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**The Southern Ute Drum wins 12 Indigenous Journalists Association awards**

**VOICES FROM THE EDGE**

**Three sister tribes unite for the Tri-Ute Games, an annual youth sporting event**

*By Clark Adomaitis*  
 KSJD/KSUT REPORTER

Earlier in July, the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and Ute Indian tribes got together for their annual friendly sports competition for youth. Youth athlete registration numbers soared as this year's Tri-Ute Games was the first time the event included all three sister tribes since the COVID-19 pandemic, and some registration requirements were opened to second tribal descendants.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

At the Ignacio High School gymnasium, young athletes from the three Ute tribes played volleyball against each other at the annual Tri-Ute games. This year, the Southern Ute Tribe is hosting its sister tribes, the Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian tribes, in Ignacio.

Team Southern Ute assistant archery coach, Jack Frost Jr., lead the older group of boys from Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute, and the Ute Indian Tribe during the archery portion of the Tri-Ute Games on Thursday, July 11. The 3D archery course was set up along the Bear Trail between the Multi-Purpose Facility and the SunUte Community Center. Before starting their friendly competition, the boys gave a cheer, whoop, and holler to have fun and to be safe. The games were hosted by the Southern Ute Tribe and returned to Ignacio this year.

K'ia Whiteskunk is the recreation director for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. She says the three sister tribes' gathering for this annual event shows unity and gives young people a chance to meet friends and relatives.

He's guiding kids running along the road after they've slid down a slip-and-slide.

"We have relatives from the other tribes that we don't get to see. But this is a time that helps youth get to know each other and come together that maybe normally wouldn't. I think also health-wise, difficulties and different diseases and like diabetes ... so keeping the kids active is important," Whiteskunk said.

"The challenge is having them running about half a mile on our Bear Dance trail all the way to the community park... we have various events like army crawl, slip and slide, and three-legged race," Muniz said.

Over at the Southern Ute Bear Trail, athletes in colored shirts run the Ute Warrior challenge.

Muniz says that this year's Tri-Ute games was the first one since the COVID-19 pandemic to see all three tribes reunite. In July 2022, the Ute Games only included two tribes. Temperature checks and COVID masks were mandatory on the host reservation at the time.

Darnell Muniz is a recreation specialist at the Sun Ute Community Center.

This year, the Southern Ute and Ute Indian tribes opened youth registration for this year's games to descendants of tribal members. Muniz says over 200 youth athletes participated this year. "It's bringing these kids together because a lot of them probably don't know that they have cousins there or relatives in and around those areas, and cousins meeting up, or friends meeting up," Muniz said.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Closing the three-day Tri-Ute event, SunUte Community Center staff pass on the "Ute Circle of Life" flag signifying that the Ute Indian Tribe is next to host the Tri-Ute Games in Ft. Duchesne, Utah. Following the annual Tri-Ute Games, the flag is passed on to the next host tribe.

The "Ute Circle of Life" flag has been ceremoniously passed on to the Ute Indian Tribe, signifying that next year's Tri-Ute Games will be hosted in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

**Tri-Ute photo coverage pages 10 – 11.**



Maleina Carel/SU Economic Development Summer Intern

We could not contain our excitement any longer, and now the doors are open, the word is out, and everyone is invited to the newly launched Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market & Outdoor Biz Lab. The parking lot at KSUT is home to the 12-week event series, which kicked off, Friday, July 26 and goes through Oct. 11.

**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

**So. Ute Economic Development launches Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market**

*Workshop to support entrepreneurs*

**Staff report**  
 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is pleased to announce the launch of the new Píinu Núuchi Farmers Market & Outdoor Biz Lab, starting Friday, July 26, at the parking lot in front of KSUT Radio Station. The Farmers Market will be every Friday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. through October 11. Vendors are required to be present during the market core hours of 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

through various workshops hosted during the market. There will be weekly door prizes, live entertainment, plus a grand prize drawing at the season finale on Friday, Oct. 11.

The 12-week event and business workshop series, led by the Tribe's Economic Development Department will serve as a small business incubator, providing local agriculture producers, artisans, and other entrepreneurs with an accessible marketplace and support

"This initiative is a testament to our commitment to fostering a thriving local economy. By providing a platform for entrepreneurs and businesses to connect, grow, and succeed, we aim to empower our community and strengthen our region. Our goal is to equip local businesses with the tools, support, and network necessary to reach their full potential," Southern Ute Chairman, Melvin Baker said.

Vendor booth spaces are assigned on a first-come-first-serve basis, with priority

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Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

A combination of different sizes of bales; customers have preferences and it's a good idea to have variety on hand to accommodate your clients.

**AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES**

**That Farm Life: Shared experiences to benefit the beginning farmer**

*'The Big Day'*

*By Marvin Pinnecoose*  
 SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

**JULY 1ST**

Reoccurring themes are worth noting. In the process of our normal day, the

things that come up often or characteristically coincidentally over and over need to be analyzed. In farming, particularly hay farming, there seems to be a constant revisiting of July 1 as theme of timing, an-

icipation, and preparation. Over these past 3.5 years, I keep finding references to July 1st for a few different reasons. In fact, it has become such a central theme

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**SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION**

**Tribal Business Exploration Program tours Growth Fund ventures in Oceanside**



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Tribal Business Exploration Program visits the Hello Betty restaurant on Tuesday, June 25. This visit occurred during the group's tour of the SpringHill Suites by Marriott-Oceanside Beach hotel, formally owned by the Tribe.

*By Divine Windy Boy*  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

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. Students: Mirra Bourriague, Niko Frost, Neeka Howe, Kandin Johnson, Leandra Litz, Stephen Romero, Ava Sage-Morgan, Paiten Tucson, and Phillip Vel-

*Tribal Business page 14*



## ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT • FROM PAGE 1

given to Southern Ute tribal members. All spaces are uncovered, measuring approx. 12'x10' with a limited number of booths with access to power. If power is required, vendors are encouraged to sign up for the entire season by Aug. 1, at 10 p.m. to guarantee their spot and receive a 10% discount. Vendors may sign up for individual dates and pay incrementally as well. The deadline to sign up for individual markets will be 9 a.m. on the Tuesday prior to the next market.

The Pīnu Núuchi Farmers Market and Outdoor Biz Lab is a unique opportunity for entrepreneurs living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the surrounding community to sell their products and enhance their business. Together with vendors and partners, the Business Workshop series seeks to foster economic growth and sustainability. The series is taught by subject matter experts from (Colorado State University Extension, Pueblo Community College, Fort Lewis College, and more). Vendors can sign up and learn more at or using the below QR code. Additional information can be found



Maleina Carel/SU Economic Development Summer Intern

The event series is part of the Economic Development Department's small business services and offers free educational workshops to all vendors and attendees, plus a vibrant marketplace for local entrepreneurs. Make sure to check it out between 11 a.m.-6 p.m. every Friday. You never know what you're going to find or learn at the Pīnu Núuchi Farmers Market & Outdoor Biz Lab!

at [southernute-nsn.gov/econ-dev](http://southernute-nsn.gov/econ-dev). You may contact the Economic Development Department at 970-563-2281.

Southern Ute Economic Development works to enhance the economic environment of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation by supporting development that elevates the standard of living and economic resiliency of the Reservation. They provide comprehensive support and training for entrepreneurs looking to start, run, or expand their business.

**Pīnu Núuchi Farmers Market & Outdoor Biz Lab 2024 Vendor Sign-Up Form**



Please see the table below for fee rates.

VENDOR BOOTH SPACE FEES – 12X10	Each Market	Season Total 12 Markets	Prepay Discount 2 Free Markets	Season TOTAL with Discount
<b>General Public</b>	\$25 NO Power \$45 WITH Power	\$300 NO Power \$540 WITH Power	Save \$50 Save \$90	\$250 NO Power \$450 WITH Power
<b>Southern Ute Tribal Members</b>	\$10 NO Power \$20 WITH Power	\$120 NO Power \$240 WITH Power	Save \$20 Save \$40	\$100 NO Power \$200 WITH Power
<b>1st Descendants &amp; Other Ute Tribal Members</b>	\$15 NO Power \$30 WITH Power	\$180 NO Power \$360 WITH Power	Save \$30 Save \$60	\$150 NO Power \$300 WITH Power

## Get Fresh Every Friday!

July 26-Oct. 11

11 - 2 CORE Hours  
(2 - 6 pm optional)

KSUT Parking Lot

**VENDORS REGISTER HERE**

Hosted by  
**Southern Ute Economic Development**

**970-563-2281**

## Notice of Closure

Department of Natural Resources will be closed all day July 26th, 2024 for a staff retreat

Thank You

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

**ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL ELDERS!**

**The TERO Dept. no longer has the Lawn Maintenance Program.**

To set an appointment for Lawn Maintenance call the Elders Services Dept. at 970-563-2309, or 970-563-2323.

## Many Moons Ago



Sacha Smith/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Team Colorado awaits their turn to enter into Mosaic Stadium for the opening ceremony of the North American Indigenous Games in Regina, Saskatchewan Sunday, July 19.

This photo was first published in the July 25, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

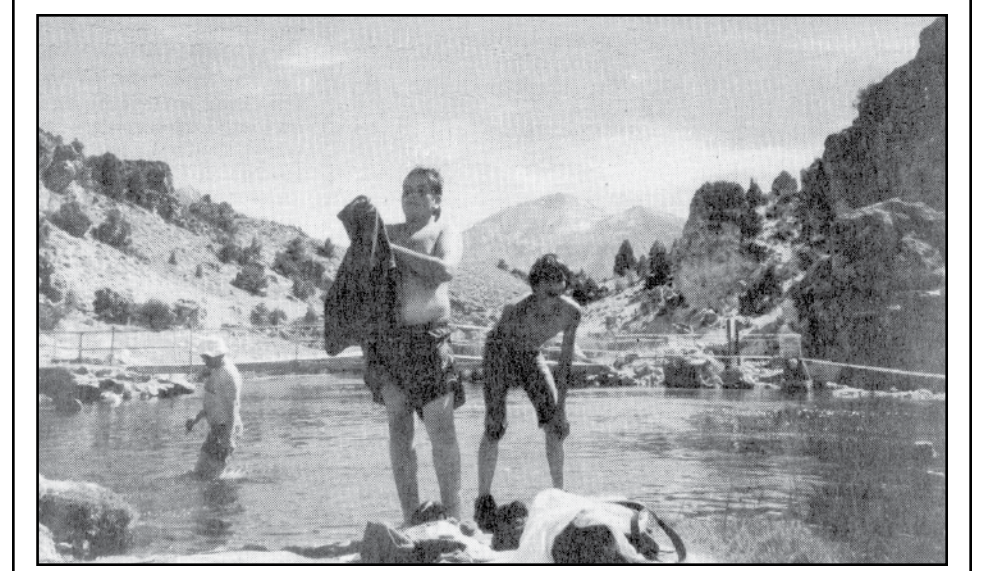


Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Representatives of numerous agencies, many of them from the Southern Ute Tribe, get together to develop a plan of action in the event of an emergency at the Lake Capote Dam.

This photo was published in the July 23, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



P. Gonzalez/SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

Courage Campers Samuel Archuleta and Domingo Tagle frolic in the warm waters of Mammoth Hot Springs, Calif.

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



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

Tribute to Veterans – Gary Montowine (left) and his brother John Montowine, Jr. presented an impressive performance with their spears and shields as they danced in tribute to war veterans at the 10th Annual Fine Arts and Crafts Festival at Fairfield Pagosa last weekend.

This photo was published in the July 27, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





### Sage wins first in Dulce parade



courtesy Lynette Sage

The 64th Annual Little Beaver Celebration occurred July 19-21, in Dulce, N.M. Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage, participated in the annual Saturday parade and won 1st place in the Native Royalty category. Congratulations Autumn!

### So. Ute Royalty in Ft. Duchesne



photos courtesy Heather White Thunder

Southern Ute Royalty gathered together for Grand Entry at the Fourth of July Powwow in Fort Duchesne, Utah, held July 4-7.



courtesy Aislinn Ryder



Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder placed first in the junior girls traditional category.

Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder placed first in the Cambri Lynn Buckskin junior girls fancy shawl special. She received a monetary gift, a jacket, and a star quilt.

**DINNER WILL BE PROVIDED**

Come learn about the importance of Male Role Models and powwow dance styles with the

## SOUTHERN UTE BRAVES

**When?**  
July 27th @ 5pm

**Where?**  
Museum Large Classroom

QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT  
970-553-0196 OR 970-903-3368



Malia White Thunder (far left) received fourth place in the junior girls jingle special.

Please join us for the

### Southern Ute Royalty Pageant

Wednesday August 14, 2024 6pm  
Multi-Purpose Facility  
256 Ute Rd, Ignacio, CO 81137

Royalty Categories:  
Miss Southern Ute (Ages 16-25) Little Miss Southern Ute (Ages 5-9)  
Junior Miss Southern Ute (Ages 10-15) Southern Ute Brave (Ages 5-15)

Please contact Autumn Sage to request application or for more information at 970-769-0671 or asage978@gmail.com  
Deadline to return application is Wednesday, August 7th, 2024 at 12pm to Autumn Sage  
Special Invitation to all other Royalty

## 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.**

<b>HEAD STAFF</b> Master Of Ceremony - Erny Zah Arena Director - OJ Little Cook Drum Judge - Yahsti Perkins Head Gourd Dancer - Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk	<b>HOST DRUMS</b> Northern Host - The Horses Southern Host - Full Metal Jacket Gourd Drum Host - Cozad Singers
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<b>DANCE CATEGORIES</b> Tiny Tots - 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)	<b>DANCER REGISTRATION</b> Fri., Sept. 6: Opens 5 p.m., Closes 7 p.m. Sat., Sept. 7: Opens 12 p.m., Closes 1 p.m.
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**DRUM CONTEST**  
(Combined) Northern/Southern Drums

**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 Pinnecoese (Tribal Council Ex-Officio)

**DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST**  
Provide: Social Security card, Tribal ID, or current valid State ID, phone number (For payout purposes).

**TOTAL PAYOUTS \$98,500**

**FREE CAMPING**  
At Sky Ute Fairgrounds with HOT showers!

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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.



## HEALTHY RECIPES

### Peach, blueberry, and feta salad

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN, CLC

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

There are many ways to use summer fruit. One way is to pair them together with ingredients that you might not think go together.

This recipe is very colorful, using only a few, yet distinct ingredients.

Did you know that cucumbers are technically fruit? This combination is quite delicious, healthy and goes well with grilled chicken or fish.



courtesy Volume Things/AdobeStock

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

#### Peach, Blueberry and Feta Salad

##### Ingredients:

For the salad you will need:

- 4 ripe peaches, sliced (about 8 slices ea.)
- 1 cup fresh blueberries
- 4 mini cucumbers, sliced 1/4" coins
- Small handful of fresh basil, sliced thin
- 6oz. feta, crumbled

For the dressing you will need:

- 2/3 cup olive oil
- 1/3 cup balsamic rose vinegar (can use white wine vinegar)
- 2 teaspoons lemon zest, grated finely
- 1 tsp Dijon mustard
- 2 shallots, finely chopped
- Salt to taste

##### Directions:

1. Place peaches, blueberries, and cucumbers in a large bowl.
2. In a medium bowl, mix all dressing ingredients together, whisk vigorously.
3. Pour dressing over peaches, blueberries, and cucumbers, stir to combine.
4. Add basil and feta and gently toss to combine.
5. Let sit for 15 minutes, serve, or keep in refrigerator for up to three days.

Serves 8

Nutrition per serving: 245 Calories, 20g fat, 12g Carbohydrates, 4.4g Protein

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### BEE HEARD: Today is National Aunt and Uncle Day

By Tamara D. Turner  
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Do you have an auntie or uncle who has been a big part of your growth and support over all your years? Well today honors all those aunties and uncles out there. That's right: just like Mother's Day and Father's Day, let's also recognize the critical role of those supportive, unconditionally loving aunties and uncles. Take a little extra time today to show them appreciation, remembering that raising healthy, happy children is a collective effort of families and our kids need those additional role models and support systems.

Maybe you're one of those people who had a closer relationship with an auntie or uncle than your mom or dad. Or maybe you had a certain affinity or admiration for that relative who inspired you and reminded you to be yourself. When I think of legendary aunts or uncles, I think of the storyteller and folklorist, Dr. Clarissa Pinkola Estes, who writes and speaks about her beloved Aunt Edna. This auntie taught her how to be alive, question her perceptions, and dare to be boldly herself. Estes describes Aunt Edna as dressing like a pirate and wearing big red shoes. While the other adults sometimes recoiled at Edna,

she represented something else for the kids: confidence in being different, in being grateful to stand out and be an individual.

Do you have an auntie or uncle who has played a significant role in your sense of self-worth, too? My late uncle Don, my mom's older brother, died a few years back and he was no doubt my favorite uncle. He was the funny uncle, the one who always sent us birthday cards with booger jokes and knew how to see the lightness and silliness in heavy situations. But this was not because he was shallow or irreverent. Uncle Don was deeply religious and someone who never missed church or an opportunity to give thanks. Even though we always knew him as the "funny uncle" I was moved by the way he met his impending death. "I know that I've lived a good life and I'm ready to meet my Creator. In fact, I can't wait to be reunited again with the Creator," he said.

If you are blessed to have these special relatives in your life today, make a little extra time to reach out to them and thank them. Showing gratitude is not only good for them but it is good for us: it's one of the single best things you can do for your own mental health and trust in life.

And if you happen to be

that very special auntie or uncle, give some love and gratitude to yourself, knowing that you make a difference in your niece(s) and nephew(s) lives. Thank you to all the special relatives out there who give so much to the youth and kids.

Here's to your good health!

#### It's okay not to feel okay

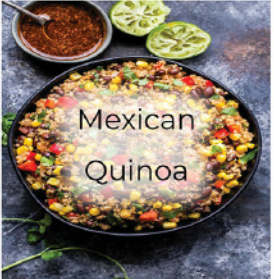
If you or someone you know has been struggling with their emotions, behaviors, or substance use please reach out to us. We can help you find appropriate tools and services that could help you overcome obstacles in your life. We are here for you. Please contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division 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.



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



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

Contact:

Lisa B. Smith (970)-563-2344

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

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshJuly2024>

**Sign-up Deadline:** Monday, July 29

**Pickup Date:** Wednesday, July 31

## Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

# Dial 988

for mental health emergencies.

Text **INDIGENOUS** to 741741 for free, 24/7 support.

#WeNeedYouHere

## Breastfeeding Awareness Walk & Community Baby Shower

WHERE: MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY  
256 UTE ROAD, IGNACIO

WHEN: AUGUST 8TH 11:45-1:30PM

WALK TIME: 12PM

Join us after the 1-mile walk for light Refreshments and goodies at MPF!

The community baby shower is Open to all who want to attend

BF/childhood organizations From the 4-Corners area will be in attendance

First 50 to sign up receives a free incentive! \*sign up starts at 11:45am\*

Contact: Shawmarie Tao (970)-563-

## SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# 2025 RECOVERY RETREAT

AT THE SKY UTE CASINO AND RESORT

MAY 16TH - PROFESSIONALS DAY  
MAY 17TH - RECOVERY RETREAT

FURTHER DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED AS THE DATE APPROACHES.

PLEASE CONTACT PEER RECOVERY COACHES MARVINA OLGUIN OR PRESTON BARRY AT 970-563-5700.

DRUG & ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR 2025





## Student film workshop



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Education Department hosted a two-week film workshop for tribal students, Monday, July 8 through Tuesday, July 16. Krystyn Weaver, Houston Cunningham, Sequoia Cunningham, and Leandra Litz learn film making skills from professional film makers Bruce Borowsky and Joey Lopez. Students worked to create a short documentary based on this year's Tri-Ute Games, filming all sporting events and interviewing participants. On Tuesday, July 16, each student was given a certificate recognizing their hard work and dedication to creating their film; the film's premier date will be announced later.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum archive

Upper elementary students Jacobi Scott and Lawrence Santistevan browse the chapter book section of the Scholastic Book Fair held in the SUIMA Dining Hall.

### SUIMA

## Pawaaghani po'okwatu – Eagle's Nest

*It's going to be a great year of learning and growing!*

By Mari Jo Owens  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The new school year will be here sooner than you think! Enjoy the remainder of your summer break, stay safe, and we'll see you in less than a month.

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

- Registration packets for enrollment into SUIMA are available at [www.suima.org](http://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 Monday, Aug. 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](http://www.suima.org). You can also come to the office and take 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.

## Newton Jr. Leadership dinner



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Comedian James June headlined the Jimmy Newton Jr. Leadership Conference dinner event on Thursday, June 11 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. June served as the keynote speaker encouraging youth to live healthy lifestyles and continue reaching their educational goals, during this event local and visiting Tri-Ute athletes gathered to share a meal with members of Tribal Council from all three Ute tribes, gaining insight into their roles in leadership.

### Summer Tutoring

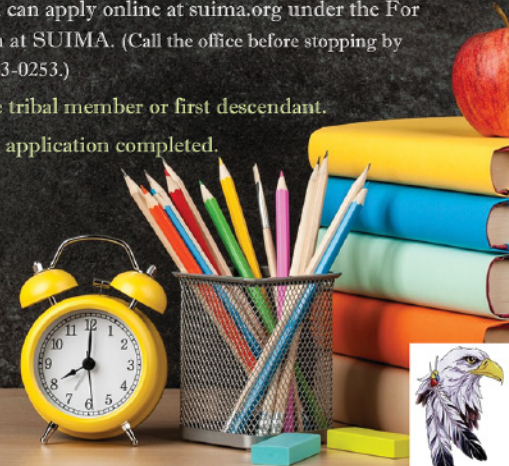
I am offering 1-1 summer tutoring at the Southern Ute Education Department to students entering 4th, 5th, and 6th grade for the 2024-25 school year. These are students who will have just completed 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade in May 2024. I look forward to helping your child learn this summer! Please contact me about your child's specific needs. This offer is filling up with my Ignacio Elementary students and SUIMA 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](mailto:kfiddler@southernute-nsn.gov) 970-563-2779**

### 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](http://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.



**Save the Date**  
August 23, 2024 6PM-10PM  
**Back to School Bash**  
Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park  
More information to come!  
For questions Contact Southern Ute Education Department 970-563-0235

**JOM 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 [kleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:kleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov) or call (970) 563-0237 ext. 2793  
Pick up dates:  
Bayfield- Thursday, August 1st  
Ignacio- Thursday, August 8th



## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# Good information in the digital age

By Ron Schermacher  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY



In the late 90s, as the promise of the world wide web (isn't it funny that the abbreviation has more syllables than the words) had yet to reach most U.S. households, the media was saturated with promises of an internet paradise. These reports and articles included glowing visions of how access to information through our computers would broaden communication making our lives more efficient, rewarding, and effortless. Events have not quite turned out as envisioned.

Many saw the future of the internet as a place for individuals to make thoughtful exchanges of information as found in many of the early web logs (blogs). Instead, social media sites like Facebook and TikTok exchanged personal freedom for ease of access and presented us with superficial messages while providing or selling personal information to the highest bidder. This ease of access has also allowed poorly researched or purposely misleading information onto a platform for dissemination. It is important to note that most social networking sites work on algorithms that favor popularity and not accuracy.

These rose-colored glass predictions did not foresee how this public exchange of information would lead to an increase in the number of people who find themselves pulled into believing unconfirmed and erroneous ideas. Today the flat earth conspiracy is larger than at any time in the past, largely due to the ease of sharing informa-

tion whether it is factual or not. And the flat-earthers are not alone as conspiracy theories touch almost every facet of life from health to politics to entertainment. How did things go so wrong?

Much of it can be attributed to human nature. Take for example the Dunning-Kruger effect, a well-studied phenomenon where novices overestimate their knowledge and experts underestimate what they know. Combine this with the illusion of understanding, where our brains seek to fill gaps of understanding with any information available even if it is not accurate, and the recipe for drawing poor conclusions is baked in.

It doesn't have to be this way. There are plenty of resources and people out there who can help us sift through the information to separate the facts from the deceit. An appropriate system for checking a source of information for accuracy involves using the SIFT method.

SIFT is a helpful acronym for initially checking source credibility. "S" stands for stop or pause, what do you know about this source or website reputation? If the information provokes a strong response slow down, we tend

to react quickly with less thought to things that arouse strong feelings. "I" stands for investigation; what is the creator's expertise or agenda? "F" is for finding trusted sources by comparing the information across sources to find a consensus. Finally, "T" is for tracing the claims, quotes, and media back to the original source.

However, none of this guidance is useful if we are not willing to change what we believe we know given new good information. No one wants to be told they are wrong, especially publicly. All these tools are only going to be effective in so far as we actually are seeking the truth. Unfortunately, it seems most folks are not truth seekers by nature and are more motivated by things that are socially advantageous for us because that is what our group believes.

If you would like more details or some help practicing your truth-seeking skills, the staff at the Ignacio Community Library would love to be of service. Our librarians are highly educated and trained and oversee a motivated staff of assistants who can help you with answering difficult questions and finding the good information.

## Tribe welcomes new enrollees



photos Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Proud parents and Tribal Council members stand together for a picture, Tuesday, July 23, following the enrollment of Southern Ute tribal member Analeah Cloud in the Council Chambers. Pictured Left to right, Marty Pinnecoose, Marjorie Berry, Lorelei Cloud, Angelica Cloud, Analeah Cloud, Gavin Cloud, Vanessa Torres, and Andrew Gallegos.



Pictured left to right, Marty Pinnecoose, Marjorie Barry, Melvin Baker, Brandon Silva, Xiomara Silva Enrique Silva, Sarina Silva, Darlene Frost, Lorelei Cloud, Tara Vigil, Andrew Gallegos, Samantha Maez, Vanessa Torres stand together in the Hall of Warriors on Tuesday July 16, following the enrollment of Xiomara Silva.

**FREE EVENT**  
JULY 27, 2024  
10-3

## FAMILY Summer OLYMPICS

## JULY ACTIVITIES

**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.**

## BLEND & THRIVE: INDIGENOUS FOODS WORKSHOP WITH DENEEO BEX

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 13**  
10:30-12:00PM

Multi-Purpose Facility - 256 Ute Rd., Ignacio, CO

**FREE! ALL PARTICIPANTS WELCOMED**

This hands-on class is tailored to explore the nutrition needs of elders & older adults, using a variety of fruits, vegetables, and protein sources into their diets in a delicious and accessible way. We will focus on how to incorporate Indigenous ingredients to add even more nutrition! Our workshop will guide participants through the process of creating nutrient-rich smoothies that cater to their specific health requirements.

If you have a blender of your own, feel free to bring it to the workshop. If not, blenders will be provided.

Contact [chelsie.begood@swcahec.org](mailto:chelsie.begood@swcahec.org) or [jsmith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jsmith@southernute-nsn.gov)

Deneeo Bex is an award-winning Registered Dietitian & CDCES from the Navajo Nation and is the owner of Tumbleweed Nutrition LLC, a nutrition education consultant company. She teaches her Native community about nutrition without judgement. Deneeo provides inclusive & evidence-based nutrition education for organizations which honor American Indian heritage.

# 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





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**"Compassion without Fatigue"**

**PRESENTER: DOTY SHEPARD**

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

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM  
LARGE CLASSROOM

Lunch will be provided

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Email: [mweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mweaver@southernute-nsn.gov)

VOICES FROM THE EDGE

The Four Corners Food Coalition distributes produce and shares food knowledge with Native families

By Clark Adomaitis  
KSUT/KSJD REPORTER

An Indigenous-led food coalition in the Four Corners is giving locally grown produce to Native families every week. The grant-funded program is part of an effort to address health inequity in the community.

In a warehouse in Cortez, Colo., Karlos Baca, a Southern Ute and Dine' chef and food organizer, demonstrated how to fry green tomatoes in cornmeal grown on the nearby Ute Mountain Ute reservation.

"All local, everything here is local produce," Baca said to a participant.

Twenty Indigenous families from the Four Corners area stopped in to watch Baca demonstrate how to cook, eat his fried tomatoes, and pick up packages of produce from local farmers.

"Every family gets to leave with the bag. Hopefully, everyone shows up, so 20 bags will be leaving, and everybody gets to take this knowledge home," Baca said.

Baca has been working to feed Native people in the Four Corners region for 15 years. Now, he's working with the Four Corners Food Coalition, an Indigenous-led nonprofit that received a grant to set up weekly packages of local produce for 20 families for 16 weeks. But Baca's work is not just about providing food. His efforts are part of a larger social justice movement.

"One of the first systems of warfare is always the destruction of people's food systems, their food stores, their agriculture, to make them subservient," Baca said.

One of Baca's goals for food justice is to fight the effects of colonialism on Native people.

"If you look at colonization, the history of it didn't happen



Clark Adomaitis/KSUT/KSJD

Karlos Baca demonstrates how to fry locally grown green tomatoes in yellow cornmeal from the Ute Mountain Ute reservation.

overnight. The change in diet through the enforcement of government rations did massive damage to the indigenous diet and lifeways, foodways, everything. If you look at our indigenous foods as microchips on a cellular level, everything that your ancestors ate is still in your system. As you're plugging each one of these individual items of food back into your body, you're also unlocking those memories," said Baca.

Many Indigenous communities have limited access to healthy, fresh food. According to the Centers for Disease Control, Native Americans experience obesity and type 2 diabetes at higher rates than other racial groups – both conditions linked to poor nutrition.

Cassandra Freeman and

her husband run Anatolian Farms in Mancos, Colo. Their green tomatoes and jalapeño peppers are featured in this week's Indigenous Shared Agriculture Boxes.

"It's probably one of the most empowering things I could do. I feel like in a way, we're able to kind of take back the land and give it back to the people that it was taken from. If we support the local folks of this area, that ripples effects out to everybody in the community. We all become healthier and stronger together," Freeman said.

The Four Corners Food Coalition hopes to grow the food distribution program in future years. They're also working on other food justice projects, like opening a community kitchen and purchasing four acres of land that will provide farmable land access to local youth.



Clark Adomaitis/KSUT/KSJD

Indigenous families pick up fresh produce from local farms, like Anatolian Farms in Mancos, Colo.

This story is part of *Voices From the Edge of the Colorado Plateau*, a reporting collaboration between KSUT Public Radio and KSJD Community Radio. It seeks to cover underrepresented communities in the Four Corners. The multi-year project covers Native, Indigenous, Latino/Latina, and other communities across southwest Colorado.

**DOLORES CANYON COUNTRY TRIP FOR UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS AND FAMILIES**

**\*\*NEW DATES\*\*      \*\*August 2-4\*\***  
**CampV, Naturita, CO**

TAKE A TOUR OF THE DOLORES RIVER LANDSCAPE AND ANCESTRAL UTE HOMELANDS.

Open to Youth, Elders, and Community Members of the three Ute tribes  
**25 spaces available - RSVP today!**

Hosts of this trip will provide information on current conservation efforts for this landscape.

All meals from Friday Dinner to Sunday Breakfast are included!

Transportation will be available. Mileage for personal vehicles is not covered

Lodging and camping options available at CampV with no cost to participants. Camping equipment (tent, sleeping bag and pad will be provided upon request)

RSVP:  
[suzanne@doloresriverboating.org](mailto:suzanne@doloresriverboating.org), 970.739.4293

Hosted by Conservation Lands Foundation, Colorado Wildlands Project, Dolores River Boating Advocates, and other conservation organizations




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MISSING & MURDERED INDIGENOUS RELATIVES

**VENDOR'S WANTED**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1  
LOCATION: MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY AND CHAPEL  
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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

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## THAT FARM LIFE • FROM PAGE 1



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Rainbows fill the sky across the Southern Ute Reservation, one of the many perks of spending the mornings and evenings among nature and caring for the fields.

that I dub it “the big day” because there are shifts in climate, harvest, forage, temperature, and attitude that all come about in anticipation of this day.

It has been no secret that in the past I have sometimes referred to the secrecy of farmers/ranchers in how things are done. These are the types of things that create a competitive advantage compared to other farmers/ranchers. Still, I have seen that yet again, July 1st seems to be the official day of hay cutting season for first cut. All up and down County Road 516 and 172, grasses have been growing and seeding up to that day.

This year, we saw that there was actually a large series of back-to-back storms that occurred the entire week of July 1st. This knocked back many of the hay bines and swathers to take some days off. When it looked like the rain passed after a few days, many farmers cut their fields only to find a second wave of storms moving in during the following week. Needless to say, much hay was rained on across many farms. Had storms not been an issue at all, July 1st would have been the go to day yet again for the fourth straight year that I have been watching when farmers cut.

### SEE THE FOREST FOR THE TREES

Each year, with each harvest, on a daily basis, I learn so much more about this farming thing. When I first noticed that everyone seemed to be cutting on July 1st of every year, I decided to cut my fields sooner. The reason being, is that I saw my selection of forage being a grass that seeded out early. Once the grass seeds out, the growth significantly slows down. Then comes maturity, which is a time when I noticed that my grasses seemed to get thicker stalks, the tops of the grasses began to brown (bronze), and the seeds would begin to drop. All of this occurred about two weeks prior to July 1st, so for me, it made sense to cut a little earlier to take advantage of the growth stages in which the stalks were softer and more palatable.

My horse customers like the conditions of my soft selection of grasses and I know that letting the grass mature and sit another week or two would add to the tonnage and quantity of the bales, but I’m more interested in the quality. This said, I do understand why people do wait until July 1st. Particularly, when a person has



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

As timothy stalks begin to rise from the grass and stick up like a bunch of snake heads, the leaves will form from the stalks as the plant get closer to having full heads and matures.

cool season grasses, I estimate that up to 80% of their entire yearly harvest will come from a single harvest (or first cut), so there is incentive to maximize quantity and tonnage. After that cut, the temperatures are above 80 degrees and cool season grasses go dormant ... they go to sleep.

It is true that there will be a bit of growth occurring again near the end of August and into September, as temperatures cool down a bit. Overall, the season is from April through June. People need to take this into consideration when selecting what types of grasses or proteins to grow.

### CHANGING OF THE GUARD

Once July 1st passes and most farmers have something in the barn, then it’s time for a new round of decisions and strategy. This is the time when warm season grasses begin to thrive, and we see a whole new selection of forages (and weeds) begin to grow in the fields. For some farmers who elect to just have warm season grasses, this is the beginning of season. For strictly cool season grass farmers, most of the harvest year is done.

For me, this is the changing of the second act of a three-part play that happens in the field. My first cut is primarily cool season grasses that max out early (well before July 1st). The second part is my timothy and alfalfa which come in right

about the second week of July. The third evolution is a possible third cut that incorporates all three forages in a finish line spring that goes right up to the second week of September.

This also means that I separate all three cuts into different sections in the barn. Different clients like different forage mixes. Some like straight grass. Some like alfalfa mix. Some just want “cow hay,” which I’m learning is a vast diversity of a spectrum of quality usually preferred to purchase based on liquidation pricing. For me, it’s not my high-quality bales. It’s the bottom bales. It’s the rows near the ditch lines. It’s the bales that are usually picked up last out of the field.

I know all about cow hay because I had quite a few bales that didn’t make it into the barn this year for the first cut. They got rained on and I ended up liquidating them in price just to get rid of them. I’m not proud of this. It does not represent my inventory, and it sometimes creates an expectation that people will want that price going forward. I made sure to let people know why it was the price it was. With better planning on my part, it shouldn’t happen again.

With each passing year, I keep my eye on July 1st. It is a good metric to gauge when most people will cut hay and when the grasses wake up or go to sleep. It is the beginning of horse fly season and the peak of mosquito feasting. Wear your repellants.



## SOUTHERN UTE ANIMAL CONTROL WILL BE HOSTING A FREE RABIES CLINIC

**WHEN:** THURSDAY, AUGUST 22, 2024  
**TIME:** 9 AM TO 3 PM  
**WHERE:** SOUTHERN UTE MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY  
 258 UTE ROAD  
 IGNACIO, COLORADO

**\*\*ALL DOG(S) AND CAT(S) MUST BE ON A LEASH OR IN A KENNEL\*\***

OPEN TO SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS AND NON-TRIBAL MEMBERS, WHO RESIDE IN THE EXTERIOR BOUNDARIES OF THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR NEED MORE INFORMATION. CONTACT THE SOUTHERN UTE ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICE AT 970-563-0133 EXT.2860



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## Sign Up for the Tribal Member Experience

1 Go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/>

2 Select “Members” at the top of the screen

3 Select “I need an account”

4 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.





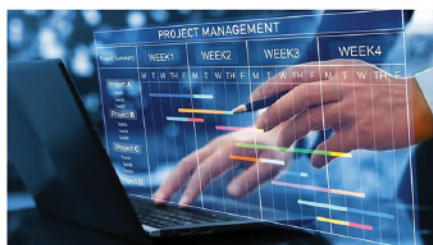
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### Objectives

This training program will serve as an introduction to the roles and responsibilities that fall under the realm of project managers.

Upon completion, participants will be equipped to **effectively manage projects across various industries**, especially for state and federally funded programs.

Topics covered include **budgeting, stakeholder management, project organization, time management**, and more!



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Program completers will gain:

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Contact the San Juan College Center for Workforce Development today to register and for more information:

[esquibeli@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:esquibeli@sanjuancollege.edu)  
OR  
[CWD@sanjuancollege.edu](mailto:CWD@sanjuancollege.edu)

505-566-3214

Enroll before August 5th 2024 to be considered!

### At A Glance

- Grant funded training; no cost to participants
- Native American identifying participants are eligible
- Duration: 13 weeks, Classes 4 days per week
- Start Date: August 12th, 2024
- Location: San Juan College



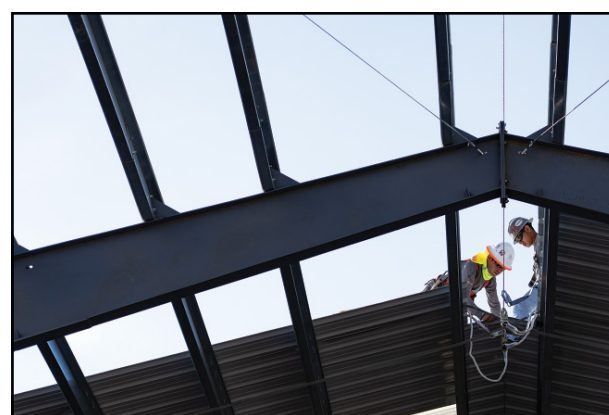
## Old-fashioned barn raising



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The metal storage building at Southern Ute Agricultural Division took shape over the weekend as contractors with Crossfire LLC work to complete the metal siding and roof panels, Tuesday, July 16.; the brand-new 75'x120' building will house farming equipment and hay storage for the Tribe.

Contractors with Crossfire LLC work to place roof panels on the new metal storage building at Southern Ute Agricultural Division, Tuesday, July 16.



## Subscribe to The Southern Ute Drum

Subscription or advertising information, 970-563-0118.  
**\$29 one year subscription • \$49 two year subscription**

Southern Ute tribal members may receive the Drum for FREE.

**Also, remember to update your address if needed.**

The Drum can be picked up locally in Ignacio, Durango, Bayfield and Three Springs.



### "Dell Laptop Update reminder"

If you received a Dell laptop from Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP), please note that it is 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



## AUGUST PROMOTIONS

# GIDDY UP GIVEAWAY

Saturdays in August 3, 10, 17, 24 | 6PM-12AM

# EARLY BIRD EARN & WIN

Sunday Mornings in August | 12AM-10AM

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BRING YOUR OWN BUDDY WIN \$25 SKY UTE LOOT!

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## MPF Haunted House Fundraiser July Lunch Sale



Wednesday July 31, 2024

11:30 AM - 2:30 PM

Eat in or Carry-out - Cash or Check Only



256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call - 970-563-2640 for more information or  
e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)

We're bringing in Smokey's 80th birthday with a (Smokey-approved) bang! You're invited to join us for family fun with Smokey Bear at the Ignacio Community Library! Wednesday, August 7 at 10:00 a.m.



## REMINDER

Online registration is OPEN!

To register, head over to [ignacioschools.org](http://ignacioschools.org)

First day of school

**AUGUST 19, 2024**





## Southern Ute Tribe hosts



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Tri-Ute Games athletes from Southern Ute, Ute Mountain Ute and the Ute Indian Tribe, as well as their families, competed in a Coon Shoot. A Coon Shoot is a nighttime archery competition that involves shooting at a target in the dark with a reflector on the main kill zones.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Zackariah Loudenburg, team Southern Ute, takes on his opponent from team Ute Indian Tribe, both working for a pin during the wrestling matches held on Thursday, July 11.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Leandro Litz shoots his compound bow at a 3D target on the Bear Trail during the 2024 Tri-Ute Games.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tri-Ute wrestling took place at the Ignacio High School Aux Gym, athletes from each team went head-to-head in their respective weight classes and even sparred towards the end of day one.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Veterans Association Color Guard brings in the American Flag and the respective Ute tribal flags during opening ceremonies for the Tri-Ute Games in Ignacio; Flag song sung by the Yellow Jacket drum group.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Tommy Seibel, Southern Ute co-ed basketball player focuses and aims for the basket.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team Southern Ute athlete, Ember Vigil makes a pass during their volleyball match on Thursday, July 11 at Ignacio High School.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team Ute Indian Tribe and Team Southern Ute kick off co-ed basketball on Wednesday, July 10. Neato Wilbourn defends home court against Utah players.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

A player from the Ute Indian Tribe takes a two-point attempt with a layup on Wednesday, July 10 at Ignacio High School, competing against Team Southern Ute.





# 2024 Tri-Ute Games



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Winners and judges of the Tri-Ute skateboarding competition stand together for a photo after the announcement of winners.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Maynard Taylor hits his best moves during the Tri-Ute skateboarding competition on Wednesday, July 10 at the Pínuu Nuuchi Skate Park. Taylor went on to take first place in the competition.



Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

The Tri Ute Golf tournament kicked off bright and early on Thursday morning, July 11, after breakfast was served at the Hillcrest Golf Club in Durango, Colo. SunUte Recreation Coordinator, Elijah Weaver (right) discussing the golf cart assigning with Patrick Lang (middle) and Reelize Murray (left.)



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

A hand game participant from the Ute Indian Tribe performs songs on the drum for the hand games.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team Southern Ute athletes take a splash and slide across the large slip and slide.

**A**thletes from the three Ute sister tribes meet for the Tri-Ute Games in Ignacio, hosted once again by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Teams went head-to-head Wednesday, July 10 – Friday, July 12 competing in co-ed basketball, co-ed 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.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Chairman for the Ute Indian Tribe, Luke Duncan welcomes all three Ute tribes to the Tri-Ute Games.



Zuriah Baker/SU Drum

Junior Miss Ute Mountain Ute, Jerilyn Arnold introduces herself and welcomes all three Ute tribes to the Tri-Ute Games in Ignacio.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Mountain Ute join together for a friendly Hand Game match at the SunUte Community Center, sharing songs and teaching the fundamentals of the game.





NOTICE: HAY FOR SALE/GARDEN VEGETABLES Tribal Members ONLY

The Tribe's Agriculture Division has hay and garden vegetables available for Tribal members. The hay was grown by the Agriculture Division at the Tribe's Pivot Demonstration Project. The hay is approximately 40% alfalfa mixed with grass. Small bales (65 lbs.) and large bales (1,000 lbs.).

Tribal members will be limited to no more than 160 small square bales OR 8 large square bales. The price per bale includes hauling and stacking within a 15-mile radius of Ignacio. Otherwise, tribal members will need to pick up.

Second cutting will be completed within the next week. Prices for second cutting will be set after harvest is completed so hay quality can be known. This hay is available to Tribal members only and on first come first served basis.

The Tribal Demonstration Garden is growing quickly. Agriculture Division staff have planted a variety of vegetables and some vegetables are available now. Stop by the Agriculture Division Office to share in the harvest. If you would like to visit the garden contact the office and a garden tour will be scheduled.



For more information contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900.

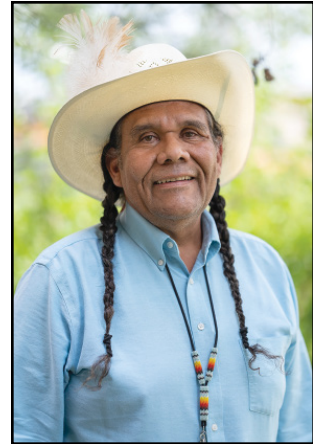
Strong Elk recognized as 'Ambassador for Peace'

Staff Report UNIVERSAL PEACE FEDERATION

Lenny Foster, Navajo Nation tribal member and Nathan Strong Elk, Southern Ute tribal member were each presented with the award designation as "Ambassadors for Peace." on June 23, by the Universal Peace Federation, an international and interreligious network of individuals and organizations dedicated to achieving world peace.

Nathan Strong Elk, Jr. started to run Native American sweat lodge ceremonies in the Southern Ute Detention Center in the Spring of 2010. He started his work on a Doctor of Education from Fielding Graduate University during this time when he was the Acting Director of the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum.

Strong Elk was passed the Native American Church Fireplace and became a roadman in June 2012 near Arroyo Hondo, N.M. by Robert Eagle Hawk and the late Al-



Nathan Strong Elk Southern Ute tribal member

ioral Health Center in Farmington, N.M. He also served as a program director and spiritual counselor and advisor for the Navajo United Methodist Center. He taught anger management at the Southern Ute Detention Center when he was a spiritual advisor for the Peaceful Spirit treatment program.

He also taught Ute language for a short time at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and at Ignacio High School and has held numerous titles such as Registered Landman (AAPL) and Juez Commissionado by the State of New Mexico.

Lenny Foster is the Spiritual Advisor and Director of the Navajo Nations Corrections Project and has cared for over 1,500 Native American inmates throughout the U.S. in various federal facilities. Foster has a long history with the American Indian Movement.

Both Foster and Strong Elk are active Sun Dancers and Native American Roadmen.

Multi-Purpose Facility Youth Craft Day

Tuesday August 6, 2024 10:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Dream catchers and other fun crafts to make

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

Summer Lemonade Stand Challenge for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital

Wednesday, Aug. 7 in Ignacio at Farmer's Fresh Market 10 a.m. until gone!

This will be the last St. Jude's Fundraiser of the summer! (All proceeds go to St. Jude's Research Hospital)



Summer Lemonade Stand Challenge

Advertisement for Silver City Community Film Festival. Includes dates (OCT 18-20 2024), location (GRANT COUNTY, DEMING, LORDSBURG), and a call for entries with a submission deadline of Sept 1.

Advertisement for a Request for Proposals for a Marketing & Advertising Agency (Agency of Record) for Sky Ute Casino Resort. Includes contact information for Vanessa DeSoto and a submission deadline of August 16, 2024 at 5PM.

Advertisement for 'Under the Big Top BOBCAT BOOST' event at Ignacio Elementary. Includes dates (JULY 29 - AUGUST 8, MON-THURS, 8AM-12:30PM) and details about the event.





# Honoring Miss Indian World Kassie John



Miss Indian World Kassie John waves at the crowd during the 1p.m. Grand Entry.



Miss Indian World Kassie John interacts with the crowd in Shiprock, N.M.



Navajo Nation President Dr. Buu Nygren and his wife, First Lady Jasmine Black-Water Nygren, attend the powwow honoring Miss Indian World Kassie John.

Photos by Zuriah Baker  
YEP / The Southern Ute Drum



United States Army Veteran, Bruce LeClaire dances into the arena in Northern Men's Traditional style during Grand Entry.

**The Chieftain Pit in Shiprock, N.M. was full of dancers and spectators for a powwow honoring Miss Indian World Kassie John on Saturday, July 20. The powwow was run by the Office of the First Lady, Jasmine Black-Water Nygren. The title of Miss Indian World has not been brought home to the Navajo Nation in 10 years.**



A Men's Grass Dancer participant shows off his best moves during the Grand Entry.

## SOUTHERN UTE FOSTER CARE PROGRAM IS RECRUITING INDIGENOUS FOSTER HOMES

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**Why is it important to have Indigenous foster homes?**

It is important to have foster homes licensed within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation so that children are not placed away from their families/relatives, their schools, and their communities if they do enter the foster care system.

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- >It is a Federal Law that requires Indigenous children be placed with their own relatives first if they enter foster care, or with another Indigenous family.
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Tues, August 20 @ 2:00 - 3:30 PM

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## TRIBAL BUSINESS EXPLORATION • FROM PAGE 1



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Ahead of the tour of the SpringHill Suites by Marriott–Oceanside Beach hotel, the Tribal Business Exploration Program members and chaperones gathered for a photo in the lobby with Brian Mulvany, GF Properties Group LLC. President/COO.

asquez traveled to Oceanside, jobs people have at the hotel proved to be successful, in Calif. with chaperones Denise Krispin, Julie Stone, and something like that—it really takes a tribe in a sense that you need people to take care of the young tribal membership to the businesses owned and operated by the Tribe. Students had to obtain two letters of recommendation, they also had to complete an essay expressing their interest in the program and how they would benefit from the trip. This trip marked the launch of the program, which hopes to see more involvement and exploring other departments within the Growth Fund operations.

Upon arrival to Oceanside, Calif., the group lodged at the SpringHill Suites by Marriott–Oceanside Beach hotel, formally owned by Southern Ute Indian Tribe. To kick off this trip, students and chaperones met with Brian Mulvany, President/COO of the GF Properties Group LLC., touring the hotel and then later touring the Pier-side North and South apartment complexes and the One Mission Avenue land development site.

“First off [Mulvany] was a really nice guy, as we were touring through the hotel, he was telling us about how that property was unique in that it was custom built by the Tribe, it has a restaurant in lobby and the hotel has a concrete structure,” Mirra Bourriague said. “It was interesting to hear about all of the

–I think it was over 200 jobs, this collaboration between the Southern Ute Education Department and the Southern Ute Growth Fund, students were given this opportunity to travel to Oceanside and explore the Oceanside Pier, and gain an understanding of the nearby beach, and the hospitality work environment, what it takes to operate ending the trip at Legoland rental properties, and how the Tribe hopes to continue its growth in the future. Now as the Tribal Business Exploration Program progresses, they hope to gain more members and continue their travel exploring the businesses, properties, and land lots owned by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

“To go on this trip we did fundraisers, and we did this by the clinic, [SUIMA], and at Ignacio High School,” Paiten Tucson said. “We sold coffee, tea, some sweets and we were able to raise a lot of money from that for this trip—we worked really hard to earn funds for our extra activities.” The majority of the students mentioned the visit to the beach as their most memorable activity while on this trip, students splashed in the nearby ocean after touring the Tribe’s business ventures. “My favorite activity was the beach, especially because you can’t find something like the beach experience here on the reservation,” Howe said. “I enjoyed going to beach and boogie boarding,” Johnthe son said. “I also liked exploring the hotel and getting to check out ‘Hello Betty’ which is the restaurant inside the hotel.”

“I would hope to see more involvement from our high school students and continued involvement from our current members as we continue to learn about the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and all the opportunities that are available to the students,” Denise Krispin said. “We so want to help students understand what kind of continued education or training they might need to pursue some of these careers they learn about.”

“To further the program, we would like to expand into learning about the oil and gas industry,” Julie Stone said. “Entities like Red Willow have expressed interest in wanting to get involved in the program, we want to showcase what the Tribe has going on—this is just the beginning.”

## Elders break bread



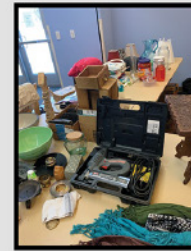
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Southern Ute tribal elder, Jennifer Good Tracks serves up a plate of homemade food, Friday, July 19, at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility. Potluck style meals are regularly provided for attendees of the Sip, Chat, and Chew social events.

Southern Ute tribal elder, Lillian Seibel enjoys a meal at the July Sip, Chat, and Chew event hosted by the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility.



## Multi-Purpose Facility August Indoor Yard Sale



**Saturday August 3, 2024 - 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM**

**No Admission Fee No Set-up Fee Doors open 8:00 AM**



**Make and Take Crafting**

**10:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

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## Multi - Purpose Facility August 2024 Events

### Monthly Event Calendar

Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday August 3, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Senior Breakfast—Wednesday August 7, 10:00 AM—11:30 AM

Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday August 9, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM

Un-Finished Objects “UFO’s”—Tuesday—Thursday August 27, 28 & 29  
Day - 10:00 AM—3:30 PM Evenings—Wed & Thurs. 5:30 PM—7:30 PM

### Special Events

Youth Craft Day—Tuesday August 6, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

MPF Haunted House Food Sale—Wed. August 21, —11:30 AM—2:30 PM

Shining Mountain Health & Wellness Program Presents:

“Blend & Thrive Indigenous Foods,” With Denee Bex

Tuesday August 13, 10:30 AM—12:00 PM

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

• Events are subject to change—watch for announcements

Any suggestions for workshops are welcome—Call Elise @ 970-563-2641



**Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
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# White Mesa Bear Dance Powwow Celebration 2024

**LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
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 @ TBA  
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**OTHER EVENTS: HANDGAME TOURNAMENT, CW DANCE, 5K WALK/RUN, HORSE SHOE THROW FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS. CONTACT WHITE MESA ADMIN 435.678.3397**

**AMENITIES:** DRY CAMPING AVAILABLE SHOWERS @ WHITE MESA COMMUNITY CENTER

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**KSUT PRESENTS**

## Bee Taylor, Brass Queens to play 19th annual Party in the Park

Venue: Durango's Buckley Park, Friday, July 26

**Staff report**  
**KSUT PRESENTS**

New Orleans based Bee Taylor will headline the 19th annual Party in the Park in Durango's Buckley Park, sponsored by Sky Ute Casino, Bank of San Juans and Wagon Wheel Liquor. The Brass Queens will open the show. Tickets are on sale at KSUTPresents.org and are \$20 in advance and \$25 at the gate. The gate will open at 5:30 p.m. with live music starting at 6 p.m. Children 12 and younger are free with a paying adult. Pets are not allowed.

"We invite music fans to celebrate public radio and our diverse blend of music at this New Orleans-style event," KSUT Executive Director Tami Graham said. "It's our way of giving back to the Four Corners and thanking our listeners and members for being part of the KSUT family."

This event marks KSUT's 19th annual Party in the Park, which typically celebrates world music, jazz, funk and New Orleans genres with acts meant to get the crowd dancing. Past performers have included Ozomatli, The Iguanas, Shinyribs, Lake Street Dive, The Subdudes, The Greencards, The New Orleans Suspects, Todo Mundo, The Big Takeover, Baracutanganga, The Stooges Brass Band, Jarabe Mexicano and others.

The Party in the Park also includes food vendors and

the sale of beer, canned cocktails, and wine. Ska Brewing will provide beer, cocktails provided by Curation, and wine provided courtesy of Wagon Wheel Liquors. Customers must be 21 years of age or older with a valid ID showing proof of age to purchase alcoholic beverages.

Bee Taylor is an artist and lyricist whose melodies will conjure up all the feelings of a mysterious night in New Orleans. Whether you want to parade down the streets or peek inside a shade drawn window, she is not one to miss the appointment of jazz, funk, roots, and soul. She fell in love with the New Orleans style of piano playing, and on June 6, 2019, she took her last \$100 to buy her first piano. On the way home, she got a call that her new musical hero, Dr. John, had passed away. She vowed that day to teach to herself how to play in the NOLA style and has been touring the U.S. with her band doing just that.

Hailing from Brooklyn, Brass Queens performs as a nine-piece brass band featuring an all-female horn section with a sound that is deeply inspired by the New Orleans tradition. Brass Queens have performed for many notable clients including the 2021 Met Gala, Chanel, Saks Fifth Avenue, Tiffany & Co, Perrier, Governor's Ball Music Festival, and many more. They are also the recent winners of We Love NYC's Rider's

Choice Award. KSUT is a community-supported public broadcasting organization dedicated to serving the multicultural community of the Four Corners by providing eclectic entertainment, education, in-depth news and community and public information services promoting multicultural awareness and understanding through two signals: Four Corners Public Radio and Southern Ute Tribal Radio.

Four Corners Public Radio can be heard at 90.1 FM in Durango & La Plata County; 89.3 in Central Durango; 88.1 in Pagosa Springs, Farmington & Northwest New Mexico; 106.3 in Cortez, Mancos & Montezuma County; and 91.1 in Silverton.

Tribal Radio can be heard at 91.3 FM in Ignacio, Southern Ute & Jicarilla Apache tribal lands; 89.7 in Farmington, Northwest New Mexico & Navajo tribal lands; and 100.9 in Towaoc & Ute Mountain Ute tribal lands.

Listeners around the world can stream KSUT at [www.ksut.org](http://www.ksut.org) and [www.tribalradio.org](http://www.tribalradio.org).

*KSUT celebrated its 48th anniversary in June and among the oldest tribal radio stations in the nation. Listeners have picked KSUT as the Durango Herald Readers' Choice Award winner for Best Radio Station in Durango and La Plata County each of the past 10 years.*

### Corrections

In a "5K Heat Wave Hustle" photo published in the July 12 issue of the Drum, Elijah Lucero, SunUte Head Fitness Trainer was inadvertently omitted.

In a "Ft. Duchesne 4th of July Powwow" photo published in the July 12 issue of the Drum, Alexzena Cesspooch, Miss Vietnam Veteran Princess was inadvertently omitted.

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19th Annual

# PARTY IN THE PARK

**Bee Taylor**  
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The Brass Queens

**Friday, July 26**  
**Buckley Park, Durango**  
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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](mailto:fastor@southernute-nsn.gov) or Jason Mietchen at: [jmietchen@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto: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

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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:

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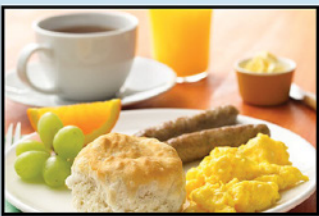
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## Multi-Purpose Facility Sr. Breakfast



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## OURAY CEMETERY SITE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT Project Notification To the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Membership

Dear Tribal Members,

The purpose of this letter is to notify you of an upcoming project at the Ouray Cemetery and to inform you of the construction activities that will be taking place over the next few months.

Construction & Project Management will be working to:

- Improve road and access surfaces
- Remove and replace fencing for better security and site aesthetics
- Construct a dedicated storage facility for tools and equipment to maintain the grounds
- Update the irrigation water supply

These enhancements will ensure the cemetery remains a place of honor and peace. We want to assure you that we are committed to minimizing disruptions during construction. We anticipate construction to begin this month and conclude by Fall, and access to the cemetery will be maintained throughout the project. Should you have any questions regarding this project or ongoing work, please free to call our office at (970)-563-4710. Additional information regarding this project is also listed on our website at: Ouray Cemetery Infrastructure Work - Southern Ute Indian Tribe ([southernute-nsn.gov](http://southernute-nsn.gov))

Respectfully,

Gavin S. Martinez, Director of Tribal Housing, Construction & Project Management

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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

Provide a voice and secure more support for our students

**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: [kleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:kleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov) OR (970)563-0237 ext. 2793

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

### APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled - The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has one (1) vacancy. The Committee shall include 5 members which shall be appointed by Tribal Council. The Committee shall include employees of the Permanent Fund who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of Tribal member mentoring and employment in order to make a positive contribution to both the Committee and to the objectives of the Program. A majority of the Committee shall be Tribal members. The Permanent Fund Apprenticeship Committee (Committee) shall be appointed to administer the Apprenticeship Program (Program) which provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible Tribal members employed in the Permanent Fund. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, currently employed with the Tribe, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Department at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill 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.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request and returned to Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@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](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov)

### 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](mailto:crizzo@southernute-nsn.edu).

### TRIBAL MEMBERS: WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 8/15/24 – 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](mailto: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](mailto:swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov)





## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs) for complete job descriptions. ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE.

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

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

### After School Program Attendant

Closes 8/2/24 – A regular part time position that provides education and physical activities for the after-school program to meet the needs of children ages 3 through 11 years that are enrolled in the after-school program. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

### BGC Program Coordinator

Closes 7/29/24 – Coordinates the implementation and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) programs. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

### Communications Manager – Dispatch

Closes 7/26/24 – 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.

### Deputy Court Clerk (Part-time)

Closes 8/2/24 – Provides professional clerical and program support to the Court system in a professional manner. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

### Detention Officer

Closes 7/26/24 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26/hour.

### Dispatcher Trainee

Closes 8/2/24 – A trainee position for individuals 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. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$17.51/hour.

### Gaming Director

Closes 8/2/24 – Acts as the administrative head of the Division of Gaming. Attends meetings of the Gaming Commission or Tribal council. Annually prepares and submits to the J&R Director, for approval, a proposed budget for the succeeding fiscal year. Takes such action as may be determined by the Gaming Commission or J&R Director to be necessary to protect the security and integrity of gaming. Monitors and oversees gaming on the reservation to ensure compliance with the Tribal/State compact and the National Indian Gaming Commission. Oversees the licensing and background investigation of individuals and companies involved in gaming. Pay grade E17; Pay starts at \$86.943.

### Lifeguard (Full-time)

Closes 8/2/24 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

### Lifeguard (Part-time)

Closes 7/29/24 – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

### Special Needs Aide (Part-time w/benefits)

Closes 8/2/24 – Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy disabled and special needs students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development under direction of a certified guide or specialists. Assists with life skills, academic success, and meeting IEP (Individual Education Plan) objectives. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

### Substance 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.

### Ute Language Teacher

Closes 8/2/24 – Assisting the Ute Curriculum Specialist in teaching the Ute language to the students, staff, and parents of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Employees will be trained by the Ute Curriculum Specialist to write the Ute language using the Southern Ute Tribal Council approved and adopted Ute Dictionary, Text, and Grammar books. Pay grade E12; Pay starts at \$54,086/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; 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 w/benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade E22; Pay starts at \$113,890.20/year.

### Detention Transport Officer

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

### Director of Strategic Planning

Open Until Filled – Working with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council to define, plan, implement, and achieve the strategic and financial plan objectives and priorities determined by Tribal Council. Researching and critically analyzing past strategies and modifying and developing those plans and strategies to address current circumstances; developing training material for Tribal Council Members regarding the Tribe's Financial Plan and other strategic plans; and communicating the financial and strategic plans to the Tribal Membership. In coordination with Tribal Council, facilitates strategic planning, including but not limited to tribal entities and tribal membership when deemed appropriate. 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.

### Elementary Teacher

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

### Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Dept. 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, works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement/Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

### Gaming Investigator II

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

### Grants Financial Analyst

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

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

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.

### HVAC Technician

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.

## Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://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.

### Accounting Assistant II – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/9/24 – 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.

### Assistant Accounting Manager – Growth Fund Real Estate (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/18/24 – Ensuring that entries to the subledgers, general ledger and account reconciliations for the Growth Fund real estate and Growth Fund other businesses are made on an accurate and timely basis. Will communicate and coordinate with third-party Real Estate accounting providers to provide an accurate and timely monthly close. Prepares monthly financial reporting packages, (analysis and presentation), provides annual audit support, and other duties, as needed. Supervising accounting staff, as determined necessary by the Assistant Controller.

### Human Resources Training and Development Coordinator – Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/2/24 – 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 Human Resources Department.

### Human Resources Clerk – Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/2/24 – Part-time, temporary position responsible for assisting with confidential scanning projects as well as office and clerical duties for the Growth Fund Human Resources department.

### JIB Accountant II – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/2/24 – Performs assignments pertaining to the review and recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations.

### Revenue Accountant III – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/2/24 – Performing complex revenue accounting assignments, creates new revenue agreements, and responsible for knowledge of revenue accounting practices.

## Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO  
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

### Helpdesk Support Analyst I – SUDEP Trainee (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/2/224 – This trainee program is designed to provide training, mentoring, and on-the-job experience for up to two years in order to learn and be responsible for configuration, installation, and support of the end-user computing environment including all desktop hardware, operating system, end user applications and responsible for production support of all Shared Services applications for the end user/customer; provide enterprise-wide applications support with emphasis on the functional view of production applications; and provide day-to-day end-user support related to PeopleSoft, other Shared Services business productivity applications and end-user hardware.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

### Lands Technician Trainee (Southern Ute tribal member only)

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

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

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. 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 member only)

Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. Must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Assists with consultation with tribal, state, and federal consultations under the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA) and the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) when needed. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

### Patrol Officer I

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

### Patrol Officer II

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 member only)

Assists with coordination of all functions and activities related to Tribal planning projects. Provides oversight to projects through completion and assists with management of PL 93-638 Projects. 50% grant-funded and is contingent on continued grant funding. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26/hour.

### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Department. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

### Substance Use Treatment Program Manager

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. 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.

### Teacher Aide

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 member only)

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

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

### Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal member only)

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

### Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal member only)

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

### Umpire/Referee

Maintains rules and regulations on the playing field and courts during SunUte 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](http://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 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)

The Count Department retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. 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 & Part-time)

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

### \*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. Should have a complete understanding of player data and player development philosophies. Is active on the casino floor and provides engaging leadership and training. May be required to work irregular hours and extended shifts including late nights, early mornings, weekends, and holidays, as business needs dictate. Will interact with guests proactively and will tailor service offerings to meet the individual preferences and needs of each guest. Reports directly to the Director of Marketing.

### \*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, cir-

ulation 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 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.

### Multi-Games Pit Boss (Full-time)

Supervision of all multi-games tables and staff as directed by the Table Games Manager. It ensures that guests are provided with a professional, friendly, and courteous gaming experience while adhering to all appropriate gaming regulations.

### \*Night Auditor (Part-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.

### \*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. Is 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.

### \*Willows Line Cook (Full-time)

Works under direct supervision of the Lead Cook. Preparation of the A La Carte menu in the Willows and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Be an excellent team player and trustworthy.

### \*Willows Server (Full-time)

Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. Handle tasks in a friendly, courteous, helpful, timely and professional manner resulting in a high level of guest satisfaction.

## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221

Job info, descriptions and application: [www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310](http://www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310)

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

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- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance (Part-time) – \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled
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### SoCoCAA Central Administration:

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

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY Maintenance Mechanic

FLSA Status: Non-Exempt; Employment Status: Full-Time. Reports to working Foreman. Semi-skilled to skilled maintenance of buildings/houses, facilities, and light equipment. Performs general carpentry, electrical, plumbing, and other repairs in response to service requests and results of inspections of units in accordance with HUD required standards. Performs interior work on units to include sheet rocking, painting, and working and troubleshooting HVAC and boiler systems. Performs maintenance on mechanical equipment and/or machinery. On-call duties are assigned on a rotating basis. Qualifications and Knowledge: High school graduate (or GED) or possess a vocational technician certification beyond high school, with five (5) years' experience or training in building construction or maintenance, or in the repair or maintenance of mechanical equipment or an equivalent combination of technical training and experience. Preferably licensed in one or more trades and certified HVAC. Must have a valid Driver's License, remain insurable, successfully pass a pre-employment drug test, and submit to random drug testing per the Drug and Alcohol-Free Workplace Policy. Pick up applications at 760 Shoshone Ave., Ignacio CO 81137, or email [ctdwedt@suiha.org](mailto:ctdwedt@suiha.org) to request an application and a copy of the full job description. Questions can be directed to Eric Spady or Crystal Twedt at 970-563-4575. Applications must be submitted by 4 p.m. August 9, 2024.

# 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](mailto: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
- \$20 - \$28/hr DOE

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## Southern Ute Utilities Division

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JULY UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRANSFER STATION 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

**JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> / 5<sup>TH</sup> INDEPENDENCE DAY — CLOSED**

**SEPT. 2<sup>ND</sup> LABOR DAY — CLOSED**

**OCT. 14<sup>TH</sup> INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — CLOSED**

**NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED**

**NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — CLOSED**

**DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup> / 10<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED**

**DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED**

**TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION**  
**MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY**

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

### OFFICE HOURS

Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM

Lobby closed 12p -1p on Fridays

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

Friendly Reminders

- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shut-offs are the first Wednesday of each month:  
**July 10th / Aug. 7th / Sept. 4th**

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

JULY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- New email address or cell phone number? Contact Utilities to update your information at (970) 563-5500.
- Shut-Off Day is JULY 10th! Pay bill before 10am on 7/10 to avoid late fees.
- Used Black HDPE Pipe available to Tribal Members. 12-Inch Diameter, 20ft long. Bring your own trailer. Call Utilities Office.
- Transfer Station is CLOSED on Thursday (7/4) and Friday (7/5), reopening on Saturday, July 6th.
  - Cedar Point & Ignacio Peak Residents: Any tribal fiber line installation questions should be addressed to Southern Ute Shared Services (Delbert Cuthair) at (970) 563-5555.

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL UTILITIES OFFICE.

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## WILDLAND FIRE MANAGEMENT

# Natural ignition spurs innovative fire management in San Juan National Forest

Staff report  
NATIONAL WILD TURKEY  
FEDERATION

On May 14, a lightning strike sparked the Spruce Creek Fire 11 miles Northeast of Dolores, Colo. on Haycamp Mesa in the San Juan National Forest. This fire presented an uncommon opportunity for the Dolores Ranger District to employ indirect tactics for forest restoration and enhance community safety.



USDA Forest Service/San Juan National Forest

The Spruce Creek fire ignited within a network of forest system roads that fire managers identified as ideal containment lines. Thanks to favorable weather and fuel conditions, firefighters were able to burn out the interior of the road system, guiding the fire to these lines rather than building new ones at the fire's edge.

The 5,699-acre fire burned with low-to-moderate intensity in heavy timber, Gambel oak and deep duff (a dense layer of partially decomposed pine needles). Removing this highly flammable vegetation is a step toward protecting local communities and infrastructure from the risk of future high-intensity wildfires. Additionally, the restorative nature of wildfire in this fire-adapted ecosystem is a secondary benefit.

"We [used] this natural ignition to maximize the positive effects from fire and minimize the negative effects of catastrophic fire," said Nick Mustoe, District Ranger for the Dolores Ranger District. "This means making wise choices about our fire response in

ways that reduce the long-term risks to our watersheds and communities and allow fire to play the role it has in our forests for millennia."

Fire is an intrinsic component of natural ecosystems, and the Rocky Mountain Restoration Initiative (RMRI) endeavors to foster forests that are resilient, healthy and prepared to receive fire. Currently, the RMRI encompasses three focal landscapes across Colorado: Upper South Platte, Upper Arkansas and Southwest Colorado. In Southwest Colorado alone, which includes Dolores and the San Juan National Forest, RMRI partners have restored 83,124 acres of public and private land since 2020.

Utilizing fire as a management tool is crucial for fostering healthy and resilient forests. When applied at the appropriate intensity and location, fire can be used to reduce wildfire risk to communities – a primary focus of the San Juan National Forest. Fire often also offers numerous benefits to both the forest ecosystem and the wildlife species reliant on it. Firefighters and forest man-

agers harnessed this natural ignition to mitigate the potential for catastrophic wildfires in the future. By targeting hazardous fuels under favorable conditions, they diminished long-term risks to communities. This strategic approach seeks to foster healthier, more resilient forests while concurrently minimizing risks to communities.

Considerable effort and funding are invested in forests across the West, getting forests ready to receive fire, which is inevitable and natural on the landscape. In Southwest Colorado, the diligent work undertaken by RMRI partners over the past few years has been instrumental in preparing the landscape and our communities for fire. Good project work on private, state, tribal or federal land creates forests that are resilient to disturbances, like fire, and is critical for protecting communities.

Ongoing RMRI projects within the San Juan landscape are planned to reduce fuels to create resilient forests and enhance community preparedness for future wildfire events.



## Internet-Based Hunter Education Class

Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, 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 10<sup>th</sup>.

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](https://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 Thickly-curved hairdo
- 5 Needing no Rx
- 8 Crab's grabber
- 9 Formerly known as the Creek Nation East of the Mississippi
- 13 "That is --- expected"
- 14 Slender elongated anatomical channel
- 15 Break down
- 16 "--- Duke" (Stevie Wonder tune)
- 17 Tot's term for the stomach
- 18 Lessens
- 21 Itsy bit
- 22 "Capeesh?"
- 23 Race infraction
- 27 Genetic material
- 28 Cargo compartment
- 29 Cone maker
- 31 Begin courting
- 33 Claude Akins sitcom Sheriff
- 34 Land south of the border
- 35 ----a-brac
- 36 First all-news TV channel
- 37 Coyote state

### Down

- 1 Play sections
- 2 Oversupply
- 3 Waw-bos Nah-mat-ta-bee (Ojibway)
- 4 "You --- it to yourself"
- 5 Choose to participate
- 6 Rife with souvenir shops, say
- 7 Checkered auto
- 10 "--- Falls", comedy of Native American interest
- 11 Sleuth's find
- 12 Garment edges
- 16 Some whiskers
- 19 Bell and Barker
- 20 Dead or Red
- 23 Brotherhood, for short
- 24 US member of the ISO
- 25 The source of all evil
- 26 Shinbone
- 30 Gibraltar landmark
- 32 Middle Earth marauder
- 33 Dieter's worries: Abbr.

Answers will appear in the August 9 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for July 12, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Aswan, 6 Past, 10 See to, 11 Vito, 12 Inset, 13 Crow, 14 Attach, 16 Scab, 18 Ethos, 20 Koi, 21 NPR, 23 Era, 24 BCC, 25 Eon, 26 Demur, 28 Zuma, 30 Bodice, 33 Roll, 35 Sadly, 36 Onto, 37 Algae, 38 Noon, 39 Sleds.

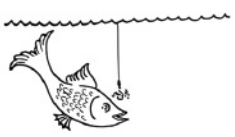
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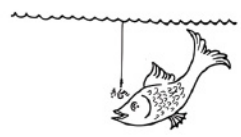
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## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, July 26



Partly sunny 87°F  
60% chance of precipitation

Saturday, July 27



Mostly sunny 88°F  
Chance showers/thunderstorms

Sunday, July 28



Sunny 89°F  
Slight chance showers/thunderstorms

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

