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**Safeguarding our water**

*By Lorelei Cloud, Vice Chairman*

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Lorelei Cloud, Vice Chairman, Southern Ute Tribal Council.

Maykh!  
 I am honored to share updates on my work safeguarding our water. These past few months have been dedicated to advancing responsible water management. The water industry is undergoing a pivotal transformation, one that centers on Tribal inclusion. It is a privilege to contribute to this historic shift, where Tribal voices are finally being heard and recognized as sovereigns, but there is still more work to do.

I strongly believe in the importance of Nuuchiu representation at all water meetings. As negotiations for the Post-2026 Colorado River operating guidelines continue, it is crucial to remember that Tribes hold 20-30% of the water rights. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has quantified and settled its water rights, and we are actively engaged in Colorado River discussions with the Bureau of Reclamation, the Upper Colorado River Commission, the State of Colorado, and other Colorado Riv-

er Basin Tribes. The Colorado River's water crisis demands urgent attention. The 2007 Interim Guidelines, designed as a temporary measure, have proven insufficient to address the region's growing water needs. The upcoming negotiations offer a

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**LIFT THE LABEL**

**Southern Ute Tribe: Recovery stories**

*Dr. Stacey Oberly*



courtesy Lift the Label

Dr. Stacey Oberly of the Southern Ute Tribe.

My name is Dr. Stacey Oberly, and I am enrolled in Southern Ute. I have a doctorate in linguistics from the University of Arizona. I recently finished out the last few months of my first three-year term serving as a Southern Ute Tribal Council member.

My relationship with substance use began before I was born, maybe even before my mom was born. My grandparents on both sides, maternal and paternal, had issues with alcohol use. As did both my parents. So, I grew up in an environment where drinking was always present.

Because I grew up in that environment, I started drinking at eight years old. From 14 to 22, my entire life centered around drinking. At 22, I decided I needed to stop because I was tired of getting blacked out. I wanted to break the cycle of heavy drinking because it had just continued across genera-

tions in my family. Although I have been in recovery for 31 years, and I'm very proud of it, I still feel a sense of stigma to admit that I am a recovering alcoholic. But I can overcome that stigma if I'm open and honest about what I've been through and how I have lived. When we do that, we can help others avoid our mistakes.

There are parts of our culture that can also help us overcome addiction and stay in recovery. Growing up, our family attended the sweat ceremony at the Lake Red Ute House. To sweat, you can't have used substances for a few days. So, looking forward to the sweat ceremony provides another reason to avoid substance use. My grandfather was a Sun Dance Chief when he got sober.

When you're a Sun Dancer, you don't use alcohol. You're supposed to live above that stuff. You're a servant to the

community, and you put yourself second to the community. Knowing how to pray, how to smudge, how to be a supporter of the Sun Dance ceremony, and how to have a close connection with The Creator can provide guidance and create a sense of connection to the community and heritage that can keep people from using substances.

Lastly, some programs are oriented toward Native American culture. The White Bison program is a culturally based healing program for Native American people. It's based on traditional beliefs through the Red Road of how we connect with The Creator.

As a community, we want to create a comprehensive program called The Healing Village. It's designed to see what we can do to help our tribal members struggling with addiction. Be-

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**Tribe mourns loss of former council member and Vice Chairman Alex S. Cloud**

*Staff report*  
 SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is deeply saddened to learn of the passing of former Council Member, Vice Chairman, and beloved community member, Alex S. Cloud.

Cloud was a dedicated tribal and community leader who made significant contributions to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe throughout his life. As a three-term Tribal Council member, Cloud served the communi-



ty for over 15 years as the head of the Recreation Department. Known for his passion for youth development, Cloud was

a mentor and coach to countless young people. He instilled in them the importance of education and hard work, encouraging them to excel in both academics and athletics.

Cloud's legacy of service and dedication to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will be remembered and cherished by the community. Our hearts and prayers are with the Cloud and Kent family and the community during this time.

*See obituary for Alex Cloud on page 19.*



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Christian Beltran, a technician with M&M Construction, works to set up a junction box for high-speed internet on CR 314, Wednesday, Aug. 21.

**DIGITAL EQUITY**

**Tribe, Bonfire set to light up fiber internet across Ignacio**

*SUSS encouraging tribal members, residents to sign up*

*By Jeremy Wade Shockley*  
 THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute Shared Services is excited to report that fiber optic installation is moving forward throughout the community and that Phase 2 of the Broadband Project is on track. The Tribe is also strongly

encouraging residents and businesses to proactively sign up for the high-speed internet service.

"We're hoping to get the community and the membership [signed up]. It's a one-time funding opportunity," Southern Ute Shared Services Chief Information Officer, Jeff Engman said.

"There's no guarantee in the future that the Tribe will have funding. It's important to sign up now to add fiber to those homes."

Federal and state grant funding has enabled the Tribe to provide this one-time opportunity to install

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**Tribe shows appreciation**



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team Sasquatch and Team Eagles share high-fives after the annual EAD Kickball game, Team Sasquatch won the match. The Southern Ute Tribe expressed their appreciation for it's employees, during the annual Southern Ute Employee Appreciation Day, Friday, Aug. 16. The day was filled with numerous contests, a scavenger hunt, poker walk, a cultural performance and a meal provided by the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose staff.

**See more Employee Appreciation Day photo coverage on page 13.**



## BONFIRE TO LIGHT UP FIBER NET • FROM PAGE 1



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The multi-year broadband infrastructure project spearheaded by Southern Ute Shared Services is connecting residential homes and businesses to the high-speed fiber optic service network across the Southern Ute Reservation.

a fiber internet connection to residences at no up-front installation/construction cost if you live in the fiber construction project area.

“Get your interest in there, so that when we are in your area, we can get you signed up and connected.” Southern Ute Shared Services Broadband & Digital Equity Manager, Delbert Cuthair said.

The initiative, driven by the Tribe’s commitment to enhancing the quality of life for its members and for other Reservation residents, aims to provide high-speed, reliable internet access to the underserved community of Ignacio. This project is part of the Tribe’s broader strategy to bridge the digital divide, empower local businesses, and improve educational opportunities for residents.

“The success of this project is due to the Tribal Council’s support and leadership,” Engman said in a previous interview. “The time and effort required from many Tribal employees and entities, the partnership we have established with the Bonfire Infrastructure Group, and the funding that has been made available by the Tribe, the State of Colorado, and the federal government – all with the end goal of closing the digital divide that exists within the Reservation.”

Bonfire Engineering con-

tinues construction across the Southern Ute Reservation for fiber optic installation for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Broadband Project under Phase 2. Construction is taking place along the edge of the roadways and/or behind sidewalks. The Broadband Project will include trenching, boring, and plowing to install fiber, as well as reclamation and seeding. Construction vehicles and fiber spools will be visible on the edges of roadways.

The fiber internet service is lightning fast. “We’ve got 2GB with zero jitters and minimal latency – we’re running Denver speeds right now,” Engman said. “We are weeks away from having everything in the Ignacio area, and the Casino lit up and serviceable. We are going to work our way towards Bayfield, Three Springs next.”

“There’s a newsletter going out, plus a phone number to get signed up for those who don’t want to go online,” Engman said. “We’ve gone through a lot of stuff in the background to make this easy, especially for Tribal members and on Tribal lands. Chairman Baker preauthorized [installation areas], so that residents, tribal members can sign service line agreements on a tablet.” This applies to Tribal member homes and Tribal Trust Land. The overall

project is scheduled until December of 2025, with the first three areas — Ignacio, the Sky Ute Casino, and Florida Mesa West — to be completed for 2024. The Tribe encourages Ignacio town residents, and other Reservation residents to stay updated on the project’s progress through official tribal communications channels.

“This is for all residents,” Engman said. “The money will run out, so we are working to get service to everybody we can.”

### Key Features of the Fiber Internet Project:

- **High-Speed Connectivity:** The fiber internet infrastructure will deliver high-speed internet access to homes, businesses, and community facilities in the Town of Ignacio, fostering economic development and innovation.
- **Reliability and Stability:** Residents can expect a reliable and stable internet connection, enabling seamless communication, online learning, telecommuting, and access to essential services.
- **Community Empowerment:** The project reflects the Tribe’s commitment to empowering its community by providing essential digital infrastructure. This investment aligns with the Tribe’s dedication to fostering economic growth and improving overall quality of life.
- **Collaboration with Stakeholders:** The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has worked collaboratively with local, state, and federal agencies to navigate the permitting process successfully. This collaborative effort demonstrates the commitment to creating positive partnerships that benefit the entire community.



## Many Moons Ago



Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Jennifer Goodtracks smiles big as she gets ready to head through the ambush of people waiting with blue dye at the finish line.

This photo was first published in the Aug. 22, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

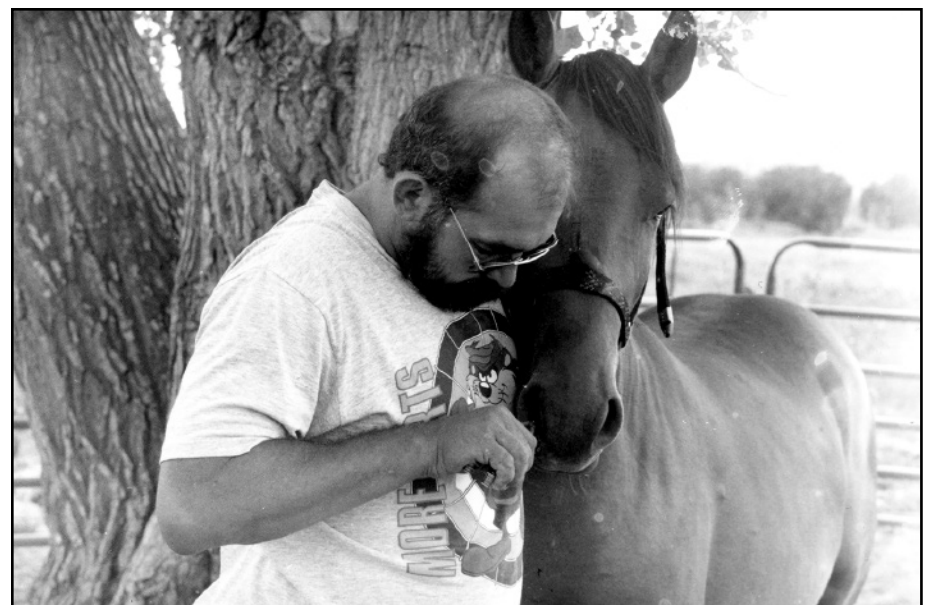


Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Vida Peabody, Pearl Casias, Springwind Frost, and Bertha Box enjoy the traditional buffalo feast.

This photo was published in the Aug. 6, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

### 30 years ago

This two-year old filly belonging to Robert Lucer must have thought she was a dog for a painful moment. She decided to tangle with a porcupine – she lost. Lucer and Muz Pinnecoose lassoed the unbroken filly and her brother and removed the spines

This photo was published in the Aug. 19, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

After the trip to Chimney Rock, the tribal staff went boat riding in Lake Capote.

This photo was published in the Aug. 24, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund General Meeting in September

The Growth Fund General Meeting is coming up next month. We hope you will join us in person for this informational forum intended to update the tribal membership on the Southern Ute Growth Fund’s annual performance, forecast and answer any questions that attendees may have. This General Meeting is for the enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Membership and will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024. The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

### Details below on attendance options:

1. **Attend in person** – 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.
2. **Join us online via Webex** – The event will be streamed via Webex for the Tribal Membership only. To ensure this information is only shared with the appropriate individuals, Tribal Members must register for the Webex event separately. Scan the barcode via your smart device to take you directly to the registration page. You can also register by following the link on one of these locations. Tribal Member Experience (TMX), Tribal social feed (Instagram, Facebook), and the Southern Ute Drum’s website. **Registration is required, if you want to gain access to the Webex event.** Webex Registration Link (case sensitive): <https://bit.ly/2024sugfGm>

Before the Webex Event, it is advisable to visit the following help site to test your browser and connection: <https://bit.ly/3e7p7Ne>. Should you have additional technical problems, don’t hesitate to get in touch with the SUSS helpdesk at 970-563-5050. If you are not able to attend, the recording will be available on Tribal Member Experience (TMX). As a friendly reminder, this is a closed meeting for the Southern Ute Tribal Membership only. We hope you will join us!

“Scan the barcode, follow the link and register for online attendance”

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund General Meeting

Can't join us in person this year? Connect online via Webex.

Scan the QR Code or visit the link below to register.  
<https://bit.ly/2024sugfGm>

The meeting agenda will be available to tribal members via TMX shortly.

Thursday, September 12, 2024

9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

This is a closed meeting for the Southern Ute tribal membership only.

www.sugf.com
14929 Highway 172, P.O. Box 367, Ignacio, CO 81137
Ph: (970) 563 5000





## Royalty dance in Concho, OK



courtesy Comanche Mike

Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany and Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder during a Hat and Boot Special.



Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder and Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany attend Grand Entry at the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow.



Shayne and Malia White Thunder participated in the hat and boot special at the at the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow in Concho, Okla., Aug. 2-4.



Southern Ute Brave Alternate, Theoden Greany places 1st in Jr. Boys Fancy (7-16 years old).



Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder at the at the Oklahoma Indian Nations Powwow in Concho, Okla.



Jeremy Wade Shockely/SU Drum

Native Love board member, Kristean Velasquez steps onto the runway with her children, Christian "Cash" and Scarlett Rodriguez-Velasquez.

### VOICES FROM THE EDGE

## Native Love fashion show lets youth show off in a unique way

By Clark Adomaitis  
KSJD/KSUT REPORTER

Native Love, a cultural preservation group for youth in Ignacio, hosted a fashion show and fundraiser for the second year in a row at the Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum. Kristen Velasquez, an organizer with Native Love, emceed as about 20 kids and adults walked the runway in colorful dresses, fashionable streetwear, fashionable streetwear, and sports uniforms.

Traditional Indigenous fashion is tied to a sense of identity, family, and storytelling. Native Love's fashion show goes beyond that. It allowed kids to express themselves freely, with traditional regalia, beadwork, or clothing with a modern flair.

"Just giving the kids an outlet to express themselves in any type of way and giving them that space to do it without any judgment. I love



Jeremy Wade Shockely/SU Drum

Starlitt Greany struts her stuff on the catwalk during this year's Native Love Fashion Show, Saturday, Aug. 10.

it," Velasquez said. O'olcu Buckskin organized the fashion show. She said this event gives kids a special way to express themselves.

"Not everybody can do the powwow. Not everybody can do the beadwork. Some of us like fashion. Some of us maybe want to be a model. You don't really have to say much. You just say it with your body language," Buckskin said.

Liana Daniels is an Indigenous fashion designer from Farmington, N.M. Young people showcased their skirts and dresses on the runway.

"I never usually get to see people who purchase my things wear them. I don't get to see it. I don't see pictures. I got to see that today with my own eyes, and it almost made me tear up a little bit," Daniels said.

Native Love's fashion show ended with an awards ceremony for the participants. Native Love plans to continue hosting its fashion show in the coming years.



Jeremy Wade Shockely/SU Drum

Siblings, Isai and Gabriela Perez practice their boxing skills with coaching from The Good Fight Boxing Gym, who gave an interactive presentation following the fashion show.

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.

# 1ST ANNUAL UNCOMPAGRE POW-WOW

SEPTEMBER 21, 2024

UTE INDIAN MUSEUM / 17253 CHIPETA RD, MONTROSE, CO

Parking is limited. Please ride our free shuttle located at the Target parking lot by Discount Tire. The Shuttle will run 10:30 am to 8 pm every 15 minutes



Hosted by the Western Slope Native American Resource Center and the Ute Indian Museum in Montrose, Colorado.



## DANCE CONTEST

OVER \$14,000 IN PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED

THERE WILL BE A DRAWING WITH UP TO \$4,500 IN PRIZES FOR ALL DANCERS WHO DO NOT WIN 1ST, 2ND, OR 3RD IN EACH CATEGORY

**POW-WOW: 11 A.M. TO DUSK**

Dance Registration 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. Gourd Dancing until 1 p.m. Grand Entry 1 p.m. There will be a Silent Auction starting at 11 a.m. and winners will be announced after the last dance.

**VENDORS:** Vendors you must either donate an item to the Silent Auction OR pay a \$200 vendor fee. There will be limited space for food vendors, so please sign up early!

### DANCE CATEGORIES AND PRIZES

**TINY-TOTS:** 0-6 yrs / Prizes will be awarded

**JR. GIRLS:** 7-12 yrs / Fancy, Jingle, Traditional / 1st place \$100 / 2nd place \$75 / 3rd Place \$50

**JR. BOYS:** 7-12 yrs / Fancy, Grass, Traditional / 1st place \$100 / 2nd place \$75 / 3rd Place \$50

**TEEN GIRLS:** 13-17 yrs / Fancy, Jingle & Traditional / 1st place \$200 / 2nd place \$150 / 3rd Place \$75

**TEEN BOYS:** 13-17 yrs / Fancy, Grass & Traditional / 1st place \$200 / 2nd place \$150 / 3rd Place \$75

**ADULT WOMEN'S:** 18-49 yrs / Fancy, Jingle & Traditional / 1st place \$600 / 2nd place \$400 / 3rd Place \$300

**ADULT MEN'S:** 18-49 yrs / Fancy, Grass & Traditional / 1st place \$600 / 2nd place \$400 / 3rd Place \$300

**GOLDEN AGE WOMEN'S:** 50+ / 1st place \$600 / 2nd place \$400 / 3rd Place \$300

**GOLDEN AGE MEN'S:** 50+ / 1st place \$600 / 2nd place \$400 / 3rd Place \$300

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Please visit [wsnarc.org/pow-wow-sponsorships](http://wsnarc.org/pow-wow-sponsorships) or call 970-773-4765 or 970-249-3098 for sponsorship information and to donate items for the Silent Auction.



Jeremy Wade Shockely/SU Drum

Fashion show models and organizers - Jazmyn Vent, Slymm Jymm, Gabby Velasquez and Kristean Velasquez stand together with the youth participants at the end of this year's Native Love Fashion Show.

## Jicarilla Apache Nation

## Annual Go-Jii-Ya PowWow

2024

September 15th, 2024

Grand Entry: 2:00pm

Stone Lake Go-Jii-Ya Grounds

**Host Drum**

"Southern Slam", Zia Pueblo, NM

"Daanzo Singers", Dulce, NM



## Art Market & Juried Show



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum staff stand alongside all the winners of the Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show after the presentation of winners on Sunday, Aug. 11. "Best in Show" went to Virgil Nez and "Most Traditional" went to Veronica Benally.



Southern Ute artist Russell Box Sr. sells his original paintings and prints during the Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show, Saturday, Aug. 10.



Native artists, both local and national, gathered at the Sky Ute Casino Resort for the Pino Nuche Indigenous Art Market and Juried Show during the weekend of Friday, Aug. 9 through Sunday, Aug. 11. Artist and Southern Ute tribal member, Lorretta "Anne" Velasquez offered multiple beauty services at her booth, she operates the small salon business "La Savage."

## Southern Ute Royalty Pageant



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Olyvia Watts introduces herself to a large crowd and a panel of judges during the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant held on Wednesday, Aug. 14 at the Multi-Purpose Facility. Watts and four other contestants – Malia White Thunder, Theoden Greany, Maleina Carel, and Leandra Litz – presented their public speaking skills, talents, and dance styles in hopes of becoming part of the Southern Ute Royalty. Watts is vying for the Little Miss Southern Ute title. Title winners will be announced during the 64th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow on Friday, Sept. 6.



Southern Ute tribal member Leandra Litz presents her hand sewn ribbon dresses to the judges during the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant, she explained her traditional design choices and gave a brief history of the dresses ancestral Ute women typically wore. Litz is vying for the role of Jr. Miss Southern Ute.

Theoden Greany is running for the Southern Ute Brave title, and he performed a round dance song as part of the talent portion of the Southern Ute Royalty Pageant.

## Indigenous American Presentations at Global Village Museum

**Sept. 12: Federal Indian Schools in Colorado** – From 6-7:30 pm, The History and Trauma of Colorado's Federal Indian Schools will be presented by Holly Kathryn Norton, History Colorado's State Archaeologist. The presentation will profile History Colorado's report entitled Federal Indian Schools in Colorado, 1880-1920. "The report discusses the foundation of the Federal Indian Education system and its goal of erasing Indigenous cultures and assimilating Native Americans into Euro-American society," says Dr. Norton. "The assimilationist practices of the federal government caused lasting intergenerational trauma." Tickets to the presentation are \$10 per person, and reservations are required via the following link: <https://globalvillagemuseum.org/product/september-12-the-history-trauma-of-colorados-federal-indian-schools/>

## White Mesa Bear Dance Powwow Celebration 2024

LABOR DAY WEEKEND  
WHITE MESA, UT  
CONTEST POWWOW & GOURD DANCE AUG. 31-SEPT.1  
BEAR DANCE AUG. 30-SEPT.2ND | WORSHIP DANCE AUG. 30 @ 8PM

### HEAD STAFF:

HOST DRUM: OZUYE - BISMARCK, ND  
MASTER OF CEREMONIES: REFFEL KANIP - (N. UTE) FT. DUSCHENE, UT  
YOUTH EMCEE: KIOWAN CANTSEE - (UTE MTN UTE) TOWAOC, CO  
ARENA DIRECTOR: DR. ORRENZO SNYDER - (DINÉ) TULARE, CA  
HEAD MAN: ORRION L. SNYDER - (DINÉ/S. UTE) TULARE, CA  
HEAD LADY: UTE PAGEANTRY

### GOURD DANCE:

HEAD GOURD DANCER:  
DAVIS FILFRED - MONTEZUMA CREEK, UT  
HOST: IDHA DAMIZEM - TEBE NOS ROS, AZ  
EMCEE: W. OTIS HALEWOOD - SANTA FE, NM  
SPONSORED BY: UTE MOUNTAIN TRIBE DIABETES PROGRAM

### SESSIONS:

SAT. @ 10AM & @ 5PM  
SUN. @ 10AM

### CONTESTS:

DRUM  
\$2000/\$1000/\$800

### IN HONOR OF NATIVE VOLTAGE GOLDEN AGE 55+:

MEN COMBINED / WOMEN COMBINED  
\$300/\$200/\$100

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TRADITIONAL/GRASS/JINGLE/FANCY  
\$300/\$200/\$100

TRADITIONAL/GRASS/JINGLE/FANCY  
\$125/\$100/\$75

JUNIOR BOYS & GIRLS 8-12  
TRADITIONAL/GRASS/JINGLE/FANCY  
\$60/\$40/\$30

TINY TOTS 7-UNDER

### MEALS:

BUFFALO FEED - SAT. @ 5PM  
ENTREE SPONSORED BY OZ

ISLAND PARADISE FEED - SUN.  
@ TBA  
SPONSORED BY: FITAJO FAMILY

OTHER EVENTS: HANDGAME TOURNAMENT,  
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FOOD, ARTS & CRAFTS.  
CONTACT WHITE MESA ADMIN  
435.678.3397

AMENITIES: DRY CAMPING AVAILABLE SHOWERS @ WHITE MESA COMMUNITY CENTER

POWOW COORDINATOR: J. CANTSEE 970.676.1442 | WMBEAR DANCE@GMAIL.COM | FB: WHITE MESA BEAR DANCE POWWOW

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\$1000/2 CONSOLATIONS  
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WOMEN'S TRADITIONAL 50+  
\$1000/2 CONSOLATIONS  
SPONSORED BY: JOLENE CANTSEE

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FOOTWORK W/ CHAINETTE  
FRINGED SHAWL SPECIAL  
\$500 WTA + 2 CONSOLATIONS  
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\$500/\$300/\$200  
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\$500/2 CONSOLATIONS  
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\$500/\$300/\$200

WAR BONNET SPECIAL  
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MEN'S TRADITIONAL  
SPECIAL  
\$500 WTA  
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TINY TOTS SPECIAL 8-  
UNDER  
\$200/\$50/\$50

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(INFO BELOW)

## 2024 WHITE MESA BEAR DANCE

LABOR DAY WEEKEND • AUGUST 30 - SEPTEMBER 2, 2024

### SUNRISE PRAYER & BLESSING

FRIDAY AUGUST 30 @ 6:00 A.M.  
BEAR DANCE CORRAL

### WHITE MESA BEAR DANCE CHIEFS

JACK CANTSEE JR. \*TALLAS CANTSEE\* ALDEAN KETCHUM \*ERIC WELLS

### FRIDAY AUGUST 30

BLESSING OF BEAR DANCE GROUNDS  
BEAR DANCE CELEBRATION BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M.  
BEAR DANCE (ALL DAY)  
COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE CONTACT (435) 485-0480

THE BAND BROKEN ARROW 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. AT WHITE MESA RECREATION CENTER

### SATURDAY AUGUST 31

BEAR DANCE (ALL DAY, ALSO NIGHT DANCE) BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M.  
BEAR DANCE WALK CONTACT SLEEPING UTE DIABETES PROGRAM (970) 560-1362

REGISTRATION 7:00-8:00 A.M.—BEAR DANCE GROUND ENTRANCE  
WALK 8:00 A.M.—FINISH/START AT BEAR DANCE GROUND ENTRANCE

PARADE CONTACT WHITE MESA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (435) 678-3397  
BEGINS AT SOUTH BEAVER LANE AT 10:00 A.M., END AT THE BEAR DANCE GROUND

THE STRONG WARRIORS 3K OBSTACLE CHALLENGE & KIDS MINI OBSTACLE CHALLENGE  
CONTACT TOQUA TICEAHKIE "T" (580) 583-4259

ON SITE REGISTRATION OPENS AT 9:00 A.M. LOCATION-SOUTH OF SOFTBALL FIELD  
3K OBSTACLE RUN STARTS AT 10:00 A.M.  
KIDS MINI OBSTACLE CHALLENGE STARTS AT 11:45 A.M. - 1:00 P.M.

HANDGAME TOURNAMENT CONTACT: EPHRAIM DUTCHIE (435) 522-0946  
OR KRISTEN DRYE (435) 522-0635

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 11:30 A.M. CLOSSES AT 1:30 P.M.  
TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT 2:00 P.M. (NO INDIAN TIME)  
LUNCH FOR HANDGAME PLAYERS AT 12:00 P.M.

CONTEST POW-WOW & GOURD DANCE CONTACT JAQUE CANTSEE (970) 696-1442  
GRAND ENTRY AT 1:00 P.M. & 7:00 P.M.  
GOURD DANCE AT 10:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.  
BUFFALO FEED AT 5:00 P.M.

HIP HOP SHOW FEATURING SAVAGE KYNGDOM CONTACT (435) 485-0480  
8:00 P.M. DOORS OPEN, 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. AT WHITE MESA RECREATION CENTER

### SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 1

BEAR DANCE (ALL DAY, ALSO NIGHT DANCE) BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M.  
CONTEST POW-WOW & GOURD DANCE CONTACT JAQUE CANTSEE (970) 696-1442

GRAND ENTRY AT 1:00 P.M.  
GOURD DANCE AT 10:00 A.M. & 5:00 P.M.  
ISLAND PARADISE FEED AT TBA

3 MAN HANDGAME TOURNAMENT CONTACT EPHRAIM DUTCHIE (435) 522-0946  
OR KRISTEN DRYE (435) 522-0635

REGISTRATION OPENS AT 10:30 A.M. CLOSSES AT 12:00 P.M.  
TOURNAMENT BEGINS AT 1:00 P.M. (NO INDIAN TIME)

COUNTRY WESTERN DANCE CONTACT (435) 485-0480  
LATIGO 9:00 P.M.-1:00 A.M. AT WHITE MESA RECREATION CENTER

### MONDAY SEPTEMBER 2

BEAR DANCE (ALL DAY) BEGINNING AT 10:00 A.M. ENDING AT SUNDOWN  
FEAST 12:00 P.M. (NOON) LOCATED NEXT TO POW-WOW GROUNDS

### CONCESSION INFORMATION:

CONTACT WHITE MESA ADMINISTRATION OFFICE (435) 678-3397 or (970) 560-4326

### ALL SINGERS WELCOME!

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON EVENTS CALL (435) 678-3397 OR 678-3685

BEAR DANCE CHIEFS, WHITE MESA ADMINISTRATION AND UTE MOUNTAIN UTE TRIBE WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR INJURIES, ACCIDENTS, THEFTS, AND UNDERFUNDED TRAVELERS.

## EVERYONE WELCOME!

13 MILES SOUTH OF BLANDING, UTAH





HEALTHY RECIPES

# Better-than-the bottle BBQ sauce

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

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



Elchin Abilov/Adobe Stock

**Homemade BBQ Sauce**

**Ingredients:**

- 1 ½ cups ketchup
- ½ cup apple cider vinegar
- ½ cup water
- ¼ cup brown sugar
- ¼ cup low sodium soy sauce
- 2 tablespoons mustard (yellow or Dijon)
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1 teaspoon onion powder

**Optional ingredients:**

- 2 tablespoons finely diced shallots (shallots are a type of onion!)
- 2 garlic cloves, minced

**Directions:**

1. In a medium saucepan, combine all ingredients.
2. Bring ingredients to a simmer, reduce heat and continue at a low simmer for about 20 minutes, stirring frequently.

**Tips:**

This makes about 3 cups of BBQ sauce. Use this to marinate your favorite foods: chicken, pork, meatballs, etc. Save the rest in the fridge for up to 2 weeks and use for multiple dishes. A little goes a long way. When marinating, start with 2 tablespoons per pound in a zip lock bag, then close. Massage ingredients together through the bag and refrigerate for at least 1 hour. Add more as needed. If using the optional ingredients: In a medium pan, heat 1 teaspoon of oil, add finely diced shallots and cook for 4 minutes, stirring often. Add minced garlic and cook for an additional minute. Add the shallot/garlic mixture to the medium saucepan along with all other ingredients in step one.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# BEE HEARD: Overdose Awareness Walk

By Tamara D. Turner  
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

This issue we want to point the community to an event and remind everyone of resources available to the community.

In recognition of International Overdose Awareness Day, Aug. 31, Southern Ute Behavioral Health is holding an awareness walk. Please join us on Friday, August 30 (a day before the official awareness day) at 12 p.m. at Ute Park to walk for your friends and relatives who struggle against addiction and stigma. Stigma is a tough nut to crack. Slowly reducing stigma requires all of our voices and actions.

Part of understanding overdose is understanding addiction. For example, if someone was prescribed opioids and used them for a long time such as for pain (a situation that one of my family members has been in), they can't just stop. The person gets dependent on the drug because the brain adapts. There are medications to help with the process of getting off opioids.

As for other substances, many people turn to them just to be able to get through their days. In other words, we must understand that this addiction is linked to deep suffering. We know and understand better now that trauma, and especially intergenerational trauma, such as occurred at boarding schools, damages the nervous system and its ability to handle things in a typical way. For example, if we think of war veterans who return severely traumatized, they can't just snap back into their previous life because their nervous systems are "fried" so to speak.

Individuals who have gone through great suffering experience something similar. Oftentimes, substances are the only things that can help them function and "quiet" their flashbacks.

This is why we need to treat those in recovery and those who are at risk of overdose with compassion.

As my colleague, Marvina Olguin (peer recovery coach) says: "For some, addiction still isn't talked about. It's swept under the rug. But addiction is here. We've lost a lot of community members to it. In fact, death and substance use disorder have become common enough that there's starting to be a sense of normalcy around it. And we can't change that until we start having conversations about addiction and stigma. So, we're trying to change the perception of people who don't use substances while also informing those who do know about resources that are available to them."

Help us in this work and spread the word about the awareness walk #togetherwecan

**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.

Suicide & Crisis Lifeline

**Dial 988**

for mental health emergencies.

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

#WeNeedYouHere



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\*

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshAug24>  
**Sign-up Deadline:** Monday, August 26  
**Pickup Date:** Wednesday, August 28

# UTE ELDERS AND THEIR FRIENDS

WORKOUT CLASSES - SUNUTE CAPOTE ROOM

Tuesday's and Thursday's  
10am-10:45am

UPCOMING NOTICES:  
NO CLASS  
AUGUST 20TH  
AND 22ND

CONTACT ELIYAH  
970-563-2658  
FOR ANY QUESTIONS

Southern Ute Behavioral Health

# International Overdose Awareness Day Walk

Friday, August 30, 2024  
Time: 12pm - 1pm  
Location: Ute Park  
Together We Can

For more information please contact:  
Preston Barry or Marvina Olguin  
@ (970) 563-5700

every life is worth saving

## Alternative Horizons Needs Volunteers

Join a team of dedicated volunteers. Alternative Horizons needs 15 or more volunteer advocates, including those who are bi-lingual, to staff our 24-Hour hotline. Do impactful work and build new relationships. Flexible scheduling available. AH supports and empowers survivors of domestic violence. If you'd like to make a difference in the lives of others, call the office for more information at 970-247-4374. Training and ongoing support provided. Next training will be held on Sept. 20, 21 and 27.



BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

## International Overdose Awareness Day

**Staff Report**  
LIFT THE LABEL

August 31 is International Overdose Awareness Day. It's a day to remember those who have died from drug overdoses, and to acknowledge the grief of those left behind. It's also a day to remember that overdoses are preventable, and recovery from a substance use disorder is possible.

With American Indian and Alaska Native people experiencing the largest percent increase in the rate of drug overdose deaths from 2021 to 2022, according to the CDC – increasing 15.0% from year-to-year – we must take action to prevent these overdoses and deaths from happening in our community, and create an environment where people feel comfortable asking for help.

Substance use disorder – commonly known as addiction – is not a choice. Addiction is a medical disorder, and we should support those who are struggling.

Stigma, or fear of judgment, is a major barrier for someone struggling with substance use disorder – commonly referred to as addiction – to get help. Starting this month, members of the community are speaking out and sharing their stories of addiction and re-

covery via the Lift the Label campaign, in hopes that they can remove that stigma and point people to resources for treatment. These stories share all that these individuals overcame to find recovery, and advice for those looking for help and support in finding treatment for themselves or a loved one.

If you have a loved one who is struggling from substance use disorder, you can support someone in many different ways, but here are some initial steps to take:

- Educate yourself on addiction and learn the signs.
- Carry naloxone, which reverses the effects of an overdose. Naloxone (name brands NARCAN and Kloxxado) is easy to use, and can be found over the counter at stores, without a prescription from the Southern Ute Health Center Pharmacy, from the Behavioral Health Center, and is also distributed at many community events.
- Call the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Office at (970) 563-4581 to learn about treatment and support options.
- If you or a loved one needs immediate help, the 988 Colorado Mental Health Line is available for free, immediate, human sup-

port 24/7. If you or someone you know is struggling with an emotional, mental health or substance use concern, call, text, or live chat with 988 today at 988colorado.com.

- Learn how to set boundaries for yourself, and how to take care of yourself while you're supporting someone via individual counseling sessions with the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Office.
- Read the stories of the community at LTLSouthernUte.org to learn more about addiction and how individuals overcame barriers to find recovery.
- Order a free Recovery Card to give to a loved one at RecoveryCard-Project.com.
- Offer the support your friend or family member needs – talk through their options with a doctor, go with them to pick up prescriptions, give them a ride to treatment, offer to watch their pet, etc.

Addiction is treatable, and recovery is always possible. Your support and compassion can make a huge difference in someone finding treatment and recovery. Learn more about how you can support someone at LTLSouthernUte.org.

## Cooking is an artform



photos courtesy Southwestern Colo. AHEC

As Kelsey Morales of Bayfield measures spices for her soup, Ty Yellowman, an FLC graduate, from Kirtland, N.M., stirs ingredients into the pot, while Terry Box reads out the ingredients for their pumpkin soup. Southwestern Colorado AHEC received a grant from SNAP-Ed, to collaborate with Tribes, schools and other organizations, to bring more workshops to the Four Corners region. SWAHEC has visited the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and held classes and workshops in Durango and Cortez, with a focus on Indigenous communities. Chelsie Begood, Assistant Director for Southwest AHEC, said, "The project goal is to increase access to culturally relevant food, by providing classes, and workshops, and building partnerships."



The class partnered into smaller groups and worked together in preparing a pumpkin soup. Pearl Casias, Dianne Harris, and Nikki Griffith (not pictured) worked together to create a pumpkin soup.

The Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness department, partnered with Southwestern Colorado AHEC in a Thrive & Blend Indigenous Foods workshop at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility, Tuesday, Aug. 13. The program, led by Denee Bex, a registered Dietitian and CDCES from the Navajo Nation, was made possible through a grant by SNAP-Ed.

### LIFT THE LABEL • FROM PAGE 1

cause right now, if someone is struggling with addiction and goes to treatment, they have to go to treatment off the reservation. When they come back, there's no support like sober living or anything like that. So, it's easier to fall back into addiction. We want to develop a

wraparound program where if they go to rehab, they can come back to a support system here.

We have a lot to offer those struggling with substance use, and we're hoping to offer more. But before anyone takes that first step, I would say this: If you're still

struggling with substance use, reach deep down inside your heart and soul and forgive yourself; give yourself permission to love yourself through your addiction.

Recovery from addiction is always possible. Find support and resources at LTLSouthernUte.org.

### Compassion Without Fatigue

The Southern Ute Vocational Rehabilitation Program cordially invites and welcomes you to join us for the rescheduled "Compassion Without Fatigue," a session facilitated by Doty Shepard from Resilient Colorado! Wednesday, Sept. 11, 2024, from 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the SunUte Community Center, Mouache-Capote Meeting Room. Anyone and everyone within our community. Lunch will be provided.

Call 970-563-4730 to RSVP, or email [mweaver@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mweaver@southernute-nsn.gov)

## HERE IS WHY WE NEED INDIGENOUS FOSTER HOMES: IT IS FEDERAL LAW.

### OUR GOALS:

**Engaging Families. Building Community. Strengthening Relationships**

#### The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was established in 1978

>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.

>It also requires the States to notify the child's Tribe of origin if the State takes an Indigenous child into custody.

>It is also intended to prevent Indigenous children from being removed from their homes and adopted by non-Indigenous families.

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

It is so 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.

**We are recruiting safe, and stable families to provide temporary care for children in need. Please call Kellie @ 970.563.2337 for more information.**

#### WHO CAN BE FOSTER PARENTS?

- Single or Married
- LGBTQIA+ Community Members
- Any Race, Ethnicity or Religion
- Families with children or not
- Homeowners or Renters
- Adults 18 years old and older



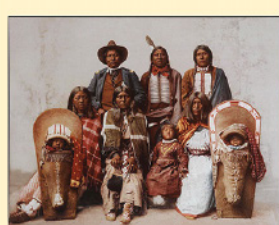
## All Parents & Caregivers Are Welcome POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING Honoring Our Children By Honoring Our Traditions

Positive Indian Parenting (PIP) has been used for over 35 years and remains popular today because the teachings are timeless. Historically, we had rich teachings that helped children grow up safe with strong families. Colonization threatened those teachings—our Native families were being separated and traditional practices were at risk of being lost. PIP was developed in the 1980s to fill this void and was designed to help parents and families remember our traditional teachings and apply them in the modern world. In part one of each session, we will discuss examples of traditional practices and teachings from several different tribes. Instructors also share teachings from local areas and communities. Part two of each session discusses how to apply those teachings and values today. Complete all 8 sessions to receive a certificate.

This class is VIRTUAL  
*Please call Social Service to sign up (970) 563-2337*

Each participant needs the following to attend:

- > A working email
- > A solid internet connection
- > A smart phone, tablet or laptop with a mic
- > Download the Microsoft Teams App



### SEPTEMBER 2024

Tuesdays & Thursdays  
12:00 pm to 3:00 pm

September 3, 2024

September 5, 2024

September 10, 2024

September 12, 2024

September 17, 2024

September 19, 2024

September 24, 2025

September 26, 2025



SOUTHERN UTE  
DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES



FOR MORE INFORMATION  
CALL OR EMAIL KELLIE  
(970) 563-2337  
[kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov)

## SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# 2025 RECOVERY RETREAT

AT THE SKY UTE CASINO AND RESORT

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





BOBCAT BULLETIN

# Together we will engage, empower, and prepare all our learners for the future

By Christopher W. deKay, Superintendent  
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT



**Chris deKay**  
Superintendent  
Ignacio School District

Greetings from the Ignacio School District, as the new school year begins, we are filled with excitement and enthusiasm to work with our students. Our dedicated staff is committed to making this year one of the best yet. We remain focused on our District's Strategic Plan – developed in collaboration with parents, staff, and community stakeholders – which emphasizes academic achievement, climate and culture, staff retention and development, and facilities. Our mission remains steadfast: "Together, we will engage, empower, and prepare all of our learners for the future."

This year, we are pleased to welcome a new High School Principal, Alisha Gullion, who transitions from her role as a secondary Language Arts teacher into leadership. She joins a strong team of experienced principals: Melanie Brunson at the Ignacio Early Learning Program, Shauna Branch at the Elementary School, and Dayna Talamante-Montoya at the Middle School. Cori Stevens will continue to guide the district's curriculum and assessment efforts from the Administrative Office. Our district leadership will focus on improving academic growth through tiered

support for our students, challenging and supporting them every step of the way. Over the past two years, our staff has accomplished remarkable work. They have aligned the curriculum, developed pacing guides, enhanced engagement, and created meaningful differentiation strategies to meet the needs of all students. Understanding the importance of communication, we have improved our outreach through the Ignacio School District's website and social media platforms. This year, all schools will send out weekly messages about upcoming events, building on the success of last year's initiative at the Elementary School. Additionally, we will distribute a one-page flyer to help parents/guardians easily access and upload necessary information. Our communication channels include the ISD website, Infinite Campus, DOJO, and

social media. Our focus areas for the coming school year include enhancing student engagement through research-based strategies. Our staff will participate in high-functioning professional learning communities that use data to refine skill-specific instruction. We will also concentrate on improving student academics by utilizing safety nets for struggling learners across all levels – classroom, unit, department, school, and district-wide. We are fortunate to have such an incredible staff, and we eagerly anticipate working with the children and families of this community. Attendance continues to be a key area of concern. We ask for the support of all families in prioritizing school attendance this year. Attendance directly impacts academic growth, social-emotional stability, and overall success in school. With the pandemic behind us, in-person attendance must be a top priority. If your family needs support with attendance, please reach out to your school principal as soon as possible. We look forward to an excellent school year. We are proud to serve this community and are committed to making a positive impact on every child who walks through our doors. Together, we will engage, empower, and prepare all our learners for the future.



courtesy SUIMA

Primary 3 students, Gunner Eagle, Analeiya Olguin, Easton Velasquez, Maddelaena Baker-Valdez, and Violet Powell are seen here eating lunch with their classmates and teacher aide, Sandy Ramirez, on the first day of school.

SUIMA

## Pawaaghani po'okwatu – Eagle's Nest

SUIMA welcomes students

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy welcomed 87 students to their first week back to school. During the Open House that was held on Thursday, Aug. 15, school supplies were brought, and students were able to meet new teachers and walk through classrooms.



courtesy SUIMA

Lower Elementary first year student, Brayden Begaye, works with some Montessori materials in his new classroom.

The Education Center staff joined SUIMA so that parents could ask questions regarding tutoring or summer programs. SUIMA parents, please remember to fill out your medical packet as the

school needs updated information for your child. The current medical packet is accessible to print off and take to your child's physician so that medical information can be current. This cannot be filled out electronically. The 2024-2025 Academy School Calendar is also available on the website.

## SUIMA hosts open house



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy hosted an open house event for students and families on Thursday, Aug. 15. Returning student Lucas Rael gets free merch from the Southern Ute Education Department table during the SUIMA Open House, during the event students toured classrooms, dropped off supplies and enjoyed a light lunch in the school's dining hall.



courtesy SUIMA

Toddlers, Arnulfo Pardo IV and Scarlett Rodriguez-Velasquez enjoyed their first day of school by riding tricycles.



courtesy SUIMA

Infant/toddler Education Assistant, Aislinn Ryder, gets a stroller ride from toddler, Raiden Cloud, while Keara Ruybal pushes her stroller in the background.

## "See you later, summer."



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe end their summer season with barbeque, serving hamburgers, hotdogs and a variety of sides celebrating a fun and successful BGC summer program. Despite the rainy weather club members and staff gathered inside the SunUte Community Center to share a meal ahead of the start of a new school year.

### Upcoming SUIMA events

- Every Friday – Early Release at 2 p.m.
- Sept. 2 – No School in honor of Labor Day.
- Sept. 5 – School Board meeting from noon – 1:30 p.m.
- Sept. 17 – Parent Advisory Group meeting from 6 – 7 p.m., via online.
- Sept. 18 – Family Group Night in person from 5:30 – 7 p.m.
- Sept. 20 – No School due to Professional Development Day.

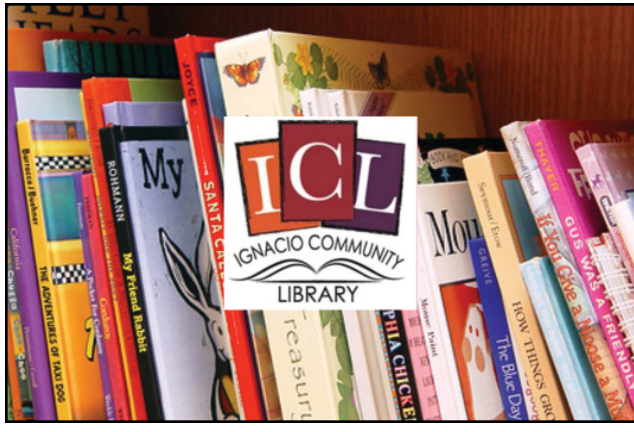
**Back to School Bash & Movie**  
Open to the community  
**AUGUST 23, 2024**  
**Piinu Nuuchi Skate Park**  
591 Ute. Rd Ignacio, CO 81137  
**Bash: 6 p.m. | Movie: 8 p.m.**  
First Come, First Serve!! **FAMILY FUN** MOVIE: **THE GOONIES**



## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# A brief history of Ignacio

By Ron Schermacher  
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY



The history of the name Ignacio is rather interesting. A Spanish or Galician word that is derived from the Latin Ignatius, from ignis or fire. However, a Basque translation of the same has it as “my little one.” In the early days of Christianity in Europe there were two saints, Ignatius of Antioch and Ignatius of Loyola which helped popularize the name. In the latter part of the 19th-century Ignacio was also the name of a chief of the Weeminuche band of Utes in southern Colorado. It has probably been lost to history as to how this great leader was given the name Ignacio, whether it was due to a fiery personality or if he was someone’s little one. What we do know is that our little town is named after this important historical figure, which to some extent is ironic since Chief Ignacio was instrumental in the move to Towaoc in 1895.

As the Ignacio region has always been part of the traditional homelands of the Ute Tribe the U.S. Government established an Indian Agency along the Los Pinos River in 1877. Maybe by that time they were aware that the Denver and Rio Grande Railroad were building a line from Alamosa to Durango and would be passing just south of the location picked for the agency. Then in the early 1900’s a Catholic church was built and a few

years later, in 1908, lots were merged to form the town.

To help promote and explore these historical events, the State of Colorado, along with New Mexico, created the Tracks Across Borders Scenic Byway in 2015. The main route from Durango to Chama roughly follows the path of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad line. After passing through Ignacio and Arboles the route diverts from pavement to follow gravel and dirt roads along the San Juan and Navajo rivers to Chama, N.M. The gravel road section of the route and the crossing of state borders is unique for a scenic byway, as is having a spur that takes travelers to Chimney Rock National Monument. However, full implementation of this byway is still underway while additional funds are sought for signage and historical markers. For more information check out the Tracks Across Borders Scenic Byway website where you can download an app that describes points of interest and other important information.

As with most places in Colorado, the detailed history of Ignacio is filled with fascinating characters and movie worthy events. The Ignacio Community Library, which has its own relatively brief history, is a great place to dive deep into the past. The library features special Native American and Southwest collections which include many books, some DVDs, pamphlets, and more detailing this region’s past and present. Under the resources tab on their website, you can find databases that can assist your search into the past including the History Reference Center and Colorado Historic Newspapers. Also on the website is Voices of Ignacio, a collection of audio recordings documenting the personal lived history of our residents. Drop by the library and let our engaging staff assist your historical journey.

Let’s end with the well-known quote from one of my favorite science fiction authors Robert Heinlein, “A generation which ignores its history has no past and no future”.

## AFFORDABLE HOUSING

# HUD announces over \$150M investment to tribal communities

Construction of innovative, affordable housing

Staff report  
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) recently announced awards totaling \$150.9 million for new affordable and innovative housing investments in tribal communities. Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard Monocchio made the announcement today in Anchorage, Alaska, where he presented \$6 million to the Cook Inlet Housing Authority to build 51 new housing units to increase the number of homes available to low-income Alaskan Native families.

“The Biden-Harris Administration is proud to work alongside our tribal partners to help them meet the housing needs that exist in Indian Country,” HUD

Acting Secretary Adrienne Todman said. “These funds will help build and repair homes desperately needed right now.”

The Indian Housing Block Grant (IHBG) Competitive funds play a crucial role in bolstering vibrant American Indian and Alaska Native communities. These funds are designated for various purposes, such as new construction, rehabilitation, and infrastructure to support affordable housing within Indian reservations and similar areas. The IHBG Competitive program holds particular significance for tribal communities as it injects essential financial resources for the construction of new affordable housing for disadvantaged tribal families.

“I am pleased to be here in Anchorage to make this announcement where tribes,

who often face unique obstacles when it comes to constructing new affordable housing, are able to use the Indian Housing Block Grant Competitive awards to better serve Native families,” Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary Richard Monocchio said. “This Administration will continue to prioritize Nation-to-Nation relations and funding for Native American housing. As I’ve seen through my visits with tribes across the nation, investing in Indian Country is highly impactful.”

This funding serves as a valuable addition to the yearly IHBG formula funding, which often falls short in covering the expenses of constructing new homes and is typically allocated for the operation and upkeep of current housing. HUD looks forward to seeing these projects become a reality.

## Multi-Purpose Facility Sr. Breakfast



Wednesday September 4, 2024

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

Open to all Community Senior Citizens  
55 years and older

256 Ute Rd. Ignacio CO 81137  
970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov



## Back to School and Mental Health Supporting our Children and Parents TIPS



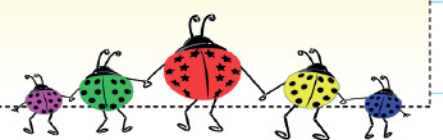
### Promoting a Healthy Transition

The return to school can be a stressful time, whether it's a child's first day of kindergarten, a transition to middle or high school, or just the end of the freedoms of summer. It's normal for children to feel anxious about these changes. Here's how you can help ease their worries:

- **Communicate:** Encourage your child to express their feelings about going back to school. Acknowledge their fears, make them feel understood, and reassure them that it's perfectly normal to feel anxious about these changes.
- **Create Routines:** A consistent routine fosters a sense of security in children. Establishing a regular sleep schedule, eating healthy meals, and setting aside time for homework and relaxation can help children adjust to the rhythm of the school year.
- **Make Advance Preparations:** If possible, attend any scheduled school orientations. Meeting teachers, locating classrooms, and becoming familiar with the school layout can help students feel more confident on the first day of school. And if there is not a scheduled orientation, make time to visit the school ahead of time to help children familiarize themselves with the environment. It can also be helpful to practice morning routines like getting ready for the bus or identifying routes to school.
- **Encourage In-person Social Interactions:** Facilitate interaction with classmates to rekindle old friendships and make new ones. This may be one of the first years of schooling for many children without the COVID-19 pandemic interrupting normal social interactions. Social relationships can make the transition smoother and more enjoyable.
- **Saying goodbye to summer and returning to school is difficult for everyone,** but it is especially complicated when students are struggling with their mental health. As we prepare for another year, one of the most important things we can do is to remind students that it is OK to be overwhelmed, nervous, or even unsure how they're feeling about going back to school. By respecting their needs, offering support, and giving them resources to navigate challenges that come with change, they will have the foundation for a successful and fulfilling school year.



Family Treatment Therapist DSS  
Angelina Whitehorse  
970-563-2335



## Scratchboard Workshop

Tuesdays in September  
from 10:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Instructor: Patt Knight

The art of scratchboard is the practice of using etching tools and abrasives to remove applied India ink from the white Ampersand clayboard surface to reveal an image. Subjects can be animals, portraits, old rusty farm equipment, buildings or other images.

Each participant is responsible for purchasing their own materials, but the class itself is free.

\*If you need help purchasing supplies, reach out to Liz vonTaufkirchen (lvontaufkirchen@ignaciolibrary.org or 970-442-6240)

\*Supplies list available on our website, ignaciolibrary.org.

Class is limited to ten.

Signup at the link  
<https://qrco.de/bf016Z>  
or scan the QR Code!



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# Together We Heal

## Native American Symposium

Addressing sexual violence and healthy coping skills

Speakers

Speakers

- **Becki Jones**  
Diné  
Program Manager of Native Community Health Network  
Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains
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Military Sexual Violence Survivor
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SCAN ME



Clark Adomaitis/KSUT/KSJD

The historic Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad in Southwest Colorado is entering a new era as it switches to oil-powered engines for fuel. The train, now burning oil, no longer leaves behind the thick black smoke and trail of soot that the coal-burning engines had produced since the 1880's.

## VOICES FROM THE EDGE

# Historic railroad switches from coal to oil to reduce wildfire risk

By Clark Adomaitis  
KSJD/KSUT REPORTER

The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad recently ran its last coal-burning engine and completed its switch to oil-burning locomotives. The switch began in 2018 in response to growing concerns about long-term drought conditions, the changing climate, and a devastating wildfire.

Excitement was in the air at 8 a.m. on a Saturday morning as passengers boarded one of the trains on the Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad. Travelers from across the country had gathered to experience the scenic journey from Durango to Silverton, winding through the San Juan Mountains in Southwest Colorado.

Since the 1800's, the railroad has been a cornerstone of the local economy, hauling both freight and passengers through this historic route.

As the train rolled through Durango alongside the Animas River, crisp air blew through the train car, carrying a faint scent from the engine. The train, now burning oil, no longer left behind the thick black smoke and trail of soot that the coal-burning engines had produced since the 1880's.

Earlier in 2024, the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad phased out its last coal-burning engine, and now five oil-powered engines are running on the tracks.

Randy Babcock, the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad's Chief Mechanical Officer, said the railroad facilities are easier to maintain after the switch from coal to oil.

"We're running a business; that's the preservation of history, but you also have to remember, we're running a business. You don't have near the support facilities with coal ramps, ash pits, and storage. En-



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The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge trainyard in Durango, Colo.

gines are a lot cleaner. Physically, there's just not the soot and the dirt. The shop is cleaner. My computer screen is cleaner, too," added Babcock.

Oil may be cleaner, but that's not the only reason behind the switch. Coal ash and soot generate more than dirt; when spewed from a train chugging through the arid mountain west, they pose a significant fire risk.

On June 1, 2018, a wildfire ignited in the San Juan National Forest, eventually burning 54,000 acres over two months. According to the U.S. Forest Service, the fire was sparked by a flaming coal that shot out of a train engine's smokestack. The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad later paid \$20 million in damages to settle federal and county lawsuits.

Melissa Youssef, the former mayor of Durango, was serving as a city council member at the time of the wildfire.

"That was a horrible time for our community," Youssef said. "It was absolutely devastating. It had a profound impact on our community, causing evacuations, health issues due to smoke, and massive disruption to our local businesses during a very peak tourist season."

Fortunately, no homes were destroyed, and no lives were lost in the 416 Fire. However, with climate change intensifying the on-

going drought, the risk of wildfires has increased.

Youssef noted that the train's dual role as both an economic driver and an environmental threat has created a complex relationship for the community. She supported the switch from coal to oil to preserve this piece of Durango's history while safeguarding a crucial element of the local economy.

"The transition aligns with our long-term vision of sustainability and environmental stewardship for Durango. It ensures the continued operation of our Historic Railroad while prioritizing the safety and well-being of our community and natural environment," Youssef said.

Weeks before the fire, the train had already been working to convert its engines from coal to oil. The fire underscored the urgent need for that transition.

Chief Mechanical Officer Randy Babcock explained that oil-powered engines are safer than coal engines because they do not expel flaming coals from their smokestacks.

"Oil is vaporized when it goes in there. It's basically sprayed and then into little droplets, and it's vaporized with heat and combustion. So, there isn't a solid within the oil to get shot out the stack," Babcock said.

The Durango and Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad plans to run up to seven oil-burning locomotives by 2026.



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The Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge travels along the Animas River north of Durango, 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.

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# Southern Ute Tribal Fair: Powwow & Rodeo Info

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SEPT. 6TH-8TH, 2024

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SAT., SEPT. 7, 2024, 4PM • SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS • IGNACIO, CO

### Southern Ute Indian Tribal Fair & Rodeo 2024

## GOLF TOURNAMENT

Sunday, September 8, 2024  
9am (Shotgun Start)

- \$320 (4 players includes: 18 holes, golf cart, swagbag, breakfast & lunch)
- Contact Brett Wolf at Hillcrest Golf Club (970) 247-1499 or [brett@golfhillcrest](mailto:brett@golfhillcrest)

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For more information contact:  
Sherisa Valdez (970) 563-2988  
[shvaldez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:shvaldez@southernute-nsn.gov)

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Saturday September 7, 2024 2pm

1st, 2nd, 3rd PLACE PRIZES FOR EACH CATEGORY

Sign up at immediately after parade.  
Sign up table will be set up at Exhibit Hall (north lawn)

Complimentary inflatable dinosaur costumes to the first 10 participants to sign up!!

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\*\*Each participant must sign a Consent Waiver.

For more information contact: Agatha Bison  
(970) 317-3618  
[aggieb80@gmail.com](mailto:aggieb80@gmail.com)

102ND ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR & POWWOW PRESENTS

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## SEEKING VOLUNTEERS For the 102nd Annual Southern Ute Fair Powwow

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee is seeking Community Members who would like to be a Volunteer or needing Community Service hours or Graduating credits for this year during the Southern Ute Fair Powwow at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

September 6, 7, & 8, 2024  
Various hours

If you are interested, please contact Rochelle Aguilar at 970-563-2990  
Or email: [raguilar@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:raguilar@southernute-nsn.gov)

## 102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow Schedule of Events

|                           |   |  |
|---------------------------|---|--|
| <b>WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4</b> | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. All Exhibits Entry (Except Baking, Livestock) <i>SUCCM, Large Classroom</i>                                     | 11 a.m. San Juan Club/The Outsiders Cornhole Tournament <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>       |
| <b>THURSDAY, SEPT. 5</b>  | 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. Baking & Livestock Exhibits Entry <i>Baking: SUCCM Large Classroom</i><br><i>Livestock: Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i> | 11 a.m. Gourd Dance <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>                             |
| <b>FRIDAY, SEPT. 6</b>    | 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Fishing Derby <i>Scott's Pond</i>  | 12 p.m. Outdoor Co-ed 3v3 Volleyball Tournament <i>SunUte Park</i>                       |
|                           | 9 a.m. Employee Softball Challenge <i>Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field</i>   | 1 p.m. - 3 p.m. Exhibits Displayed <i>SUCCM, Large Classroom</i>                         |
|                           | 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. Exhibits Displayed <i>SUCCM, Large Classroom</i>  | 1 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>                       |
|                           | 10 a.m. - 5 p.m. Livestock Displayed <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>   | 2 p.m. Arm Wrestling Tournament <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>                      |
|                           | 10 a.m. Employee Pickleball Challenge <i>SunUte Park</i>  | 2 p.m. 22nd Annual Jalapeño Eating Contest (Public) <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>  |
|                           | 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. Fair Kick-Off Meal <i>Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Park</i>  | 2 p.m. Dino Run <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>                                      |
|                           | 12 p.m. Corn Hole Tournament <i>Multi-Purpose Facility, Park</i>  | 4 p.m. Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIV <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>          |
|                           | 4 p.m. Youth Games <i>Multi-Purpose Facility, Park</i>  | 5 p.m. Tug-O-War <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds Infield</i>                                      |
|                           | 5 p.m. Gourd Dance <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>   | 5 p.m. Gourd Dance <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>                              |
|                           | 6 p.m. Softball Tourney <i>Patrick Silva Softball Field</i>   | 5:30 p.m. Skate Park Competition <i>Piñu Nuechi Skatepark</i>                            |
|                           | 7 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>  | 7 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>                       |
|                           |   | Dusk Fireworks Display <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>  |
| <b>SATURDAY, SEPT. 7</b>  | All day Softball Tourney <i>Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field</i>   | <b>SUNDAY, SEPT. 8</b>   |
|                           | 6:30 a.m. Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk (Registration) <i>SunUte Park</i>   | All day Softball Tourney <i>Patrick Silva Memorial Softball Field</i>                    |
|                           | 7:00 a.m. Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk <i>SunUte Park</i>  | 8 a.m. - 11 a.m. Pancake Breakfast <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>                            |
|                           | 7:00 a.m. Parade Registration/Line-Up (Registration) <i>Ignacio High School</i>   | 8:30 a.m. Golf Tournament <i>Hillcrest Golf Club, Durango, CO</i>                        |
|                           | 9:00 a.m. Kiddie Parade Registration/Line-Up (Registration) <i>Ignacio High School</i>  | 9 a.m. Tipi Raising Contest <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>                          |
|                           | 8 a.m. Men's & Women's Softball Tourney <i>Patrick Silva Softball Field</i>   | 11 a.m. - 1 p.m. Exhibit Pick-Up/Premium Payouts <i>SUCCM, Large Classroom</i>           |
|                           | 8 a.m. - 2 p.m. Livestock Displayed <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds</i>  | 11 a.m. Gourd Dance <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>                             |
|                           | 10 a.m. Parade & Kiddie Parade <i>Goddard Ave. (Main Street)</i>  | 11 a.m. Greased Pole Climb <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>                           |
|                           |   | 11 a.m. Frybread Contest <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Infield</i>                             |
|                           |   | 12 p.m. Baby Contest <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, East Lawn</i>                               |
|                           |   | 12 p.m. Duck Race <i>Released from Scott's Pond Pine River Access</i>                    |
|                           |   | 1:30 p.m. Powwow Grand Entry <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i>                    |
|                           |   | Afternoon Jalapeño Eating Contest (Drum Groups) <i>Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Indoor Arena</i> |



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL FAIR  
"PASSING DOWN TRADITIONS"  
2024 PARADE REGISTRATION



ALL THE PARTICIPANT INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL

SATURDAY: SEPTEMBER 7, 2024

LAST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ FIRST NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ MI: \_\_\_\_\_

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MAILING ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

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**IMPORTANT: Every person participating on the floats needs to sign Liability and Waiver form**

- Entry number must be displayed on the left side of each float/entry, so it is clearly visible to the judges.
- Parade line-up and registration starts at 7:00 am ending at 9:45am, Ignacio High School.
- The Southern Ute Parade will proceed south on Goddard Avenue from Becker St
- Winners will be announced at the Southern Ute Fair Powwow.
- Prizes can be picked up at the Southern Ute Museum classroom on Sunday 10:00 am - 1:00 pm; any prizes not claimed on Sunday must be picked up on Monday at the Cashier's Office in the LCB Building.

PARADE CATEGORY REGISTRATION: (PICK ONE)

\*NUMBERS ARE THE STATIONS WHERE YOU WILL LINED UP FOR PARADE\*

| ADULTS   | HORSE RIDERS   | KIDS 12 YRS & UNDER                             |
|--|--|---|
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) FLOAT: FAMILY                           | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST DRESSED HORSE      | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST YOUTH GROUP   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) FLOAT: COMMERCIAL                       | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST TRADITIONAL MALE   | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST BICYCLE ENTRY |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (6) FLOAT: SERVICE/ORGANIZATION             | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST TRADITIONAL FEMALE | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST WAGON ENTRY   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) BEST NATIVE DRESSED MALE (13 & OLDER)   | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST COWBOY RIDER       | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST NATIVE MALE   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (2) BEST NATIVE DRESSED FEMALE (13 & OLDER) | <input type="checkbox"/> (7) BEST COWGIRL RIDER      | <input type="checkbox"/> (1) BEST NATIVE FEMALE |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (4) BEST NATIVE GROUP                       |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (3) BEST ROYALTY FLOAT                      |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) BEST REZ CAR                            |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) BEST LOWRIDER                           |  |   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> (5) BEST CLASSIC                            |  |   |

(THIS PORTION TO BE FILLED OUT BY PARADE STAFF)

NAME OF ENTRY: \_\_\_\_\_

NOTES: \_\_\_\_\_

PARADE NUMBER GIVEN: \_\_\_\_\_

PARADE ORGANIZER INITIALS: \_\_\_\_\_



Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade  
Online Registration Form



Southern Ute Tribal Fair  
Participation Waiver

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY September Sip, Chat & Chew

Saturday September 7, 2024  
After the Fair Parade

Mini Craft Fair - open to all 3 Ute Tribes  
Set-up a table, sell your crafts, baked goods

Call 970-563-2640 to reserve your space



The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes,  
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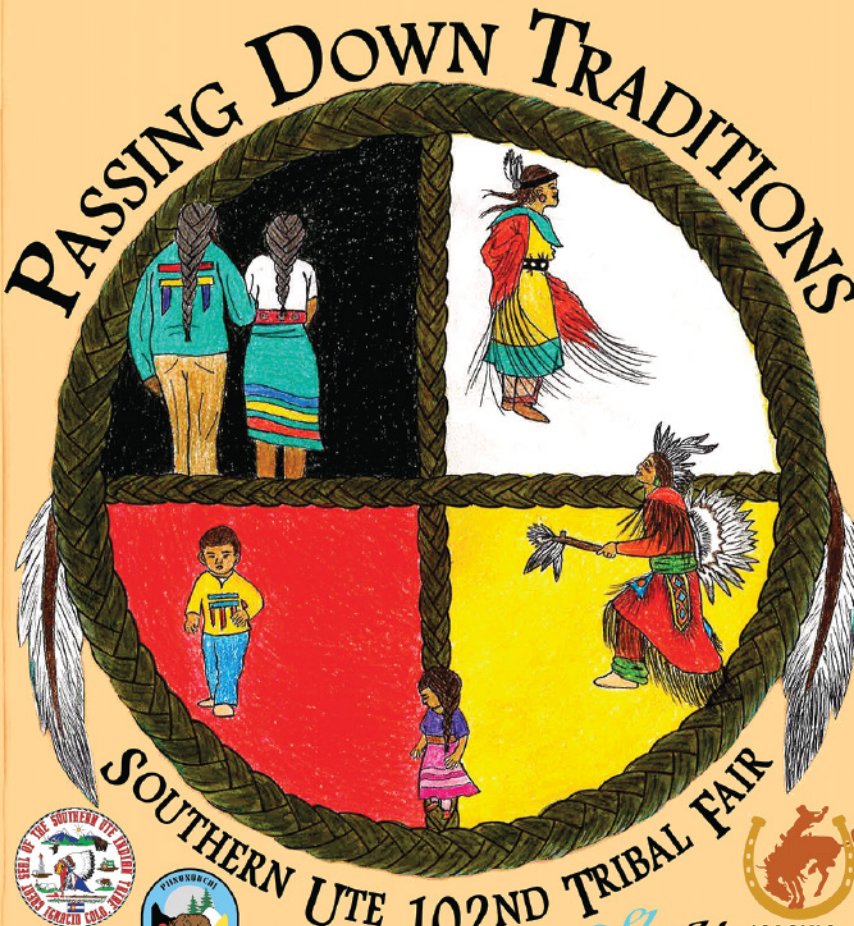
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Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
Call for more information 970-563-2640



**POWOW COMMITTEE Open Until Filled** - 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)

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- Arm Wrestling Tournament
- Baby Contest
- Co-ed 3v3 Volleyball Tournament
- Corn Hole Tournament
- Dino Run
- Duck Race
- Employee Pickleball Challenge
- Exhibits
- Fair Kick-Off Meal
- Fireworks Display
- Fishing Derby
- Frybread Contest
- Golf Tournament
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- Pancake Breakfast
- Parade & Kiddie Parade
- Powwow & Gourd Dance
- San Juan Club/The Outsiders Cornhole Tournament
- Skate Park Competition
- Tipi Raising Contest
- Tug-O-War
- Youth Games
- Veteran's Memorial Run/Walk

Southern Ute Tribal Fair Information contacts: Sherisa Valdez, 970-563-2988 or Crystal Rizzo, 970-563-2306.

## 64th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair

# POWOW

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

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

### HEAD STAFF

Master Of Ceremony - Erny Zah  
Arens Director - OJ Little Cook  
Drum Judge - Yahsti Perkins  
Head Gourd Dancer - Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk

### HOST DRUMS

Northern Host - The Horses  
Southern Host - Full Metal Jacket  
Gourd Drum Host - Cozad Singers

### DANCE CATEGORIES

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)

### DANCER REGISTRATION

Fri., Sept. 6: Opens 5 p.m., Closes 7 p.m.  
Sat., Sept. 7: Opens 12 p.m., Closes 1 p.m.

### DRUM CONTEST

(Combined) Northern/Southern Drums

### VENDOR INFO

ARTS & CRAFTS: Valerie Armstrong, 970-317-3585 & Rochelle Aguilar, 970-759-1722. FOOD: SUFG, 970-563-5541.

### SOUTHERN UTE POWWOW COMMITTEE

Rochelle Aguilar (970-759-1722), Valerie Armstrong (970-317-3585)  
Lisa Jacket, Karen Washington, Starlene Naranjo, Kayla Armstrong, Marty Pinnecoose (Tribal Council Ex-Officio)

### DANCE AND DRUM CONTEST

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## AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES

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

*'Oh, the Places You'll Grow'*

By **Marvin Pinnecoose**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

### Post First Cut

I often tell people you must visit the Moapa Band of Paiutes on the 4th of July. Their reservation is about 40 miles north of Las Vegas, Nev. One of their largest revenue turbo chargers comes in the form of fireworks ... the good fireworks.

Hundreds ... nay ... thousands of people line up to buy mortars, rockets, aerials, firecrackers, and ground displays by the shopping cart load and by the hand truck load. The festival is at least three days of booms, bangs, and the smell of freshly spent gun powder. The number of personal fireworks being launched is so vast that one cannot even tell when the commercial fireworks show begins and ends. It is that intense. Beware, it's also a great way to get taken out by a bottle rocket.

Overall, it's a wonderful way to spend the Independence Day Weekend. It's also a much-needed celebration of harvesting first cut hay. Decompression is good

for the body and soul. Once that itch has been scratched, we as farmers must reset our minds, replace those ho-ly leather gloves, and return to the field. What do we see and where do we go?

### Optimism is a Choice

To each, their own. Some farmers have pristine fields of perfect alfalfa. Some are growing manicured rows of monocultured forage. I see that many of those bare fields from April and May are now flourishing with summer growth and perfect yields are coming in. My hat's off and my sincerest compliments to the established farmer and the many years of wisdom to create such beauty and couple it with seasonal timing. It is quite a sight to behold.

Take that vision and compare it to the farm that I take pride in as my work in progress. No comparison, my place has quite a long journey in front of it, but I am not discouraged. I am actually driven to push forward and rule the day ... one day. A positive perspective can be simply to look around at what you got and be thank-



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Fox tail is one of my least favorite weeds. It can cause quite a cough in livestock and is messy once it begins to separate from the stem.

ful for such a blessing.

A quote that I like to keep handy is, "when you don't get what you want, try to think of all the things that you don't get ... that you don't want." Life is rarely the catastrophe that we make out to be. Things can always be worse. A bad day farming is still a great day outdoors and an opportunity to do something impactful. So, in the spirit of seeing the glass half full, let's analyze the fields in my stewardship and see what we find growing.

### Avengers Assemble

There are no illusions that my summer season will be anywhere near as smooth as my spring season was. Those cool season grasses made for a wonderful first cut and I only wished that I was able to get more bales into the barn before it rained. Summer temps, sporadic heavy rains, and some kind of unexplained phenomena seemed to awaken both Godzilla and the Kraken.

Chaos was unleashed on the property in the form of a diversified All-Star team of weeds that took up residence. All of the major players were in attendance. Wa-

ter weeds such as chicory, foxtail, cat tails, red willow, and purslane showed up on the green carpet. I have the dry weeds also in attendance such as sunflowers, thistle (Canadian and Russian), and Philadelphia Fleabane. My MVP of the season is by far – Buckhorn Plantain. It was growing so dense that I thought it was my timothy seeds finally making a late

season entrance.

Needless to say, my second cut will be a bunch of bales of cow hay ... probably big baled and priced for liquidation. There is still a lot of great hay in those bales, but it's not my premium product. The goal is to address the weeds that are out of control and get things back in line in hopes of a third cut sprint. This

may be a lofty goal, but we must remain optimistic. Part of learning is to fall, fail, get up and fall again. I want to share that things go astray, but if you persist to be better today than yesterday, the efforts are not wasted. So, with that, I will leave you with pictures of where things stand and look forward to great results soon. More to come.



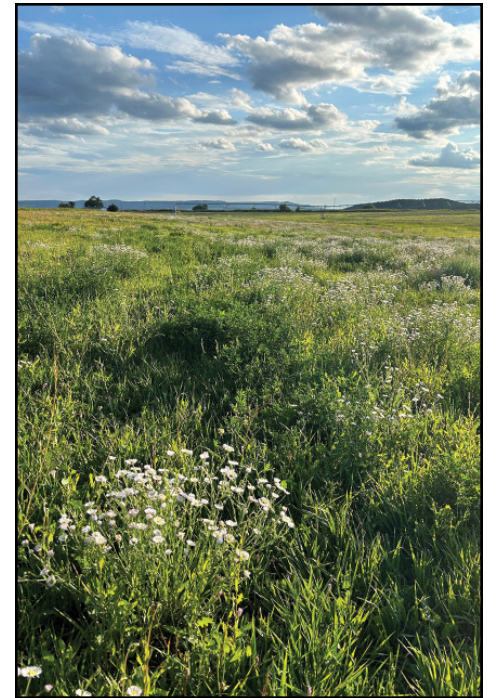
Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Cat tails sprinkle the ditch lines here and there.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

This is just a mess of every weed imaginable coming together for weed conference 2024.



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

If I wasn't trying to farm quality grass, I would be really impressed with the beauty of this scenery.



## CALL FOR APPLICANTS FOR THE AGRICULTURAL COST-SHARE PROGRAM

The SUIT Environmental Programs Department is now accepting applications for the Cost-Share Program (CSP). The purpose of the CSP is to work cooperatively with landowners to implement Best Management Practices (BMPs) on lands within the Reservation. BMPs are designed to improve local water quality, conserve agricultural lands, and protect wildlife habitat.

*The CSP pays 95% of the cost of selected BMPs and the participant provides 5% cost assistance via monetary or "in-kind" labor/materials.*

BMPs may include:

- ❖ Improved efficiency of on-site irrigation methods
- ❖ Development of off-stream livestock watering infrastructure
- ❖ Planting of vegetation buffers along fields and streams
- ❖ Installation of riparian livestock fencing

Due to limited funding, not all project applications may be approved. Projects are scored based on their potential to reduce agriculture related water pollution and improve water quality.

Applications are due September 9th, 2024



Contact project coordinator Dylan Ruckel at (970) 563-2295 or [Druckel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:Druckel@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information and applications.

## SUIT AGRICULTURE DIVISION

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Southern Ute and other Native tribal members

LOCATION: Agriculture Office located at 655 CR 517

TIME: Monday through Friday – 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.







## Southern Ute tribe shows employees appreciation



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Employee Appreciation Day is kicked off with introductions and well wishes from Southern Ute Tribal Council, Southern Ute Royalty, and Executive Officer Lindsay Box. They all took time to express their gratitude to the Permanent Fund employees ahead of the events scheduled for Friday, Aug. 16.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute fancy shawl dancer, Olyvia Watts, dances in front of Southern Ute Tribal employees during a cultural presentation for Employee Appreciation Day.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Tribal Housing Project Manager, Derrell Lindsey joins in on the Employee Appreciation Day fun and competes in the Cornhole Tournament on Friday, Aug. 16 right outside of the Multi-Purpose Facility.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center employee Shannon Herrera enjoys a free game of bowling during the Tribe's Employee Appreciation Day held on Friday, Aug. 16. Free bowling took place at the Rolling Thunder Lanes inside the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

**The Southern Ute Permanent Fund is celebrated on Friday, Aug. 16 during the annual Employee Appreciation Day. The event was hosted by the Tribal Information Services, Human Resources, Cultural Preservation Department, and SunUte Community Center with a homemade meal provided by the Multi-Purpose Facility staff for lunch. Permanent Fund employees enjoyed a full day of activities and prizes, including; poker walk, fishing, kickball, horseshoe contest, and cornhole tournament among many other activities. This day of appreciation is held to celebrate another year of committed service to the Permanent Fund and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.**



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Chris Mimmack, Justice and Regulatory Director, throws his horseshoe in the hopes of a ringer during the annual EAD Horseshoe Tourney. Mimmack and Brian Sheffield, Human Resources Director, placed third.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Eugene Bereza, Southern Ute Family Court Case Manager, sang Jessie's Girl by Rick Springfield during the karaoke contest for Employee Appreciation Day. Events were held outside the Multi-Purpose Facility.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Reeling in a small bass from Scott's Pond, SUIMA Guide Jared Ruybal spent the morning fishing, where anglers were vying for raffle prizes and a variety of fish species. The fishing event was coordinated by the Southern Ute Wildlife Division.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Soil & Water Conservationist, Joseph Bukosky tries his hand at pickleball, one of the many activities offered up to employees during the Tribe's annual Employee Appreciation Day.



Rosaleigh Concepcion/SU Drum

Over 50 Permanent Fund staff members from across departments gathered to enjoy the Poker/Fun Walk held by the SunUte Center staff. The walk had three stops to draw cards, hoping that luck was on your side, while enjoying the sunny day with colleagues.



## Hunters learn for the season



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Izabella Cloud inspects a muzzleloader rifle during the Hunter Safety Course on Saturday, August 10 at the Sun Ute Community Center conference room. Ben Zimmerman, Southern Ute Natural Resources Fisheries Biologist taught the class, "Hunters and gun safety."

Students from the hunter safety course were able to shoot .22 long rifles at the Southern Ute Rifle range for their final test before getting their hunter safety card on Saturday afternoon, August 10. Bob Blauert, Colorado Parks and Wildlife volunteer/Hunter Education Instructor, also instructed and helped during the safety course.



## SAFEGUARDING OUR WATER • FROM PAGE 1

unique opportunity to develop comprehensive and sustainable solutions that prioritize long-term water security. While several proposals have been submitted, they fall short of adequately addressing Tribal water rights and acknowledging the role of undeveloped Tribal water.

Tribal water rights are paramount. The protection and development of these rights are essential for ensuring the Tribe's future. The Lower Basin proposal, while focusing on system stabilization, fails to adequately address Tribal water issues. The Upper Basin proposal acknowledges settled but undeveloped Tribal water rights, but offers no concrete plans for their utilization.

Achieving long-term water security requires a fundamental shift. The Lower Basin must reduce its overconsumption and rely solely on the natural flow of the river. Tribes should be fairly compensated for their undeveloped water, which has played a crucial role in propping up the Colorado River System.

We look forward to engaging in open and honest discussions with the Colorado River Basin States and the Federal Government to explore appropriate compensation for unused Tribal water and develop sustainable water management strategies that benefit all stakeholders.

Southern Ute is committed to participating in the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process for developing post-2026 operating guidelines for Lake Powell and Lake Mead. Our goal is to protect our water resources and fully utilize our settled and quantified

water rights.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the first meeting between the Upper Colorado River Commission and the Upper Basin Tribes in 2022. In April 2024, the six Upper Basin Tribes signed a groundbreaking Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Upper Colorado River Commission. This MOU commemorates the parties' commitment to sharing information, discussing issues of mutual concern, and working towards common goals. This is a significant step forward, as historically, Tribes have been excluded from Colorado River management decisions.

I am encouraged by the growing shift toward Tribal inclusion in Colorado River Basin discussions at the state and federal level. Tribal leaders must be actively present to ensure our voices and concerns are heard. Our participation signifies our commitment to protecting our water.

The Tribe is also actively involved in the "Post 2026 Federal-Tribes-States" meetings, which focus on the NEPA process for the Post-2026 Colorado River operating guidelines. These meetings provide a platform for Tribes to participate in important Colorado River discussions.

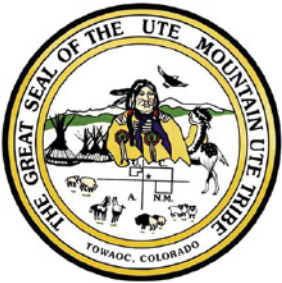
I am grateful for the opportunity to represent our Tribe in shaping policies that directly impact our water resources. We should not allow another Tribe to speak for us. Together with dedicated colleagues, we are developing solutions that balance the needs of all stakeholders while prioritiz-

ing the long-term health of Mother Nature.

Re-Indigenizing conservation is critical. As Nu-uchiu, we are the original stewards of this land. For generations, we have cared for the environment and our natural resources. While Western technology and science have contributed valuable research, it is essential to re-incorporate the conservation practices our ancestors perfected since the beginning of time. Our presence at these meetings ensures that our ancestral knowledge is valued and integrated into modern water management. This level of inclusion is unprecedented and there are other stakeholders who rely on undeveloped Tribal water.

As a member of the Colorado Water Conservation Board, I have been working tirelessly to establish a seat for representation from the Southern Ute Indian and Ute Mountain Ute Tribes. With the Indigenous Women's Leadership Network, I remain committed to strengthening, supporting, and creating spaces for women to enter leadership roles. It is an honor to be representing our Tribe, culture, and water rights at World Water Week in Sweden later this month, I will be participating in several panels to share our perspectives on protecting our precious paa. The conference's inclusion of Tribal voices from around the world is a significant step forward.

By advocating for Tribal representation and sharing our unique perspectives, we are working towards a more equitable and sustainable future.



**The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is offering Southern Ute Tribal Members the following hunting opportunities at the Pinecrest Ranch located near Gunnison, CO.**

**Please contact the Wildlife Office by 5:00PM Friday, August 30th (970) 563-0130 if interested.**

**Hunting on the Pinecrest Ranch is regulated by, and follows, Colorado Parks and Wildlife season dates and weapon types.**

- Archery (2) Either Sex Elk**
- Archery (2) Buck Deer**
- 1<sup>st</sup> Season Rifle (1) Cow Elk**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Season Rifle (2) Cow Elk**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Season Rifle (2) Doe Deer**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Season Rifle (2) Doe Deer**



### Youth Hunting Program Mentors

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

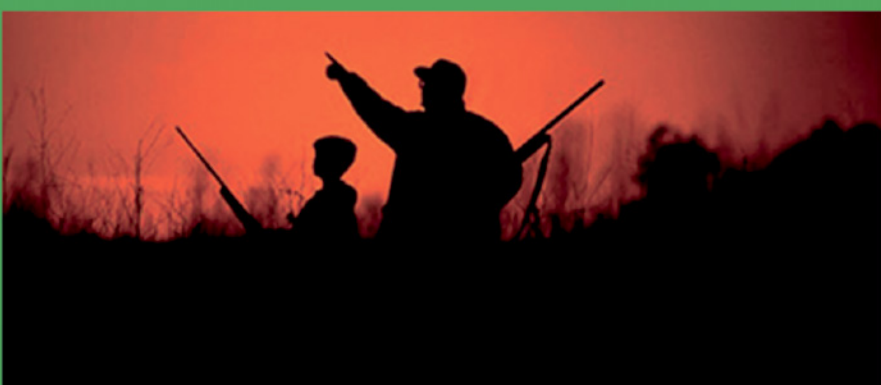
Mentor Eligibility Requirements:

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



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

(970) 563-0130



### Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund to host a General Meeting in September

Save the Date for the upcoming Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund General Meeting. This General Meeting is for the enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Membership and will be held on Thursday, Sept. 12, 2024. The meeting will be from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. Details on attendance options and the agenda are forthcoming.

**As a friendly reminder, this is a closed meeting for the Southern Ute Tribal Membership only. We hope you will join us!**

If you have any questions, please get in touch with **Jymmy Haddon, Executive Assistant, at 970-563-5025 or [jhaddon@sugf.com](mailto:jhaddon@sugf.com)**





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- Durango Harley-Davidson (registration & 1st card)
- Southern Ute Veterans Park (group photo & 2nd card)
- Billy Goat Saloon (Ode-to-the-Goat photo & 3rd card)
- Durango Fun Center (4th card)
- Durango VFW Post 4031 (final card & raffle drawings) \*\*last card by 4 p.m.

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## COLORADO TRANSPORTATION Heightened DUI enforcement begins Friday

Staff report  
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Don't miss out on backyard barbecues, time with friends and end-of-summer fun with a DUI – always plan a sober ride home. From Aug. 16 to Sept. 4, the Colorado Department of Transportation will support the Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 70 local law enforcement agencies for The Heat Is On Labor Day Crackdown DUI enforcement period. During the 20-day enforcement period, drivers may see saturation patrols, sobriety checkpoints and additional law enforcement officers on duty dedicated to arresting impaired drivers.

Labor Day marks the end of the 100 Deadliest Days of Summer – the period between Memorial Day and Labor Day that historically sees a spike in fatal crashes. Since Memorial Day of this year, there have been nearly 1,400 crashes involving a suspected impaired driver in Colorado. In June and July alone, there were a combined 129 traffic fatalities in Colorado, 44 of which involved a suspected impaired driver.

"Impaired driving-related crashes, injuries and fatalities are entirely preventable. When you drive under the influence of drugs or alcohol, you are gambling with other people's lives," said Col. Matthew C. Packard, chief of the Colorado State Patrol. "Your holiday weekend could quickly come to

an end with a DUI, jail time or even a fatal crash. Keep your safety and that of others in mind – the only choice is a sober ride."

Driving under the influence of any impairing substance – not just alcohol – is illegal. Most CSP troopers have specialized training in drug detection, known as ARIDE (Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement). All Colorado law enforcement agencies can administer alcohol and drug toxicology tests to drivers following a fatal DUI crash. Additionally, there are over 120 Drug Recognition Experts (DRE) in Colorado trained to recognize impairment in drivers under the influence of drugs other than, or in addition to, alcohol.

"Long weekends are never an excuse to drive impaired," said CDOT's Office of Transportation Safety Director Darrell Lingk. "Last year's Labor Day Crackdown enforcement period concluded with 774 reported DUI arrests. No one is above the law – the only way to avoid a DUI is by driving sober. It's that simple. Enjoy the holiday responsibly by leaving the keys at home and planning a sober ride."

For yearly impaired-driving crash and fatality data in Colorado, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety/data-analysis/fatal-crash-data>. For local law enforcement agency plans, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal>.

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Ignacio's Ollyvia Howe (8) greets the officials prior to last season's 2A-Region IX Tournament's championship match up in Edwards, pitting IHS against Vail Christian. Now a senior, Howe will be expected to be an on-court leader for the Volleyscats in 2024.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

# Volleyscats to build upon historic base

*Shoes need filling, but solid core returns*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having graduated only a couple months ago essentially a starting lineup's worth of talent, and with one key up-and-comer from 2023 still recovering from injury, Jennifer Seibel knows that a replication of last fall's history-making run to the CHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championships could be a lot to ask of a reformed roster.

But with official practices at Ignacio High beginning Monday, Aug. 12, the second-year skipper may be even more eager than her returning – and incoming – players to see exactly what she and her staff will be working with in '24.

"Mancos, Ignacio, Dove Creek ... that was pretty amazing, seeing that all three of us made it up to State – and turned some heads at State. That was really cool," she recalled, saluting her fellow 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rivals' presence at the same Championships. "So, I see this year as a great challenge for me. The girls are coming in with that passion to play and that passion to grow, and they're very coachable."

"I'm excited because I think we can work really hard and get to some of our



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Volleyball head coach, Jennifer Seibel analyzes the action during one of IHS' four matches at last year's CHSAA Class 2A State Volleyball Championships, held inside the Denver Coliseum. Graduation hit the roster hard, but Seibel – back for her second season at the helm – nevertheless holds high expectations for her 2024 'Cats.

goals – and that's the ultimate goal, making it to State – but I'm more focused on just continuing to grow them for years to come. Pushing that and continuing to build them into what they're going to become."

Gone, sadly, is the talented, demonstrative nucleus of Solymar Cosio, Kacey Brown, Maci Barnes and Darlyn Mendoza-Lechuga, which powered the Volleyscats

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio Football head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia shows appreciation to one of his assistants prior to the Bobcats' 2023 road game at Monte Vista. IHS' 2024 schedule is set to begin with a game Friday, August 23, in Denver at non-conference Manual – one of Colorado's oldest existing high schools.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

# Bobcats, 'Bolts to kick 2024 off

*IHS going to Denver for football opener*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Highlighted by the first varsity-level clash with neighboring Bayfield since 2010, Ignacio High's 2024 football season gets underway this weekend with a game about as far from the Pine River Valley as one might consider.

Ready to build upon a 4-5 mark in '23, including a third-place 3-2 showing in the Class 1A Southern Peaks, the Bobcats will journey to Denver to meet non-conference Manual – which also finished 4-5 overall last fall, including a 3-2 record against 1A Longs Peak opposition – on Friday, August 23. Kickoff time at MHS Field is set for 6 p.m.

"It's a (CHSAA) 'cycle' year, so to find a game around here ... is trying to find a needle in a haystack," quipped IHS head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia. "And Manual, believe it or not, they were one of the few teams that was free – who didn't have a game. That's why we're playing in Zero Week because that was the only time we could fit them in."

Only two of MHS' victories, however, were on-field achievements. The Thunderbolts won their 2023 opener 28-0 over non-conference Jefferson in Edgewater, but then dropped three straight – allowing an average of 46 points per – before logging a 2-0 forfeit over Denver Sher-

idan (winless since 2019) beginning LP work. Federal Heights-based The Pinnacle also forfeited before Manual then suffered a season-ending 54-6 loss at Ault Highland, giving the Huskies a 5-0 mark in conference.

The Thunderbolts' other true victory – possibly the better of the two – came at home against Estes Park in conference action, 44 to 32. EPHS was the only Longs Peak crew to come within six touchdowns of Highland, though defeated 34-20.

After returning from the Mile High City, Ignacio will begin preparing to host Cedaredge on the 30th, beginning an apparent 2024-25 home-and-home with the Bruins (3-5, 0-4 1A Western Slope in '23). Kickoff at IHS Field is set for 6 p.m.

"Cedaredge was already in the making since last year; they called and said, 'We want to play you guys,' then we ended up with the same records and we were like 'Why not?'" Garcia said. "So instead of playing (Hotchkiss) North Fork – and North Fork, last year, was a one-game deal – we said alright, as long as we do a 'cycle' piece."

The Bobcats' third non-conference opponent will be Olathe, back at a varsity level after spending 2023 as a rebuilding JV crew (the Pirates went 0-9 overall in '22, and were outscored by an eye-popping 380 points) on September


13 at 7 p.m., before Ignacio heads to BHS on the 20th (7 p.m.) to begin a telling three-game road swing.

"Instead of going to Cortez we picked Bayfield," said Garcia. "So hopefully for both sides it's a fun game."

Conference play for the 'Cats then begins at 7 p.m., October 4, in La Jara against powerhouse Centauri, and IHS will next travel on the 11th to Trinidad. Regular-season work will then wind down with 7 p.m. home games versus Center (10/18), Monte Vista (10/25) and Del Norte (November 1).

"You know, we lost a great senior class last year, but we've also gained a couple good kids," Garcia said, while saluting preseason leadership shown already by a talented junior class. "One – who came from Bayfield – that I'm not going to see for another two weeks because he's on vacation, and then I have a home-school kid and he's raw, never played football before. But they're good-sized boys, got a good understanding of what we're trying to teach them."

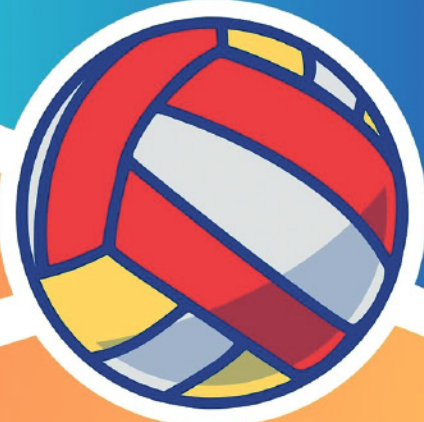
"And I'll be honest, it's been fun," he continued. "We've already got about 28, 29 kids; we usually have between 18 and 20, so now we can get somebody a break! The crazy thing about it is they're young; I have eight freshmen and if we can keep them together in the near future, they'll be okay."



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## BOXING

# 'Legends on the Animas' coming to Durango

World champion title boxing match slated for October

### Staff report

THE GOOD FIGHT BOXING GYM

For the first time since 1915, professional boxing is coming back to Durango; and in true Durango fashion, it's coming back with style!

Saturday, Oct. 12, Hector "Macho" Camacho Jr. will battle Andrew "Hurricane" Hernandez for the vacant LBF Middleweight World Championship title. "We are so excited to introduce these legends of boxing to our community, give our guests a full day of high-level entertainment, and bring a brand-new industry to Durango," said Katy Kopec, event promot-

er and founder of The Good Fight Boxing Gym in Durango, Colo.

In what is sure to draw sports fans from across the Four Corners region and beyond, "Legends on the Animas" will also feature amateur boxing bouts between local and nation-wide athletes. Our town will be graced by former heavyweight champion, James

"Bonecrusher" Smith, LBF legend and Muhammed Ali's bodyguard, Mike Coolsey, and Mike "Baby Jack" Dempsey, descendant of the famous boxer Jack Dempsey who's famed 1915 boxing match in Durango is memo-

rialized on the wall mural outside El Rancho Tavern.

The Good Fight is leading this grassroots effort to bring something truly special to Durango. "We are calling on our local business neighbors and non-profits to come together to bring the Durango flavor and reap not only short-term, but long-reaching benefits," Kopec said. Contact Kopec to be part of Four Corners history as boxing takes center stage in the Fred W Klatt arena at the La Plata County Fairgrounds.

"October 12th I'm looking to rewind to the clock and show the boxing fans in Durango, Colo. and all around that it's still 'Machotime' when I put that LBF title around my waist," Camacho said.

His challenger, Andrew "Hurricane" Hernandez is no stranger to wearing a belt himself and promises to make the match show worthy of its world title status.

"I'll be going for my fourth world title," Hernandez said in a recent Instagram post announcing his involvement. "I know Durango you've never experienced a hurricane, not quite like this. Hurricane warning!"

Prior to the title fight, Camacho will be living and training in Durango. He is eager to engage with local youth athletes at The Good Fight Boxing Gym in the



courtesy Alex Esko

Southern Ute athlete and coach, Diego Perez of The Good Fight Boxing Gym, prepares to spar ahead of the amateur boxing event, Animus on the Animas - Durango Boxing Classic, held July 6 at the Main Mall in Durango, Colo. This was hosted by The Good Fight Boxing Gym to introduce the community to the "Sweet Science of Boxing," celebrate their athletes and the boxing community, while raising money for the boxing club.



courtesy Alex Esko

Jamont Richards and Mike Kasper of The Good Fight Boxing Gym sparring in preparation for the Animus on the Animas.



courtesy Alex Esko

The Good Fight Boxing Gym boxing student Shawnjay Silas hitting the speed bag during training leading up to the Animus on the Animas - Durango Boxing Classic.

Main Mall in Downtown Durango. The son of legendary Hector Camacho, who was a world champion in three different weight classes, Camacho Jr. started boxing professionally at the age of 18 and has seen firsthand how the sport can change lives through focus, discipline and resilience.

Tickets for the upcoming event will be available on EventBrite with single event and all-day entries ranging from \$25-\$50.

The Good Fight Durango is on a mission to empower people in our community, through the "Sweet Science" of boxing, to conquer personal obstacles and achieve a better quality of life. The Good Fight offers quality, traditional boxing training for fighters of all ages and abilities, including youth

and senior citizens. Committed to our values that the benefits of boxing should be accessible to all, The Good Fight offers programming and scholarships for many groups, including Parkin-

son's fighters, cancer survivors, veterans, at-risk youth, and disadvantaged populations. More than a gym, The Good Fight provides a safe, supportive community to those fighting the good fight of life.

For more information visit [thegoodfightdurango.com](http://thegoodfightdurango.com).

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cats to a third-place (behind runner-up DCHS and champion Mancos) 8-3 mark in SJBL play, the Region IX title up in Edwards, and - after going 2-2 inside the Denver Coliseum - an outstanding 21-8 overall record.

Back in the fold, however, is a smaller but no less seasoned varsity core led by now-senior outside hitter Ollyvia Howe, who will almost certainly be counted upon to be something of a Cosio-like presence at the net. Sophomore setter Kelly Sirios, Seibel's daughter, should be able to build upon a solid freshman campaign of directing the offense, and senior Marissa Olguin - capable of playing defensive specialist, right-side or outside - is also expected back for one last run.

"Marissa, she's been out since Mother's Day with an (ankle) injury, so ... she'll be continuing physical therapy, getting strong and rebuilding muscle," Seibel said. "But she's cleared to play."

Howe and Olguin are at present the only two seniors returning from last year.

"We have a few that were on JV last year. I'm not sure where they'll end up, but returning varsity ... it's just those two," said Seibel, noting sophomore Lily Quintana, who emerged as Ignacio's regular libero in '23 but then missed most of the winter basketball season due to injury, could be cleared sometime in September to resume duty. "We are very young, I would say. But we've gained about five incoming freshmen who are all going to be battling for spots, you know?"

"We've got a lot of open positions and a lot of girls that are going to be really pushing for those. So I'm excited."

And if the first week of drills doesn't give the boss a good indication of who will earn roles, Pagosa Springs' annual preseason Pirate 4 Corners Scrimmages, slated for Saturday, August 17, probably will.

"Who makes varsity has that mindset of 'Every day I'm here to get better' .... We're focused on being better than we were yesterday, taking it one step at a time," Seibel said. "Pagosa, Centauri, Bayfield, Ignacio ... and there's going to be other schools too; it's going to be a really good reality check of where we are against those bigger schools, and where we need to go. Being challenged in the early season kind of gives you an idea of what you have; you see their grit and their growth."

The 'Cats are presently scheduled to begin the 2024 grind Tuesday, August 27, at non-league Montezuma-Cortez, with the Lady Panthers (3-20 overall in '23, 0-8 3A Intermountain) having nowhere to go this year but up. Ignacio will then visit non-league Del Norte (11-13, 5-2 2A Southern Peaks) on the 29th, then begin SJBL work on the 31st at Ridgway.

## Garcia takes second in derby!



courtesy Lorena Richards

Joe Garcia, (23 VIP) took second place in the 2024 Demolition Derby at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Sat., Aug.17. This year's annual La Plata County Fair demolition derby was moved from Durango to Ignacio.

## FORT LEWIS FOOTBALL CAMP AT SUNUTE

- HANG WITH SKYHAWK FOOTBALL PLAYERS
- BOWLING AND PIZZA AT OUR CASINO.

**AUGUST 30, 2024**

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

3PM-7PM

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

**ALL YOUTH GRADES K-8TH**

**\$5 ENTRY FEE**

(Tribal members and 1st descendants are free)

TO SIGN-UP:  
FRONT DESK- (970) 563-2661

## FORT LEWIS SOFTBALL CAMP AT SUNUTE

JOIN SUNUTE AND FLC SOFTBALL FOR A FUN DAY OF LEARNING NEW SOFTBALL SKILLS. PIZZA AND BOWLING WILL BE INCLUDED.

**SEPTEMBER 21, 2024**

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

12PM- 5PM

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

**ALL YOUTH GRADES K-8TH**

**\$5 ENTRY FEE**

(TRIBAL MEMBERS & 1ST DESCENDANTS ARE FREE)

TO SIGN-UP:  
FRONT DESK- (970)563- 2661

## FORT LEWIS BASKETBALL CAMP AT SUNUTE

AMPLIFY YOUR BASKETBALL SKILLS WITH US HERE AT SUNUTE, ALONG WITH FLC BASKETBALL, PIZZA & BOWLING WILL BE INCLUDED.

**OCTOBER 5, 2024**

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

12PM- 5PM

IN COLLABORATION WITH:

**ALL YOUTH GRADES K-8TH**

**\$5 ENTRY FEE**

(TRIBAL MEMBERS & 1ST DESCENDANTS ARE FREE)

TO SIGN-UP:  
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## OBITUARY



ketball player, but during his time in the recreation department he organized many tournaments where he developed relationships with the oldest to the youngest from far and near.

Alex was a pillar of strength, known for his vast knowledge of Tribal history, including culture and government. He was the family's spiritual support. When asked for prayers he never turned anyone down. This was something he learned from his beloved grandfather Bonny Kent who was a roper and cattleman, served on Southern Ute Tribal Council, and was a role model and father figure for Alex growing up, along with his passion to keep his Ute identity and culture alive.

He was preceded in death by his father Elliot Cloud, sisters Lucinda Cloud and Ramona Monaco, paternal grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Julius and Mollie Cloud, Maternal grandparents Mr. & Mrs. Bonny and Essie Kent and Chief of Police uncle Elwood Kent. Alex is leaving behind two daughters, Somer and Jada Cloud along with his mother Phoebe Kent and siblings Lambert Cloud and Bennet Monaco, nephew Jaiden Williams and Uncle Richard Kent.

A visitation will be at Hood Mortuary Chapel 12:00 - 4:30 p.m. on Wednesday Aug. 21, 2024, a wake will take place at the Southern Ute Chapel Wednesday evening August 21, 2024. A Rosary will be held at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church on August 22 at 9 a.m. followed by the funeral service. His final resting place will be at Ouray Cemetery.

**ALEX SAMUEL CLOUD** – With deep sadness, the Cloud and Kent family announce the passing of Alex Samuel Cloud on August 13, 2024, in Durango, Colo. at the age of 58. He was born to Elliot Cloud and Phoebe Kent on March 29, 1966.

He was a member of the Southern Ute Tribe where he served nine years on the Southern Ute Tribal Council and three of those years as the Vice Chairman. He was also a valued member of the community and held several positions within the Tribe, but most notably he ran the Tribe's recreation department for several years prior to becoming council member.

He was an avid softball player and bas-

## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

In a recently published article, which was submitted to the Drum, cultural information specifically was called into light for its accuracy by specific family members mentioned in the story. Going forward, The Southern Ute Drum's editorial team will corroborate statements or segments pertaining to Ute culture directly with the submitting individual or entity to ensure accuracy and respect to culturally sensitive topics.

### SUPPORTING NATIVE PERFORMING ARTISTS

Dear Friends and Supporters,  
I am thrilled to announce the launch of the First Peoples Fund's Native Performing Arts Program (NPA). This initiative is dedicated to supporting Native performing artists, both emerging and established, in developing and enhancing their artistic skills and knowledge. Our goal is to provide these artists with equitable access to the resources they need to elevate their creations and careers. This includes funding, mentoring, financial capability, and business development training, all aligned with their cultural values.

In conjunction with this launch, we are excited to introduce the 2025 Native Performing Arts Fellowship. This Fellowship

aims to support Native performing artists in refining their craft and expanding their knowledge. While it is not a project-based fellowship, it offers fellows a \$10,000 grant, along with support and networking opportunities, to further their careers and projects within the performing arts landscape, including theater, dance, and music.

We are confident that this initiative will significantly contribute to the continued growth and development of the Indigenous Arts Ecology. We encourage you to share this unique opportunity with your network and to apply.

We eagerly look forward to receiving your applications. Should you have any questions or need additional assistance, please feel free to contact us.

Website: [bit.ly/fpf-npa](http://bit.ly/fpf-npa) | [programs@first-peoplesfund.org](mailto:programs@first-peoplesfund.org)

*Ahéhéé (Diné bizaad: Thank you),  
Justin Kii Huenemann (Diné)  
President/CEO of First Peoples Fund*

Catch the 2025 Native Performing Arts Fellowship Tutorial! This brief, informative video covers everything you need to know about the application process, requirements, and more. Don't miss it!

**EDITOR'S NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE IN ANY WAY.**

The Southern Ute Drum encourages letters from readers on any topic. We ask that letters be 500 words or less. Letters deemed to be libelous will not be published. Letters should be submitted by email to Jeremy Shockley at [jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov) by the end of the day Monday preceding publication.

## NEW EMPLOYEES



### Derrell Lindsey

**Job title:** Project Manager for Construction and Tribal Housing.

**Description of duties:** Creating budgets, schedules, and managing remodel, repair and new construction projects for the tribe.

**Hobbies:** Skiing, mountain and road biking, fly fishing, rafting and spending time outdoors with my family.

**Family:** Wife, Chelsea, and 8-year-old daughter, Stella.

**Additional comments:** I am excited and honored to be working for the Tribe.

### LuRhea Ramone (requested no photo)

**Job title:** Administrative Assistant II

**Description of duties:** Provide administrative & clerical support to Tribal Housing, Construction & Project Management

**Hobbies:** Reading, riding horses, basketball and mountain biking.

**Family:** Daughter, Tatum

**Tribe:** Navajo (Diné)



## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park

Summer 2024

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

The Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park is hosting a variety of events this Summer. Be sure to check them out.

For any questions related to the events mentioned below, please reach out to Jay Dee Brunson, Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park Manager at (970)-563-5541.

Discover vibrant entertainment, engaging games, and delectable food stalls—there's something to delight everyone. Bask in the sun, savor the moment, and make cherished memories with loved ones.

As always, please visit the [Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park Events](#) page for all the current happenings.

#### Summer 2024 Calendar of Events at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park

| Dates to Remember  | Event Name   |
|--|--|
| <b>August Events</b>   |  |
| August 30 <sup>th</sup> and 31 <sup>st</sup>                       | Four Corners Motorcycle Camping  |
| <b>September Events</b>  |  |
| September 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup>                      | Four Corners Motorcycle Camping  |
| September 6 <sup>th</sup> , 7 <sup>th</sup> and 8 <sup>th</sup>    | 102 <sup>nd</sup> Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & the 64 <sup>th</sup> Annual Tribal Fair Powwow |
| September 13 <sup>th</sup> , 14 <sup>th</sup> and 15 <sup>th</sup> | Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo   |
| September 28 <sup>th</sup>   | Narrow Gauge Rabbit Breeders   |

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

## HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN UPDATE

THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE NEEDS YOUR INPUT!



#### EXAMPLES OF HAZARDS

- Wildfire
- Flood
- Drought
- Winter Weather
- Earthquake
- Erosion
- Severe Storms
- Landslide
- Tornado

### TAKE PART TODAY!

#### SURVEY LINK:

<https://forms.office.com/e/3QtkcSrZCu>



#### WHAT IS HAZARD MITIGATION?

Hazard mitigation is any action taken to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property from natural disasters. One goal is to reduce the risk posed by future natural disasters. Another is to use structural and nonstructural measures to minimize the damage hazards can cause.

#### WHY IS HAZARD MITIGATION IMPORTANT?

Hazard mitigation is crucial because it fosters the development of stronger, safer, and more resilient communities. It minimizes future damage in the face of disasters. By taking proactive measures, communities become more effective at mitigating risks.

## Elder Services Program August Activities

### August 22, 2024

Durango Hot Springs

Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

Please reserve your spot by 5:00 p.m. August 21, 2024.

### August 27, 2024

Pagosa Hot Springs

Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

Lunch will be provided.

Call Elder Services @ 563-2309 to have your name added to the activities list or if you have any questions.

## Drum Deadline

Next issue:  
**Sept. 6**

**EARLY  
Deadline:  
Aug. 30**

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: [jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov)



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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2024 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

|  |  |
|--|--|
| General Election -                                       | Friday, November 01, 2024 - 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M. |
| Residency Deadline -                                     | Saturday, August 03, 2024                          |
| Statement of Intention Deadline -                        | Monday, September 02, 2024, by 5:00 P.M.           |
| Election Board Decision Regarding Eligibility Deadline - | Tuesday, September 17, 2024                        |
| Notice of Election -                                     | Wednesday, October 02, 2024                        |
| Voter Registration Deadline -                            | Wednesday, October 23, 2024, by 5:00 P.M.          |
| Absentee Ballot Request Deadline -                       | Wednesday, October 23, 2024, by 5:00 P.M.          |
| Emergency Absentee Ballot Deadline -                     | Thursday, October 31, 2024, by 5:00 P.M.           |

THE 2024 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT 285 LAKIN ST. IGNACIO, CO  
Contact the Election Board at (970) 563- 0100 ext. 2303/2305/2728/2729/2730  
Off-Reservation Tribal members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email is [election@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:election@southernute-nsn.gov)



## REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

### Modular (factory-built) Multifamily Apartment Units Ignacio, Colorado

GF Tuuiniimi, LLC ("Owner's Representative") is seeking a Request for Proposal (RFP) from qualified companies for design, fabrication, storage, transportation, and setting of 60 modular (factory-built) multifamily apartment units (2 buildings, 30 units in each) on a 3-acre parcel of land located at Buckskin Charlie Drive and Ute Road in Ignacio, CO. The RFP must be submitted no later than **3:00 pm MDT on September 5, 2024**. The Owner's Representative reserves the right to reject late RFPs. Email RFPs to Owner's Representative. If contractor is not able to email, hard copies must be delivered to Owner's Representative. Contact the Owner's Representative to request the full RFP package.

#### Owner's Representative:

GF Tuuiniimi, LLC  
Attn: Tim Zink, 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250  
Phone: (970) 764-6442  
Email: [TZink@sugf.com](mailto:TZink@sugf.com)

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

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

## Southern Ute Tribal Offices Closure

**Southern Ute Tribal Administration Offices will be closed,  
Monday, Sept. 2 in observance of Labor Day.  
Normal business hours will resume on Tuesday, Sept. 3, 2024.**

**JOIN US**  
ALL COMMUNITY MEMBERS ARE WELCOME TO ATTEND

**FIBER BROADBAND COMMUNITY EVENT**

Do you have questions or want to sign up for faster internet? FTI, Xmission, and the Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) will be available to help you get connected...

**SAVE THE DATE**  
Date: Friday, Sept. 20, 2024  
Time: 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.  
Location: Ignacio Community Library  
470 Goddard Avenue  
Ignacio, Colorado

FTI WiFi  
Internet Powered by Farmers Telephone Company Inc.

XMISSION FIBER

## SOUTHERN UTE BROADBAND DEPLOYMENT

Bringing State-of-the-Art Connectivity to the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

2024/2025 Work Plan Update

**CONSTRUCTION PHASES** – It takes multiple phases of construction to be in a position to install fiber to a home or business.

| FUNDING  | ENGINEERING   | PERMITTING  | CONDUIT INSTALLATION  | FIBER INSTALLATION   | FIBER DISTRIBUTION HUBS  | SERVICE LINE INSTALLATION   |
|--|---|---|---|--|--|---|
| The Tribe is pursuing funds from many State and Federal Grant opportunities to fund the project. | The network needs to be properly engineered to ensure quality and supportability. | Numerous permitting steps are needed to ensure proper approvals are in place. | This is the most visible phase of construction to install the conduit. No fiber is installed in this phase. | Once the conduit is all connected together, then the fiber can be blown through the conduit. | These are small cabinets that connect the fiber backbone to the Home / Business. | The Service Line installation is the final step in connecting a home requiring a signed Service Line Agreement. |

**PROJECT AREAS AND TIMELINE** – The Work Plan is significant, and many crews will be visible on County Roads and Subdivisions. Below are key project areas and dates.

| Project Area*                  | Conduit Install Complete | Fiber Install Complete | Fiber Distribution Hub Complete | Service Line Install Commence |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Ignacio and Casino Area        | June 2024                | June 2024              | July 2024                       | July 2024                     |
| Cedar Point Area               | June 2024                | June 2024              | July 2024                       | August 2024                   |
| NW Ignacio                     | Fall 2024                | Fall 2024              | Fall 2024                       | Fall 2024                     |
| Florida Mesa                   | Fall 2024                | Fall 2024              | Fall 2024                       | Fall 2024                     |
| Arboles                        | Winter 2025              | Winter 2025            | Winter 2025                     | Spring 2025                   |
| Farmington Hill and SE Ignacio | Fall 2025                | Fall 2025              | Fall 2025                       | Fall 2025                     |
| HWY 151 to Pagosa Extension    | Spring 2025              | Fall 2025              | N/A                             | N/A                           |
| Western Project Area           | Fall 2025                | Fall 2025              | Fall 2025                       | Fall 2025                     |

**FAQs:**  
Q: Do I have to pay to get fiber run to my home?  
A: No, all homes in the Work Plan have funding to connect the home. Funding does not cover the cost of the Internet Service, but competitive rates will be offered by the Tribe's approved Internet Service Providers. SUIT Tribal Members can receive a free router by contacting SUDEP Helpdesk at 970-563-5555 to initiate a voucher request.  
Q: What service packages are available for me to choose from, and how do I get connected?  
A: Two (2) Internet Service Providers are currently offering services.  
1. Xmission for available service offerings, including speeds and rates, and to sign up, scan here <https://xmission.com/southernute>  
2. FTI WiFi for available service offerings, including speeds and rates, and to sign up, scan here <https://resources.ftiwifi.com/suit-sign-up>

**PROJECT MAP**

Want State-of-the-Art Internet Connectivity?  
Go to <https://bonfirefiber.net> and enter your address to get started.

[bonfirefiber.com](https://bonfirefiber.com)

## Sign Up for the Tribal Member Experience

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

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

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

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

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

## Southern Ute Shared Services

The Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP) would like to inform the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members (SUITMs) and clarify programs that are available to you. Please use the outline below to verify that you are utilizing the program and the technological opportunities.

- Laptop Program Defined**
  - Dell laptops free to all SUITM's. [www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/SUDEP)
  - One Dell laptop per SUITM no exceptions.
  - Fill out questionnaire.
  - If you're filling a questionnaire out for a minor (under 18) put the grade in comments section. Under 18 years of age will receive a 2-1 Chromebook.
  - SUDEP will call when your laptop is ready for pick up. Prompt pickup is requested.
  - Shipping is available for the SUITMs that live out of the area. SUDEP will contact you for shipping. Shipping will occur once all forms have been filled out and signed. Forms are sent via e-mail by SUDEP staff.
- \$75 Internet Reimbursement Program (6 months only) Defined**
  - Internet program is available to all SUITM's (one voucher per service address only.)
  - Steps:
    - Fill out internet voucher request. Forms are available by contacting SUDEP or through the Southern Ute Tribal Member Portal.
    - Send a copy of your internet bill with service address and Southern Ute Tribal Members name on it.
    - Send both items to: [sudepservice@southernute.com](mailto:sudepservice@southernute.com).
    - SUDEP will pay the internet provider directly after the completed internet voucher and internet bill have been verified and approved.
    - It may take up to two billing cycles for the credit to appear on your internet bill.
- Router Program Defined**
  - Must connect with local fiber through Bonfire Fiber (FTI or X Mission).
  - Must decide which speed of internet you are purchasing monthly.
  - SUDEP will reimburse the internet provider (FTI or X Mission) for the router directly.
  - Steps:
    - Fill out and sign "Router Voucher Request" - contact SUDEP for form.
    - Fill out and sign the "Release Agreement" - contact SUDEP for form.
  - Approved voucher will be sent to Bonfire and your fiber hook up will be scheduled.
- MS 365 E3 Desktop Program Defined**
  - SUDEP received 100 MS 365 Desktop licenses for SUITMs.
  - Contact SUDEP to request the license and guidance to install the software on your laptop. These licenses are limited and available till gone.
- Technical & Laptop Support Defined**
  - SUDEP is available for laptop support & troubleshooting, software updates, training, education, and technical support.

Southern Ute Digital Equity Program (SUDEP)  
(970) 563-5555  
[sudepservice@southernute.com](mailto:sudepservice@southernute.com)





**In The Southern Ute Tribal Court**

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
On the Southern Ute Reservation  
PO Box 737 #149, CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

**NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE**

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

Notice is hereby given that Krislynn Nikole Thompson filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Krislynn Nikole Romero. As of August 5, 2024 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Krislynn Nikole Thompson name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Krislynn Nikole Romero.

Dated this 5th day of August, 2024.  
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

**Civil Form#1**

**In the Southern Ute Tribal Court  
On the Southern Ute Indian Reservation**

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe**  
Address: P.O. Box 737  
City/State: Ignacio, CO  
Phone: 970-759-5303

Cause No. 24-CV-068

Plaintiff

**Emerson Griffith**  
Address: Whereabouts unknown  
City/State: Unknown  
Phone: Unknown

Defendant

vs. NOTICE, CLAIM AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR

**NOTICE AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR**

**To the Defendant:**

You are directed to file a written response to Plaintiff's Claim set forth below, within twenty-one (21) days from the date of service, or before your appearance date of October 21, 2024 at 10:00 A.M. at the Southern Ute Tribal Court, located at the Justice Building. On the above appearance date you should bring with you all books, papers and witnesses needed by you to establish any defenses you might have to the claim. **IF YOU DO NOT APPEAR, JUDGMENT WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE AMOUNT OF PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM PLUS COSTS OF THIS SUIT.** If you wish to present a counter-claim, you must pay a fee of \$100.00. For additional information see back of the Defendant's Copy.

**PLAINTIFF'S CLAIM**

The above-named defendant owes me \$1,636.58, plus interest and costs allowed by law, for the following reasons and as supported in the filed Complaint and exhibits:

**I declare under penalty of perjury that the above statements are true and correct.**

James Washinawatok August 19, 2024  
Plaintiff's Signature Date

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I certify that I submitted for publication the above complaint to the above named defendant on August 19, 2024 at the Southern Ute Drum.

James Washinawatok  
James Washinawatok

**INFORMATION FOR DEFENDANTS**

- A. When you have been served with a summons to appear for trial in a civil action filed against you in Tribal Court, you may, if you do not wish to contest Plaintiff's claim:
  1. Make an out-of-court settlement; with the Plaintiff before the date set for trial and notify the court clerk, in writing, of that settlement.
  2. Not appear at the date and time set for trial, in which case the court will enter default judgment against you for the amount owed claimed by Plaintiff plus costs.
- B. If you wish to contest the claim filed against you, you must complete and file the response form, **AND APPEAR ON THE DATE AND TIME SET FORTH** in the Notice; bringing all books, papers, and witnesses needed to establish your defenses. Subpoenas will be issued for any witnesses needed in support of your claims. Requests for subpoenas should be made at least five working days prior to trial.
- C. If you have a claim against the Plaintiff, or a setoff to the Plaintiff's claim, you may assert a counterclaim or setoff against the Plaintiff by completing the Defendant's Counterclaim and paying a \$100.00 filing fee.
- D. If Plaintiff recovers a judgment against you, the Plaintiff is entitled to immediate payment of the full amount of the judgment plus court costs. Payment may be made either to the clerk of court or to the Plaintiff. You are entitled to receive a satisfaction of judgment form upon payment. If you do not immediately pay the judgment amount you must complete and return the "Interrogatories Form" listing your property and other assets.
- E. If you contest the claim, you have a right to a trial. If you wish to appeal any decision of this court, you must follow the appellate procedures set forth in the Tribal Code.
- F. If you lose the case, you may be required to pay the other party's court costs, including any service fees.

**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.

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.

**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).

**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 website or by request and returned to Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov.

**ETHICS COMMISSION**

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

**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.

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

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

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

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

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

**Closing Date:** Open until Filled

For more information, please contact Tribal Council Affairs at 970-563-2319 or email [swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov)

**COME AND JOIN!!  
JOHNSON-O'MALLEY  
COMMITTEE**

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

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

1. To be eligible to become a JOM committee member you must have a student(s) in the Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District

2. Student(s) must be registered with the JOM program

3. Write a letter of interest as to why you want to be on the committee. This position is a volunteer position to support our students. If selected, you will serve on the committee for 2 years

The committee meets on the first Monday of every month!

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

**KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!**  
KSUT seeks one enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER  
to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors.

Frances Denimore recording Blackfoot Chief, Mountain Chief, on a cylinder phonograph for the bureau of American Ethnology (1916). - photo Wikipedia (en.wiki/pedia.org)

The KSUT Board of Directors is seeking a Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the Board of Directors. The tribal member does not have to live in the region and may attend board meetings remotely, as needed.

As a board member you will serve a three-year term, attend monthly meetings, and perform with decision-making in the best long-term interests of KSUT and the community of listeners, and other responsibilities of serving on the board of directors.

The KSUT Board of Directors meets on the second Wednesday of every month at 5:30 p.m. in Ignacio at the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. Meetings are open to the public, unless prior notice is given to allow members to conduct confidential station business.

To apply, submit a Letter of Interest to Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director via email: [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or by mail P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. Questions, call 970-563-0255.





## 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

### Active Kid Care Leader

Closes 8/23/24 – Provides childcare and physical activities for the Active Kid Care program to meet the needs of children ages toddler through 6 years. Pay grade N4; Pay starts at \$14.67/hour.

### Adult Education Program Specialist

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

### After School Program Attendant

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

### 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.

### Communications Manager – Dispatch

Open Until Filled – 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.

### 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. Will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

### Director of Strategic Planning

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

### Dispatcher

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

### Dispatcher Trainee

Open Until Filled – AA 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 will start at \$17.51/hour.

### Early Childhood Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

### Elementary Teacher

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

### Gaming Investigator I

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

### Gaming Investigator II

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

### Grants Financial Analyst

Open Until Filled – Working closely with Tribal staff members on all financial grant and related Tribal budget and spending matters. Assisting in monitoring programs to ensure compliance with grant or contract regulations. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/annually.

### Group Exercise Instructor

Open Until Filled – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the SunUte Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

### Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records, and referral services. A key focus will be to always establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155.00/year.

### Heavy Equipment Operator

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

### HVAC Technician

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

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

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

### Lifeguard Part-time

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

### Museum Business Manager

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

### Museum Director

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

### NAGPRA Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Assists NAGPRA Coordinator(s) with new and on-going projects, including, but not limited to, duties such as: technical data entry, records management, research, and other duties as assigned. Must be organized and able to maintain a complicated work and deadline calendar for new, on-going, short term, and long-term projects by providing timelines to NAGPRA Coordinator(s) to participate in consultations in face-to-face consultations or teleconferences. Also 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.

## 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.

### Reclamation and Sustainability Emissions Analyst – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/30/24 – Performs calculations, data tracking and reporting duties on projects specifically targeted to reduce Red Willow's environmental impact while maintaining responsible gas production. Oversees multiple annual certification and emission measurement programs. While this position reports to the Reclamation and Sustainability Manager, this position also prepares, reviews and submits annual air compliance and emissions reports to regulatory agencies under the direction of the Director of Environmental Health and Safety.

### Drilling and Completion Superintendent – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 8/30/24 – Providing drilling, completions, and applicable oversight primarily focused on horizontal unconventional resource development in the San Juan Basin. Responsible for executing drilling and completion operations according to plan and works collaboratively as a member of a multi-discipline team.

### Operations Foreman – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/4/24 – Under general direction of the Red Willow Operations Superintendent and Se-

nior Operations Foreman. Supervises, mentors, and assists Lease Operators to ensure that oil and gas production is produced safely and efficiently, in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with RWPC priorities and concerns.

### Plant Process Operator I and II – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 9/4/24 – Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes.

### Senior Plant Process Operator – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 9/4/24 – Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. A senior position will provide guidance and mentoring on existing processes to lower-level Plant Process Operators.

## 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.

### Database Administrator – So. Ute Shared Services (Ignacio or Denver, CO)

Closes 8/30/24 – Providing database administration for all Southern Ute Enterprise functions including backup and recovery, security, reporting, tuning, high-availability, design, and administration. Provide the PeopleSoft teams with database, application, and server support. Assists other SUSS staff as needed in system operation and maintenance including backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe operating units.

## 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*

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

### Patrol Officer I

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

### Patrol Officer II

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

### Patrol Officer Trainee

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

### Planning Project Coordinator (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

### Public Health Nurse

Open Until Filled – Registered Nurse, providing public health nursing care and case management to individuals, families, and the community. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Keeps accurate scores for sporting events held by SunUte Recreation Dept. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

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

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

### Substance Use Treatment Program Manager

Open Until Filled – Development, management, and coordination of the substance use treatment facilities including the inpatient treatment center, recovery housing, transitional housing, childcare, methadone clinic, and future facilities as developed in future phases of the project. Program Manager will work in close coordination with the Public Health Physician and Behavioral Health Manager to administer the program in accordance

with resolutions approved by Tribal Council. Grant funded and continued employment is contingent upon the availability of grant funding. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

### Teacher Aide

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

### TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

### TERO Worker

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

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

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

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

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

### Umpire/Referee

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

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

**\*Café Cashier (Full-time)**  
 Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. 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.

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

**\*Facilities Technician (Full-time)**  
 Electrical and mechanical functions, operations of equipment, environmental controls and conditions, and the structural integrity and appearance of the facility and grounds. Works as part of a team to ensure smooth operations of the facility, equipment and building by providing maintenance support, troubleshooting and repair, preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning (HVAC) systems.

**\*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.

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

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

**\*Level 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.

**\*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.

**\*Poker Dealer (Part-time)**  
 Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise delegated.

**\*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.

**\*Rolling Thunder Grill 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. Shift covers Breakfast and Lunch only.

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

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

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

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

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

**\*Willows Server (Full-time)**  
 Provide an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages. 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.

**Quichas Apartment for Rent**

2BR/2.5 BA. \$860/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at [tzink@sugf.com](mailto:tzink@sugf.com). Use the subject line Quichas Application. You can also pick up an application in person at the GF Properties Group office: 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and submitted by 5 p.m., September 5, 2024. You must complete a new application even if you have filled one out in the past.

**Tranquilo Court House for Rent**

House for rent: 3BR/2BA/2-car garage on Tranquilo Court. \$1,700/mo + utilities. No Pets. Southern Ute Tribal Member Preference. Must pass credit and background checks and have excellent references from previous landlords. Applications are available by email at [tzink@sugf.com](mailto:tzink@sugf.com). Use the subject line Tranquilo Court Rental Application. You can also pick up an application in person at the GF Properties Group office: 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 during working hours Mon-Fri, 8am-5pm. All applications must be filled out completely & legibly and submitted by 5 p.m., September 5, 2024.

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN HOUSING AUTHORITY  
 Maintenance Mechanic**

Responsible for 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 [ctwedt@suiha.org](mailto:ctwedt@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 23, 2024.

**IGNACIO YOUTH SERVICES  
 NOW HIRING**

**Full Time Program Coordinator  
 Project Venture: Outdoor  
 Recreation & Education Program**

- Work with youth in grades 6-12
- Love for the outdoors & stewardship
- Travel & explore locally & in the 4Corners
- Creatively plan lessons & activities
- Gain certifications & grant knowledge
- Highlight your interests!
- Have fun at your job!

Full Description & Application:



**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
- Bus Driver
- High School Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach
- Mid School Basketball Assistant Coach
- Secondary Affective Education Teacher

**SoCoCAA Job Opportunities**

To apply now, visit our website at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4517.

- Road Runner Transit:**
- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance (Part-time) \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled
  - Transit Driver (Part-time) \$18.94/hr., Open Until Filled
- SoCoCAA Central Administration:**
- Executive/Development Director \$75,275 – \$82,638/yr., Open Until Filled (Up to \$3,000 in relocation expenses available.)
  - Program Developer (Part-time) \$32.97/hr., Open Until Filled
- Ignacio Youth Services:**
- Program Coordinator (Full-time) \$17.29/hr., DOE, Open Until Filled

**Southern Ute Utilities Division**

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**AUGUST UPDATES / ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**TRANSFER STATION  
 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE**

- 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:  
 Aug. 7th / Sept. 4th / Oct. 2nd
- Avoid Late Fees. Settle your payments before 10am on Shut-off Day

**PAYMENT OPTIONS**

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

**AUGUST ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- Shut-Off Day is August 7th! Pay bill before 10am on 8/7 to avoid late fees. Questions? Call Utilities Office.
- Need to dispose used, leftover paint? Drop off at Transfer Station Ramp or give to attendant at ramp.
- Hauled Water Users: During a holiday or extended weekend, check your water level, if you need a delivery, please schedule before the weekend or holiday.
- Look for the Utilities Division FLOAT at the 102nd Annual Southern Ute Fair Parade on Sept. 7th!



UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL UTILITIES OFFICE.

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



## Pena: Tribe's new enrollee



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe welcomes new enrolled member Akiara Beyal Pena on Tuesday, Aug. 20, she is the daughter of Aaron Baker Pena and Misty Rose Beyale. Southern Ute Tribal Council congratulated Pena and her parents before gathering for a photo in the Tribal Council Chambers.

## Baby shower for the community



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

All attendees gathered for a photo to conclude the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk and Community Baby Shower event held on Thursday, Aug. 8 by the Shining Mountain Health and Wellness staff.

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness welcomes families to the Breastfeeding Awareness Walk and Community Baby Shower event on Thursday, Aug. 8. Attendees enjoyed a brief walk near the Multi-Purpose Facility and free informational booth goods; Serena Vigil and her baby stop by a booth for free teeth cleaning supplies and small toys.



## Multi - Purpose Facility September 2024 Events

### Monthly Event Calendar

Senior Breakfast—Wednesday September 4, 10:00 AM—11:30 PM

Sip, Chat & Chew—Saturday September 7, After the Parade

Indoor Yard Sale—Saturday September 14, 9:00 AM—3:00 PM

Quilt & Sew—Tuesday—Thursday September 17-19, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Drying & Jerky Tuesday September 24, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Canning Wednesday September 25, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Jams & Jelly Thursday September 26, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

### Special Events

Youth Craft Day—Friday September 27, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

MPF Haunted House Meeting—Monday September 30,

6:00 PM—8:00 PM

• Events are subject to change—watch for announcements

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

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 Southern Ute tribal members may receive the Drum for FREE.  
 Also, remember to update your address if needed.

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

- 1 "Other" category
- 5 Former confederacy of the Southeastern Woodlands
- 10 Essa
- 11 Tear jerkers
- 13 Nightstick
- 14 Argue over petty things
- 15 A Middle Eastern people
- 17 Piece
- 18 Discouraging words
- 19 "--- Misbehavin' "
- 20 Candle lighter
- 23 I believe
- 24 Abridge
- 25 Injured whilst at war
- 26 Draw
- 27 Lathering
- 31 Unusual order
- 33 "--- Apart," 2003 Vin Diesel flick
- 34 Japanese air hub
- 35 Hinged metal strap held by a padlock
- 36 Place for hair repair
- 37 Makes a choice

### Down

- 1 Amp plug-ins
- 2 "Cast Away" setting
- 3 Backstroked
- 4 Display case
- 5 Road construction markers
- 6 Black tropical American cuckoo
- 7 "Catch my drift?"
- 8 Little canine
- 9 Back from the sea
- 12 Donnybrook
- 16 Rugged rock
- 19 Wind River Reservation residents
- 20 The Sihalapa and Miniconjou were two of their divisions
- 21 Puma alternative
- 22 --- Blanca CA, a Chumash spiritual refuge
- 23 Subject of Norman Mailer's "Harlot's Ghost"
- 25 Father of Brnnhilde
- 27 Explorer Hernando de ---, explorer
- 28 Multi-device email protocol
- 29 Republican elephant creator Thomas ---
- 30 Economic yardsticks
- 32 "--- Abner"

Answers will appear in the September 6 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for August 9, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 MST, 4 Acid, 8 Paar, 9 Lummi, 10 Only, 11 Elapse, 13 Ute, 14 Dad, 15 ECG, 16 Rashes, 18 Prog, 19 Priests, 21 Ows, 23 Bloops, 26 Who, 27 Jar, 28 Now, 29 Nipmuc, 31 Haka, 32 Cloak, 33 Atop, 34 Hewn, 35 Neh.

**Down:** 1 Manta, 2 Salespeople, 3 Try, 4 Auld, 5 CMA, 6 Impersonate, 7 Disco, 8 Pour, 9 Leaseback, 12 Egg, 14 Dei, 17 Hrs, 18 PTO, 20 SLR, 21 Own, 22 Which, 24 Pokoh, 25 Swap, 27 Juan, 30 Mow, 31 Han.

## MPF Canning & Freezing Workshop



**Thursday August 29, 2024**

**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**Green Beans, Corn, Squash & Tomatoes**

**Class limit 6 - call to sign up  
970-563-2640**



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

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Aug. 23



Partly sunny 82°F  
70% Chance of precipitation

Saturday, Aug. 24



Partly sunny 80°F  
50% Chance showers/thunderstorms

Sunday, Aug. 25



Mostly sunny 86°F  
Chance showers/thunderstorms

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

