.
- SUNDAY EVENING: Take down after powwow.

DEADLINE JULY 26, 2024, AT 5:00PM

Please submit bids to Valerie Armstrong, Secretary.

Southern Ute Powwow Committee P.O Box 737 # 16, Ignacio CO 81137 or soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

Should you have any question, contact Valerie Armstrong 970-317-3585

Specials Request – Southern Ute Fair Powwow September 6, 7, and 8, 2024

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is taking special requests during the Southern Ute Fair Powwow of September 6, 7, and 8, 2024, must submit in writing to the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. Specify the date and time, include a phone number, and submit to the Committee's Secretary Valerie Armstrong at P.O. Box 737 #16 Ignacio, CO 81137 or you can email to: soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov. Should you have any questions please call (970) 317-3585. Deadline to submit is August 1, 2024, at 5:00 pm.

Thank you,
Valerie Armstrong, Secretary
Southern Ute Powwow Committee

Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center Seeking Board Members

Open Until Filled – 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>

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COME AND JOIN!! JOHNSON-O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Johnson-O'Malley (JOM) has four vacancies to be filled.

- Committee member
- Committee member
- Committee member
- Vice-chair (to be elected by committee)

1. To be eligible to become a JOM committee member you must have a student(s) in the Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District
2. Student(s) must be registered with the JOM program
3. Write a letter of interest as to why you want to be on the committee. This position is a volunteer position to support our students. If selected, you will serve on the committee for 2 years

The committee
meets on the
first Monday of
every month!



Contact Education Specialist, Southern Ute Education,
Kaylyn LeClaire
for more information: kleclair@southernute-nsn.gov OR
(970)563-0237 ext. 2793

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

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. Responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application on the www.bgsu.org website or by request and returned to Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov.

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill One vacancy for “Alternate Member-At-Large” 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.

POWWOW COMMITTEE

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

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has one (1) vacancy. The Committee shall include 5 members which shall be appointed by Tribal Council. The Committee shall include employ-

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

TERO COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) Southern Ute Tribal member at-large Commissioners to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following requirements: TRIBAL MEMBER AT-LARGE: Not currently employed by the Tribal Government or the Growth Fund; Does not own or operate a certified Indian Owned Business; Experience or expertise in administrative hearing procedures; Eighteen (18) years of age or older; Good character; and Ability to observe restrictions concerning conflict of interest and confidentiality. Submit your Letter of Interest to the TERO Division or send letter to TERO Division, P.O. Box 737, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call TERO, at (970) 563-0117 or (970) 563-0100 ext. 2291. TERO is located in the J&R Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way, (north of the Tribal Court building).

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION

Open Until Filled – 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.

TRIBAL MEMBERS: WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill THREE seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe are compensated \$20 per hour for meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through 5 p.m. Thursday, August, 15.

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, 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**

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

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

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations. Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Adult Education Program Specialist

Closes 7/16/24 – Administers the Adult Education Program, aids Tribal adults and other eligible Native Americans to improve educational levels and assists with the Distance Learning Program. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$54,086/year.

Communications Manager – Dispatch

Closes 7/22/24 – Under general supervision of the Chief of Police, this position provides day-to-day management and oversight to the Communication Center operations staff (Dispatchers) including planning, developing, coordinating, supervising, and reviewing all aspects of the work of employees. Pay grade E16; Pay starts at \$77,627/annually.

Patrol Officer Trainee

Closes 7/22/24 – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N11; Pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

Substance Abuse Lead Therapist

Closes 7/26/24 – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis treatment. Will supervise day-to-day services, counselors, and therapists within the Substance Abuse program. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$86,943/year.

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.

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; the Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

Custodian

Open Until Filled – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

Dentist (Part-time with 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. Responsibilities also include 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; the 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. The 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.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally

appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each 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 in order 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, incumbent 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, incumbent 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 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/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.

Home & Community Health Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Management and administration of all Home and Community Health Services, programs, and projects within the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Services Division. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume system located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/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. The 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.

Museum Business Manager

Open Until Filled – Performs administrative support and office management for the Southern Ute Museum including budget preparation, report writing, office records management, reception/clerical services, and gift shop management. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/annually.

Museum Director

Open Until Filled – Leading overall operations, and day-to-day management of the museum. Plans, develops, coordinates, implements, and evaluates all aspects of the museum's activities and operations, including public relations, marketing, and promotional aspects. Primary responsibilities include following the Museum's statement, strategic planning, implementing policies, developing programs, budget management, and identifying new funding sources. Pay grade E18 / \$99,984/annually.

NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects. 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

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.

Finance and Accounting Manager – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/19/24 – Managing all accounting, reporting and compliance functions of GF Private Equity Group including financial and managerial reporting functions, overseeing the recording of transactions, preparing forecasts, preparation and management of the annual audit process, and providing financial analysis to support company objectives. Maintaining an adequate internal control environment, accounting practices, principles, and procedures.

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

Closes 7/19/24 – Management of all technical aspects of the compliance program for the Department of Energy (DOE). Oversee environmental and reclamation inspections in a variety of aspects of oil and gas development; drafts permit stipulations, conditions of approval, remediation actions and other documents; ensures compliance with applicable Tribal and Federal stipulations and regulations associated with energy-related projects. Provides oversight of spill response and remediation actions and works with other agencies to educate Operators concerning Federal and Tribal regulations and expectations to maintain compliance.

Construction Coordinator – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/19/24 – Providing support and coordination of activities between Operations and Engineering for the design and construction of Red Willow wellsites, pipeline systems, compression, dehydration, and water facilities; as well as engage in active participation in project scope development and planning. Monitors projects and their progress to assure schedule coordination with Operations and monitors contractor performance and cost control. Application of, and compliance with Red Willow construction and safety policies and procedures.

HR Training and Development Coordinator – Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 7/26/24 – 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.

SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

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

Road Runner Transit:

- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance (Part-time) \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled
- Transit Driver/Bus Cleaner (Full time) \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled
- Transit Driver (Full time) \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled

SoCoCAA Central Administration:

- Executive/Development Director, \$75,275 - \$82,638/yr., Open Until Filled (Up to \$3,000 in relocation expenses available.)

Youth Hunting Program Mentors

The Wildlife Division is seeking Southern Ute Tribal members who are interested in becoming a Mentor for the Youth Hunting Program for Fall of 2024. The Youth Hunting Program is a free hunting mentorship opportunity for youth to ensure their first experiences in the field are safe.

Mentor Eligibility Requirements:

- 1) Mentors must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member.
- 2) Mentors must be 18 years or older.
- 3) Mentors must be proficient in hunting/field dressing.



Please call the Wildlife Division for more information and to submit your name to become a mentor.

(970) 563-0130

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

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; the Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/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 \$26.00/hour.

Police Sergeant

Open Until Filled – Coordinates the efforts of the officers and dispatchers to achieve the objectives of the Police Department and in the absence of the Police Lieutenant will command the Southern Ute Police Department. Pay grade N16; Pay starts at \$37.32/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.

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 (Southern Ute Members & 1st Descendants only)

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 activ-

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

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Umpire/Referee

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

Bell Person (Full-time)
 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.

***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. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

***Count Team Staff (Full-time)**
 Retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. It is the job of the Count Team to pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming's Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

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

***Event Staff**
 Assisting in set-up, serving, tear down, clean-up, and re-set of events in all Banquet areas. Will act as a guest service representative at Banquets and related events. Requires that you achieve and maintain the highest level of guest service as well as maintaining professional interactions, safe working conditions, and teamwork.

***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.

***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.

***Guest Relations Manager (Full-time)**
 Operational oversight and administration of the staffing requirements and schedules of the Sky Ute Casino Aces Club Player's Club Representatives and Player Hosts. 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. A complete understanding of player data and player development philosophies. 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.

***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.

***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.

Level I Facilities Staff (Part-time)
 Entry level position, reports to the Facilities Supervisor on shift and will be responsible for supporting the operation of equipment, environmental condition, and appearance of the overall facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment, and building.

***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.

***Marketing Coordinator (Full-time)**
 Reports to the Marketing Director. Supports the Marketing team in all phases of advertising and promotional administrative operations. Requires strong interpersonal skills, customer service skills, telephone skills, computer skills and attention to detail.

***Night Auditor (Full-time)**
 Provides outstanding customer service to internal and external customers and promotes the Casino Hotel. Answering phones, assisting guests with questions regarding Casino services, taking reservations and charging for services.

***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.

***Promotions Coordinator (Full-time)**
 Leading special events and promotions from conception to post event follow up. Working closely with the Marketing team on design work and copywriting, as well as implementing the marketing strategy while maintaining the highest level of customer service and guest interaction. Communicating with advertising agencies to coordinate all Marketing assets for events and promotions. Reports directly to the Marketing Manager.

***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.

***Sales Associate (Full-time)**
 Will be the focal point in establishing and maintaining working relationships with our customers. To increase sales revenues and contribute to slot revenue.

***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. Guest and employee safety on property.

***Senior 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.

***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 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.

***Specialized Facilities Technician (Full-time)**
 Maintaining the electrical and mechanical functions, operation of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility. Works as a professionally trained individual with the team to ensure smooth operations of the facility. Trained and certified or holds a license that is construction/maintenance specific.

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

***Willows Busser (Full-time)**
 Perform multiple tasks and duties within the restaurant and kitchen as instructed by supervisor and management. Clearing off and sanitizing tables for the next group of guests, disposing of trash and other waste and keeping the restaurant stocked with adequate supplies such as: plates, glasses, silverware, and napkins. Will help cooks, servers and dishwashers perform small tasks as needed.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

- Athletic Trainer
- Bus Driver
- High School Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach
- Middle School Basketball Assistant Coach
- Middle School Cross Country Head Coach
- Secondary Social Studies Teacher

Quichas Apartment for Rent

3BR/2.5 BA. \$1,200/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at kmorris@sugf.com. Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick up an application in person at the GF Properties Group office: 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and returned by 5 p.m., July 25, 2024. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

Tribal Wills Clinic • Winter 2024

Southern Ute Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado
 December 27, 28, 30 & 31

To make appointment call John Roach at 505-716-6788

Celebrate a well-lived life by making sure that your wishes are carried out by the next generation. To make sure that your wishes are respected after you pass, please consider drafting a will, either through our program or with a local attorney.

IIIM ACCOUNT HOLDERS

Please request from BTFa a copy of your **Individual Tribal Interest Report (ITI)**, and bring it with you.

WHY WILLS?

- Federal law includes provisions that say how Indian Trust Lands pass after a Tribal Member passes on.
- Over time, parcels may have been split into hundreds of small shares as Indian Trust Land passed from generation to generation. This process is called "fractionation."
- A federal law, A.I.P.R.A., is now attempting to decrease fractionation by providing that most Indian Trust Land will go only to the one oldest descendant – unless the owner writes a will.
- To make sure that your Trust Land, and other important items of property go to the people you want to have that property, you should write a will.

The Tribal Wills Clinic is a group of volunteers including law students and licensed attorneys, who donate their time to help Tribal Members write wills.

WHAT DOES IT COST?

- Our services are entirely free.
- At a law firm in Denver, the cost for a will would be about \$2,500 and the process would take about two weeks.

HOW LONG DOES THE PROCESS TAKE?

- About two hours on two different days.
- On the first day you will talk with a law student about what you would like to have included in your documents. You will have plenty of time to ask questions.
- That night the law student will write up all of the documents, and have them checked by a licensed attorney.
- On a second day, when the documents are ready, you will come back for the signing ceremony, which will take at least an hour, as the law student goes over everything to be sure that it is right.

THINGS TO THINK ABOUT FOR A WILL

- **Names of Friends and Family who will be Included in the Will** – To save time at the interview, write down the names of the friends and family you want to mention in the will. Include the birthdate, address, cellphone number, enrollment or census number for each person, if you know it.
- **Special Gifts** – What is important for specific family members to have?
- **Personal Representative** – Who should take charge to make sure your wishes are carried out after you pass on?
- **Joint Tenants or Tenants in Common** – If you want to give a piece of land to be owned by several people at the same time, you will need to decide whether you want them to own the property as **Joint Tenants** or as **Tenants in Common**.
- **Joint Tenants** means that the last person surviving will own all of the land. **Tenants in Common** means that as each person passes on, that person's share goes into his or her estate. The law student will explain more about this.

WE ARE HIRING

HEALTH WITHOUT BARRIERS

Help your community live healthier and happier.

Train to be a Health Without Barriers program facilitator

Scan the QR code or contact Nicole to learn more and apply:

Phone: 970-382-6461

Email nicole.clark@colostate.edu

Requirements :

- High School Diploma or GED Equivalent
- Ability to facilitate discussion in a group setting
- Interest in promoting health
- Enjoys working with adults and youth of all ages
- Builds trust with program participants
- Familiarity with the community (county) in which the program is offered
- Basic nutrition and physical activity knowledge
- Demonstrates patience while working with younger children

JOB DESCRIPTION

Join our whole- family program as a facilitator teaching the Health Without Barriers curriculum to parents, teens (11- 19), and/or siblings (under 11).

Choose one topic to teach: mindfulness, parenting support, early childhood health education, physical activity, and nutrition/cooking.

- Part-time, periodic work after traditional work hours (roughly 10 hours/week during 6 week program).
- Includes professional development and training opportunities
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well within the upper half of the event's 180 finishers (hailing from Holly but representing the Kansas Junior High School Rodeo Association, Briley Seufer came in 119th), and helping the squad ultimately accumulate a fourth-place 2,160 points. All told, only Minnesota (2,405), Utah (4,020) and Texas (5,190) registered more.

On the boys' side, Colorado racked up a third-place 4,325 points – and thereby clinched third in the combined standings with a grand total of 6,265. Texas (10,455) topped the table and Utah (8,730) was runner-up.

In the girls' goat tying competition, two Colorado entrants both placed top-20 after reaching the Saturday short go, though Rima wasn't one. Granby's Sego Krempin finished ninth overall in a total time of 27.34 seconds for her three successful attempts, and Wray's Kaycee Clark – representing Team Kansas – totaled a tenth-place 27.81.

Kenna Hodson of Hooper, Utah, won World Champion status by securing her three goats in 24.97 seconds, while Rima ended up 52nd (again out of 180) by totaling 22.31 seconds on her two guaranteed tries.

"I was not expecting to make it in two events," she admitted. "Also, I was not expecting that many contestants!"

Thanking not only her family members for their backing – and especially her mother's hours behind the steering wheel – Rima wished to also credit Ignacio Middle School Wrestling coach Alex Peña for his on-



courtesy Jennings Rodeo Photography

Ignacio's Kodi Mae Rima and her mount turn tightly around a pole during the 2024 National Junior High Finals Rodeo held in Des Moines, Iowa. Rima not only made it into the event's championship (a.k.a. short) go-round but placed 14th overall as a NJHFR rookie.

and off-mat motivation.

"He's someone in my life that's really encouraged me," she said. "He once told me that you have to put in the extra time and effort if you want to succeed in something you love."

EVEN MORE

Strong in tie-down roping, Kelby Oliver of Cortez, Colo. placed a solid seventh at the NJHFR by securing three head in 39.07 seconds. By comparison, Wharton, Texas' Jeffery Hayes placed

first in 29.19. Also entered in ribbon roping, Oliver and partner Mackenzie Geesen of Kersey finished 29th in the average with a two-head time of 24.23 seconds.

DID YOU KNOW

The National High School Rodeo Association's Junior High division was created in 2004 and the first NJHFR was held in 2005, with Gallup, N.M., its host city from '05-13. The spectacle then first moved to Des Moines, Iowa, for the 2014 and 2015 editions.



Internet-Based Hunter Education Class

Saturday, August 10th, 2024
8 AM - 2 PM

SunUte Community Center
390 Mouache Drive, Ignacio Colorado

Course fees: \$29.50 for the online course and \$10 for the conclusion class

The major portion of this course must be completed online, before attending class on August 10th.

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

Pre-registration is required; register online at register-ed.com/events/view/215463

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

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Dam site in Egypt
- 6 Days of yore
- 10 Arrange
- 11 Actor Danny De ---
- 12 Detail map
- 13 Apsáalooke, they call themselves
- 14 Garnishee
- 16 Abrasion aftermath
- 18 Group attitudes
- 20 It's Japanese for "carp"
- 21 Non-profit broadcaster established by Act of Congress
- 23 Big Band or Cenozoic are examples of one
- 24 Include invisibly in an email
- 25 Many, many years
- 26 Protest
- 28 Abundance, in Chumash
- 30 Dress top
- 33 Drum sound
- 35 Unfortunately
- 36 Dealing with
- 37 Green water growth
- 38 Twelve
- 39 Travoyis

Down

- 1 From Aden to Uelen, roughly
- 2 Dispatched
- 3 They might live in Emerson Town when it is reorganized
- 4 Annoyed
- 5 Groovy
- 6 Electrical insulation material
- 7 Broadcasts
- 8 Former Mohicans who became Christianized
- 9 UMUT HQ
- 15 Moses' mountain
- 17 Big name in pens
- 19 Asian appetizers
- 21 Parisian nose
- 22 Add abundantly
- 27 Arizona Mo
- 29 Kind of sax
- 31 Covered
- 32 Has a look
- 34 Lat partner

Answers will appear in the July 26 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 28, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Hopi, 5 Uzi, 8 Yuman, 9 Singh, 12 An apple a day, 14 War, 15 Lad, 16 Imp, 17 Bram, 19 Ague, 20 Spray paints, 23 Alan, 24 Okla, 25 Cad, 26 Doc, 27 Ngs, 30 Hilton hotel, 33 Sneer, 34 Iller, 35 Yak, 36 Nays.

Down: 1 Huna, 2 Omar bradley, 3 Pap, 4 In play, 5 Used, 6 Zia, 7 Indignantly, 8 Yaw, 10 Gamut, 11 Hypes, 13 Lampoon, 18 Ran, 19 Ail, 20 Sachs, 21 Plain, 22 Ak-chin, 26 Dork, 28 Gees, 29 S-l r, 31 Tea, 32 Ola.

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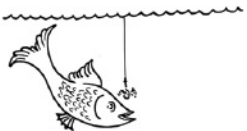


Hours of Operation

Monday - Sunday

Sunup to Sundown

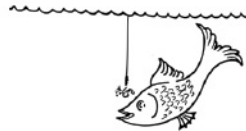
Bait Shop 8:00 am-6:00pm



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LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, July 12



Mostly sunny 90°F
30% chance showers/thunderstorms

Saturday, July 13



Mostly sunny 91°F
40% chance showers/thunderstorms

Sunday, July 14



Mostly sunny 89°F
Chance of afternoon showers/thunderstorms

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

