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The Southern Ute Drum wins 10 Colorado Press Association awards

Tribe celebrates fair, rodeo & powwow



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Milo TwoCrow stands with his dad, Gideon TwoCrow during the Baby Contest during the 102nd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal member and Rodeo Committee member, Julian "Jube" Baker brings in the Southern Ute Tribal Flag during the performance of the "Star Spangled Banner."



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veteran Raymond Baker (U.S. Navy Retired) brought in the Eagle Staff during the last Grand Entry of the powwow on Sunday, Sept. 8.

This year marks the 102nd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Powwow in Ignacio, Colo., the theme of this year's Tribal Fair was "Passing Down Traditions." The celebration spanned two weekends in September, featuring a variety of different contests and events. Over the three-day fair weekend, many events made a return, such as the Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIV, competitive contests, and brand-new events like the first ever Dino Race! See additional fair coverage pages 13-24.

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

Growth Fund gives annual performance update

Presents new business ventures and forecasts

By Pooja Rao-Pennington, Communications Manager SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

The Southern Ute Growth Fund hosted an in-person and virtual General Membership Meeting for the Tribal membership on Thursday, Sept. 12, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center. The goal of this meeting was to provide an update on the Tribe's state of business, showcase new business ventures, and forecasts for the fiscal year 2025. The meeting gave Tribal members the opportunity to ask questions about the Growth Fund after the presentations, helping them better understand the current year's accomplishments. Southern Ute Tribal Council was in attendance, along with Chairman Melvin J. Baker. Leadership provided opening remarks and congratulated the Growth Fund on their continued success during their welcome to attendees.

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

"My role is to maximize Tribal member equity and pave the road for our future generation," Seibel said. "We've always been an oil & gas Tribe, but as times



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Growth Fund Executive Director, Shane Seibel provided a comprehensive overview of the entities' new business ventures and forecasts for fiscal year 2025, Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

change, so must we. We're diligently working on expanding and diversifying our investments and creating opportunities for Tribal member advancement." "Out of the last three years, we've had two of the best years at the Growth Fund," Seibel said. "Most of the Growth Fund departments and divisions have performed around the expected budget with a significant growth increase in revenue. Even with the fluctuating markets, Growth Fund has continued to exceed fiscal projections as the entity

prepares for transitioning to clean energy resources and greener business practices." "Along with the success in business, the Growth Fund also reported success in the safety and training of employees," he said. "Our safety and environmental culture are high priority among all entities. Our Safety and Environmental Compliance Management Group (SECMG) completed 14 Environmental & Health Safety (EHS) reviews and audits in the last year!"

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CONSTRUCTION & PROJECT MANAGEMENT

Ute Vocational School-Head Start building demolition project notification

Gavin S. Martinez, Director SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HOUSING

Dear Tribal Members, The purpose of this article is to provide notification of an upcoming construction project to demolish the Ute Vocational School/Head Start building located at 51 Capote Drive in Ignacio, Colo. It also informs you of relevant project considerations and the corresponding construction activities that will be taking place over the next few months.

Following careful consideration of several aspects of this project, Tribal Council approved the demolition of the Ute Vocational School-Head Start building and correspondingly directed Construction and Project Management to carry out this work via Resolution No. 2023-138, passed on Sept. 5, 2023. Relevant considerations included, but not were not limited to, the historical nature of the building, estimated costs to rehabilitate and repurpose the building, completed abatement of regulated building materials, rough order of magnitude costs of demolition, as well as feedback from a broad spectrum of Tribal elders, Tribal members, the Cultural Preservation Department, and the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer.

Recognizing its historical importance, several mitigating actions have been taken and planned. Mitigating actions taken include the preservation of the building and murals using lidar scans and special



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imaging systems for digital preservation and future recreation, as well as a ceremony conducted on April 16, 2024, by Tribal elders and Tribal members from Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and the Navajo Nation for the former students and their families.

Planned mitigating actions are being coordinated by the Tribe's Cultural Preservation Department and include the following: the creation of a follow up video from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to be sent to Colorado Preservation Inc., the establishment of an annual Day of Remembrance for all those who attended the Ute Vocational School, the creation of a physical memorial, the establishment of a funding source for research and education about the Ute Vocational School, as well as preservation of specific elements of the building and murals using lidar scans and special

of the building. Over the next several months, Construction & Project Management will be working to carry out the demolition and specific material preservation work as directed.

We assure you that we are committed to minimizing disruptions during these construction activities. Specific efforts will be taken to limit the amount of disruption to surrounding facilities, traffic, and Tribal operations. We anticipate construction to run from Sept. 17 through early December.

Should you have any questions regarding this project or ongoing work, please feel free to call our office at 970-563-4710. Additional information regarding this project is also listed on our website at: Ute Vocational School/Head Start Building Demolition – Southern Ute Indian Tribe (southernute-insn.gov) A copy of the reference Resolution is available upon request.

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SECMG completed numerous safety training courses, including several defensive driving and First Aid / CPR courses. Red Willow Production Company completed one year without a recordable injury. Growth Fund has a lower injury incident rate than national averages.

THE GROWTH FUND MISSION

The Growth Fund is the business entity of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and operates to grow the economic prosperity of the Tribe by managing the Tribe's natural and business resources.

The Growth Fund and its Management Committee provide direction to the Southern Ute Tribal Council regarding important decisions and actions that will ensure the entity is moving in a successful and positive direction. The role of the Executive Director is critical as it aims to expand and diversify Growth Fund investment while improving the efficiency of its current resources. The role also assists in developing and implementing opportunities for Tribal member employment and advancement.

"My approach is to ask all the hard questions. Who we are, why are we here, and where are we going?" Shane said. "Maintaining discipline and a strategic approach in our business plans is essential for setting a clear direction for our ventures."

Continuing our transition from the traditional oil and gas revenue to other clean energy resources. The Red Sage Carbon Capture Project at the Arkansas Loop is nearing completion, and the CO2 Pipeline project has been completed. The project designed to help methane



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker gives a welcome address to the Tribal membership ahead of the Growth Fund presentation, Thursday, Sept. 12 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

and CO2 capture at an existing plant on the Southern Ute Reservation was first introduced to the membership at the 2022 Growth Fund General Meeting. Also, looking into new frontiers, our latest partnership with Panda Biotech is historic.

The Panda High Plains Hemp Gin Facility in Wichita Falls, Texas had its grand opening earlier this summer. Panda Biotech is one of the first producers in the emerging U.S. industrial hemp fiber and hurd industry. The 500,000-square-foot facility can process 22,000 lbs. of hemp fiber per hour, making Panda Hemp Gin the largest industrial hemp processing facility in the Western Hemisphere and second largest in the world. Strategic eco-minded partnerships like these will benefit not only our Tribe, but also provide sustainable solutions for the future.

FINANCIAL AND BUSINESS PLANS

The Financial and Business Plans have both been crucial in establishing and guiding the Growth Fund, while also ensuring the Tribe adheres to a successful business model for the future. Both our plans work to-

gether seamlessly to address key questions: how can we diversify our oil and gas revenues, how do we fund our governmental expenditures sustainably, and how do we establish a baseline equity distribution for our Tribal members.

The Financial Plan that created the Growth Fund is at its 25th anniversary. In 2024, we experienced the benefits of diversification. "For 2025, we will continue to grow businesses, prepare for energy transition, innovate, and transform," Seibel said.

The Business Plan was recently presented and approved by Tribal Council. This plan also includes a new strategic workforce planning initiative that will guide us to develop future leaders and other contributors to maintain and optimize a high-quality workforce. "We're excited about the future and, with our Business Plan now approved, we're moving forward with full momentum," Seibel said.

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



Many Moons Ago

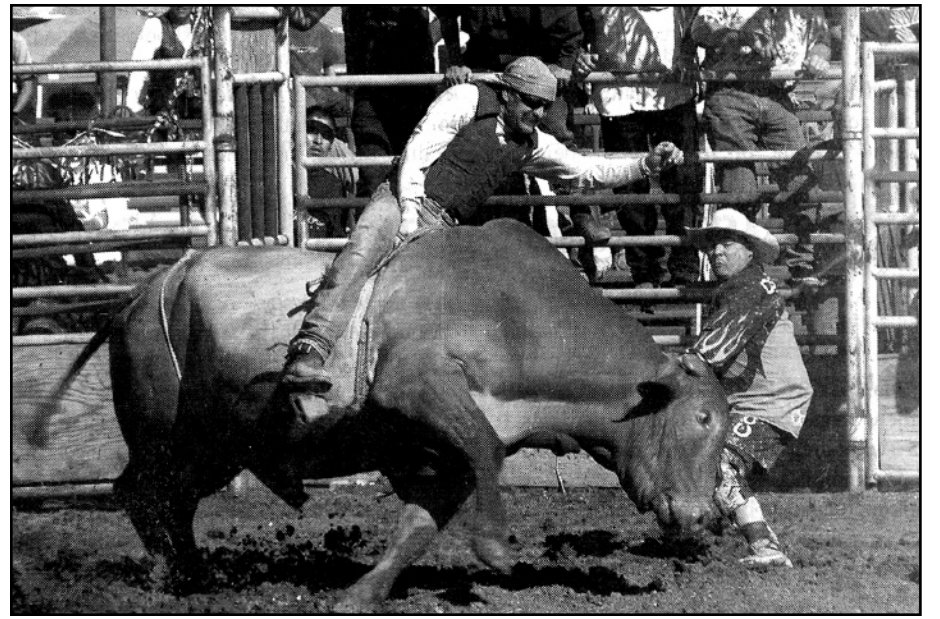
10 years ago

Former Miss Southern Ute, Amber Doughty crowns Ellie Seibel 2014-2015 Miss Southern Ute, Friday, Sept. 12 during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds indoor arena.

This photo was first published in the Sept. 19, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum archive



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Rally in the Rockies was once again in Ignacio this past Labor Day weekend. The event drew over 40,000 bikers despite the rain that fell most of the weekend.

This photo was published in the Sept. 17, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

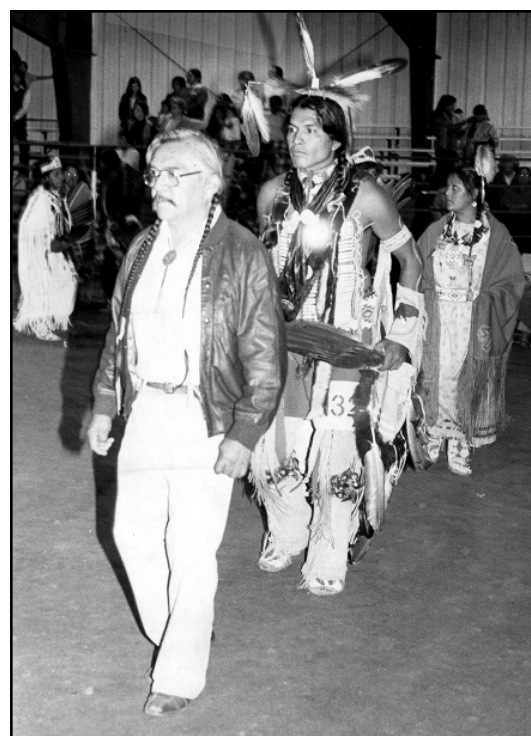


Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Lori Watts centers herself and puts on her "determined" look as she gets ready to take on an opponent during the women's division that was held during the Iron Horse Motorcycle Rally. Arm wrestling was just one of the popular events that spectators could enjoy.

This photo was published in the Sept. 16, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Fair Powwow Grand Entry - was led by our councilman Eddie Box Sr., George Tahooahnitpah, Head Man Dancer; Michelle Cloud, Headwoman Dancer. It was another good Fair Powwow.

This photo was published in the Sept. 21, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Coffee and pastries social



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Jamie Rivera and Kristin Beach from Southern Ute Internal Audit stop by the Southern Ute Risk Management coffee and pastries social in the Hall of Warriors on Thursday, Sept. 5. The Tribe's Risk Management team was there to talk about the Hazard Mitigation Survey for Tribal members, employees and the community.



Save the Date

Meet the Candidates Night: Tribal Council Seats (2)

Thursday, October 17, 2024
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

Additional information forthcoming



QUARTERLY REPORT

Outgoing Miss Southern Ute

Autumn Sage

Maykh,
My name is Autumn Sage and I am the 2023-2024 Miss Southern Ute. My Ute name is Pachukwi (River Otter), I am 19 years old, and I am currently attending Pueblo Community College to get my general studies. My parents are Roger Sage Jr. and Lynnette Sage. My paternal grandparents are Roger Sage (Christine Baker Sage) and the late Vera Mae Cuthair. My maternal grandparents are the late Leonard C. Burch and the late Irene C. Burch.



Autumn Sage
Miss Southern Ute
2023-2024

This is my final quarterly report as the 2023-2024 Miss Southern Ute. I want to inform the Southern Ute Tribal membership about the events and powwows I attended from June through the first week of September.

JUNE

June 13
Attended the elder's appreciation dinner.

June 14
• We attended the Durango Indian Motorcycle event and also did a round dance performance.
• We also had a request for the Father's Day rock concert on the same day as the motorcycle event.

June 29
• I had a float in the Arboles Independence Day Parade.

JULY

July 5-7
• Attended the 4th of July Powwow in Fort Duchesne, UT.

July 6
• Rode in the 4th of July Parade for the powwow.

July 10
• 2024 Tri-Ute Games

tional Overdose Awareness Day Walk hosted by Behavioral Health.

SEPTEMBER

Sept. 1
• The royalty was requested for the M.M.I.R. Ride and they showcased the Bear Dance presentation.
Sept. 6
• The royalty had our final request for the kick-off meal for the Southern Ute Fair.
• We also did our last Grand Entry for the first night of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow.

I would like to say congratulations to the New 2024-2025 Royalty. You are all going to do well, and I can't wait to see you at the different powwows and events this coming year.

It has been an honor to serve as your Miss Southern Ute for the year of 2023-2024 year and it has been a huge honor to represent the Tribe at the different events and powwows. I hope I was able to represent the Tribe, membership and communities to the best of my ability.

I've met some great people and had a great time attending the different events. I would like to say thank you to my family, friends, my fellow Royalty members, the Royalty Committee, Tribal Council, and the Tribal membership for supporting me throughout my reign. I can't wait to see where this takes me next.

Tog'oiak'
Autumn Sage
Miss Southern Ute
2023-2024

QUARTERLY REPORT

Outgoing Jr. Miss Southern Ute

Maleina Carel

Maykh'
Hello name is Maleina Carel, Jr. Miss Southern Ute for 2023-2024. I'm in the 11th grade and I'm 16 years old. My parents are Marie Joy and Vern Carel. My maternal grandparents are Hardy Joy and the late Anna Weaver egap. My paternal great grandparents are James Price Sr. and Linda Lopez of Towaoc, Colo. My paternal grandparents are the late Vernest Carel and Marlene Price Carel egap. I have an older sister, Rhianna Carel. I also serve on the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council.



Maleina Carel
Junior Miss Southern Ute
2023-2024

I would like to share my last quarterly report serving as the Jr. Miss Southern Ute for 2023-2024; attending events for the month of June, July and August:

JUNE

I attended the Ute Mountain Ute Bear Dance, the Ute Mountain Ute Powwow and then participated in the parade. I attended the Elder's appreciation dinner held at the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum, Durango Rendezvous Indian Motorcycle event held at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, I attended and supported the outgoing and incoming Royalty at the Ute Mountain Ute Royalty pageant in Towaoc, Colo., I rode in the Arboles Independence Day parade in Arboles, Colo.

JULY

I attended and supported the Miss Ute Tribe Pageant in Fort Duchesne, Utah. It had been two years since they had any royalty. It was an honor to make it there to sup-

attendance for the Employee Appreciation Day for the Permanent Fund, The back to school bash held at the Sun Ute Community Center, I attended and supported the contestants and the newly crowned White Mesa Avikan Royalty in White Mesa, Utah, I participated in the White Mesa Bear Dance and enjoyed the Labor Day weekend dancing.

I hope you enjoyed my last quarterly report as the Junior Miss Southern Ute 2023- 2024. It was an honor to represent as an Ambassador for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This was very emotional for me to move forward because it was my last year to represent as the Jr. Miss Southern Ute. I started out as an Alternate and the many experiences that year were amazing. I learned a lot and I got to meet many new friends and elders who gave me guidance and encouraging words. I loved this so much that I continued my journey as royalty and was honored to hold the Jr. Miss Southern Ute reign.

I look back on these experiences and it makes me proud of how much I have grown, and I look forward with many new skills and outlook on what I would like to accomplish this year. I want to thank my family, friends and the many people who supported me throughout my reign this past year. I hope you all have a great year and many blessings.

Tog'oiok,
Maleina J. Carel
Jr. Miss Southern Ute
2023-2024

Essay Contest to Honor a Veteran

Is there been a time a veteran mentored you, or has a veteran ever changed your life for the better? If so, we want to hear everything about them and what makes this individual special. The Honoring our Veterans Volunteers want to learn more about the veteran, honor them & give them a chance to win a quilt made by us. Please submit a 500 words essay describing the veteran, their rank & branch to us at eagleramona@gmail.com, eredd@southernute-nsn.gov or sr21frost@aol.com by Nov. 1. Winners will be announced at the Veterans breakfast at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose on Veterans Day, Nov. 11. Thanks to all those who served and we look forward to getting to know our local veterans.

Greany at Go-Jii-Ya Powwow



courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany at the Go-Jii-Ya Powwow held at Stone Lake in Dulce, N.M. this past weeked, he placed 1st in the Junior Boys Combined Category.

Community Veterans Pow Wow

Ignacio High School - 315 Ignacio St.
Ignacio, Colorado
November 9th - 11th, 2024

Photo by Jeremy Shockley Southern Ute Drum

Community Veterans Celebration Events

Saturday November 9, Ignacio High School-Pow Wow
Gourd Dance: 11:00 AM-1:00 PM & 6:00-7:00 PM
Grand Entry 1:00 PM & 7:00 PM, Supper Break 5:00 PM
Southern Ute Veterans Association Special - Veteran Recognition
Ronnie C. Baker and Edward Lee Brown
Princess Contest & Crowning of Princess-Veterans Special Contest

Sunday November 10, Ignacio High School-Pow Wow
Gourd Dance 11:00 AM-1:00 PM Grand Entry 1:00 PM
Veterans Special Contest (Traditional Clothes)
Hand Drum Contest-Special Dance Contest TBA-Raffles

Veteran's Day Events-Monday November 11, 2024
Community Veterans Day Breakfast-10:00 AM-Noon at the Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO All Veterans are welcome.
Sponsored by Farmer's Fresh Market & Deli and prepared by the Volunteers to Honor Our Veterans

Contact: Elise Redd, 970-563-2641 or 970-779-8149 MPF-970-563-2640
Limited Vender Spaces available \$50/day or \$75 weekend-Contact Stais Harlan- 970-563-2642
Saturday Dinner is a Potluck—donations are welcome—Main Dish is provided.

Sponsored by the Southern Ute Veterans Association , Ignacio High School, Ignacio Community & the Volunteers to Honor our Veterans.
All Donations and contributions are welcome and appreciated.
Come out and Honor our Veterans, show your appreciation for their service.

Southern Ute Veterans's Association Princess Contest

Saturday, November 9, 2024

Photo Credit: Divine Windy Boy - Southern Ute Drum

- Age 12 - 17 years old.
- Must be a daughter or descendant of an American Indian Veteran.
- Must present an American Indian CIB or tribal ID.
- Must be single, not married, or cohabitating.

Applications & Information, contact:
Rhonda Wilbourn: 970-749-0678
or Jennifer GoodTracks: 970-946-1241

Princess Committee: Rhonda Wilbourn, Jennifer GoodTracks, Stefanie Fasano, Kellis Wilbourn.

HEALTHY RECIPES

Summer greens with fruit and vinaigrette

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN, CLC
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS



courtesy LimeSky/AdobeStock

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

Summer greens with peaches, avocado and homemade vinaigrette: What a lovely combination to enjoy during the summer. With a variety of ingredients, but so simple to make, you can reap the benefits of all this summer produce!

Feel free to add your favorites for your personal taste or with the change of season, try pomegranates, zucchini, walnuts, apples, gorgonzola.

Summer Greens w/Vinaigrette

Salad Ingredients

- 1 peach, pitted and thinly sliced
- 1 avocado, pitted and diced
- ½ cup sliced almonds, (toasted optional)
- 3oz Feta cheese, crumbled
- ½ red onion, thinly sliced
- 5 oz of your favorite salad greens (arugula, spinach, mixed greens), washed and completely dried
- Balsamic Vinaigrette (see directions below)

Directions

1. Prepare the balsamic vinaigrette dressing.*
2. Place salad greens in a large serving bowl.
3. Toss with a small amount of dressing* about ¼ cup.
4. Add the peaches, avocado, red onion, toss with salad to combine, add more dressing as needed.
5. Top with the feta cheese and almonds.

*Balsamic Vinaigrette Ingredients

- ½ cup extra-virgin olive oil
- 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
- 2 cloves garlic
- Salt and pepper to taste
- Pinch of herbs such as basil, oregano, or thyme (optional)

Balsamic Vinaigrette directions

Place all ingredients in a mason jar and shake vigorously to combine. May be stored in refrigerator for up to 10 days, simply take out of fridge, let rest for 10 minutes, shake and serve.

For toasted almonds: place them in a skillet over medium-low heat. Cook, stirring frequently until golden brown, about 3-4 minutes, let cool.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month

By Tamara D. Turner,
SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Every September is Suicide Prevention Awareness Month. The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division is consistently working at preventing such tragedies within our community and we especially want to bring awareness during this month.

For example, we know that community connection, feeling needed and wanted are the number one protective factors against these tragic losses. That's why we put resources into events, culture, and supporting our youth with positive messaging. That's also why we are constantly putting out the word on 988, the free crisis hotline where anyone can call for support and to talk to someone.

You have probably seen our 988 and Mental Health Matters messaging around campus. This is because even though talking about such things can be difficult, it's the only way to reduce stigma so that people in need will more often reach out for help... and live another day!

SUBH not only offers peer recovery coaching, in-

dividual and family counseling, assessments, and education on mental health matters, but we are active in the community, partnering with Education, Culture, and Boys and Girls Club to make sure that our young people receive positive messaging and help to cope with life's challenges.

I recently heard a mental health professional say that when they asked suicidal individuals, "do you really want to die or do you just want an escape from the pain?" that 99% of them said they just wanted out of the pain. In other words, they did not really want to die.

This is so important because it signifies that an individual is experiencing intense pain and suffering and is doing their best to hang in there. They need support. They don't really want to die, but they cannot imagine life without that pain. We can help them envision that and slowly work towards trusting in life again.

Suicide is preventable. Everyone matters. Everyone is needed. To learn more about how you can help prevent suicide, contact Behavioral Health: 970-563-5700 or Tamara at 970-563-2487.

There are many different kinds of training available and ways we can help you learn more. Here's to your good health!

It's okay not to feel okay

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

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

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Harm reduction

Staff report
LIFT THE LABEL

Addiction is a treatable medical disorder, and while addiction can happen to anyone, anyone can get help. Support for someone who is working to find treatment or recovery can be the difference in someone getting into recovery or staying sick.

One way we can help support those in recovery and those who are still struggling with addiction, is to practice harm reduction. Harm reduction is a term that describes different practices and policies that can reduce the negative impacts associated with legal and illegal drug use – they are put into place to keep people as safe as possible.

Harm reduction can give people the time and more chances at life and life in recovery. Sometimes it's not their second chance, sometimes it's their ninth chance – and that's absolutely okay. It has been shown to have a positive effect on an individual in their community, including decreases in infectious disease transmission, decreases in drug overdoses, and increases in access to healthcare.

Also, it's important to know that harm reduction has been shown to not increase substance use at all, and it does not enable people. But it does keep them safe until they are able to get into recovery.

Harm reduction is helping people wherever they are at

in their substance use disorder recovery journey. For example, if someone who has diabetes won't give up sweets, they are still given medicine to help keep them healthy. It's the same thing with someone who has a substance use disorder and harm reduction. If you remove the stigma and shame around use, it can help someone feel like they can try to access treatment.

There are many different harm reduction practices you can follow if you are struggling with a substance use disorder, have a loved one who may be struggling with addiction, or even have a loved one who is in recovery.

Carry naloxone

Naloxone reverses the effects of an opioid overdose and will NOT harm anyone who is not having an opioid overdose – so don't be afraid to use it. Naloxone (aka NARCAN) 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.

Encourage the use of fentanyl test strips

With fentanyl test strips, a person can test the substance they are using to see if it is laced with fentanyl. If their substance tests positive for fentanyl, they can avoid using fentanyl entirely, use less, or use with others around them who can

give naloxone or call 911 for help. When used properly, test strips are reliable and can be an important step to take. But test strips aren't always 100% accurate. Even when drugs test negative for fentanyl, remain very careful and prepared to use naloxone in case there actually is fentanyl in the drugs. The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Building offers fentanyl test strips and training. Please call 970-563-5700 to set up a training appointment.

Access a syringe service program

Syringe service programs are locations where people can access harm reduction supplies for safer use. These supplies can include alcohol pads, cookers, needles, tourniquets, sterile water, fentanyl test strips, and naloxone. The closest syringe service program is at the Ignacio Community Library every other Tuesday from 10am to noon. Or, for more information contact the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Office at 970-563-5700.

Addiction is treatable, and recovery is always possible. Practicing harm reduction is just one way you can help someone find treatment. Your support and compassion can make a huge difference in someone finding treatment and recovery. Learn more about how you can support someone, and additional treatment resources, at LTL.SouthernUte.org.

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

Flavorful and Hearty
Stuffed Peppers

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFSept2024>

Sign-up Deadline: Monday, September 23rd
Pick-up Date: Wednesday, September 25th

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact:
ShawmarieTso (970)-563-2163

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

10th ANNIVERSARY OF INDIGENOUS *pink*

10.17.2024

BREAST CANCER AWARENESS WALK

October 17th, 12pm
LCB/Council Chambers Lawn

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Breastfeeding and Parenting Class

SAVE THE DATE!
October 10, 2024
Breast Cancer and Breastfeeding
M/C building-downstairs
Q's: Shawmarie 970-563-2163,
Lisa Smith 970-563-2344



BOBCAT BULLETIN

Ignacio School District achieves milestone in academic performance

Staff report
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Ignacio School District is thrilled to announce a remarkable achievement for the 2023-2024 school year. According to the Colorado Department of Education's Preliminary School Performance Framework, all three schools in the district have advanced from the Improvement & Priority Improvement categories to the Performance category – a significant milestone in the continuing progress and improvement in the district. This achievement reflects the district's progress in the areas of Academic Growth, and Postsecondary & Workforce Readiness. The Performance Framework assesses district and school performance based on CMAS/PSAT/SAT testing scores, and the percentage of points earned across these indicators determines the final accreditation rating.

Highlights of the district's outstanding performance include:

- Ignacio Middle School reached a score of 60.5% from a previous score of 50.1%, surpassing the required 53% to attain the Performance category, demonstrating significant academic progress and growth.
- Ignacio Elementary School emerged as the top performer with a score of 62% from a previous score of 37.1% in the 2023 school year, setting a new standard of excellence in the district and showcasing outstanding early educational achievements.
- Ignacio School District as a whole moved to Accredited status at 59.3% from 46.9% in 2023.

This notable advancement is a testament to the collective efforts of students, educators, and the entire community. The district's success in elevating all schools to the Performance category highlights a significant improvement in overall academic performance, demonstrating a commitment to excellence and an unwavering focus on student success.

The district engaged with community stakeholders three years ago to adopt a meaningful mission statement and five-year strategic plan. Since that time staff has vertically aligned curriculum and developed pacing guides that align with State standards. There has been a focus on classroom strategies to increase

student engagement and improve intervention. Finally, ongoing efforts to utilize data-driven decision-making, increase staff retention, and provide focused professional development have also been impactful.

Looking ahead, the Ignacio School District remains focused on addressing the learning loss caused by the COVID-19 pandemic. The district's goal is to further accelerate academic recovery, with a particular emphasis on improving performance in math and language arts.

"We are incredibly proud of this achievement, which shows the hard work, dedication, and resilience of our students, teachers, and staff," said Christopher deKay, Superintendent of Ignacio School District. "This milestone shows our district's commitment to academic excellence and our ongoing efforts to provide a supportive and effective learning environment for every student."

The district looks forward to continuing this momentum and remains dedicated to further enhancing educational outcomes and opportunities for all students. This progress marks a new chapter of success for the Ignacio School District, one that promises continued growth and achievement in the years to come.

For more information about the Ignacio School District's performance and ongoing initiatives, please visit ignacioschools.org or contact 970-563-0500.



courtesy SUIMA

The Southern Ute Agriculture Division of the Department of Natural Resources provided two different varieties of squash to SUIMA. Pictured here are Acorn and Yellow Squash.

SUIMA

Pawaaghani po'okwatu – Eagle's Nest

Focus on Montessori in learning

By Mari Jo Owens, Principal
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY



Mari Jo Owens
Principal
Southern Ute Indian
Montessori Academy

Considering the Montessori philosophy was chosen as the curriculum for SUIMA, the next few articles will focus on Montessori encompasses in the area of learning. The Montessori education is a method of education for children from birth through age eighteen. It is based upon principles developed by Dr. Maria Montessori throughout her life. The focus of this method is the creation and theory behind the materials, educational techniques, and observations, which support the natural development of children.

The teacher in a Montessori classroom serves less as an "instructor" and more as a guide and facilitator. Children are encouraged to "learn how to learn," thus gaining independence and self-confidence. Because the method is based upon developmentally appropriate activities, the child often learns the process of education by doing.

Montessori classrooms are designed to accommodate various stages of development in children, which occur in roughly three-year cycles. From birth to three years of age, three to six years, six to nine, and so on. Because the child goes through these various stages, Montessori classrooms are organized into three-year groups. This allows a greater flexibility in meeting each child's individual needs and permits the child to develop with fewer social transi-

tions. The environment becomes the "teacher," with the child as the initiator of their own education. What makes Montessori education unique is the "whole-child" approach. More about this in my next article.

We'd also like to thank a few departments who have helped us get this school year off to a good start:

- Natural Resources for assisting us with field trips and environmentally based, hands-on learning.
- SUIT Motor Pool for letting us park our bus snugly next to your building.
- Risk Management for assisting with our safety drills.
- Food Distribution for supporting us as we teach the students about healthy foods.
- Ignacio Community Library for bringing their bookmobile "Dewey" weekly.
- Dancing Spirit for providing art to our after-school programs.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- Every Friday at 2 p.m. – Early Release
- Sept. 20 – No School due to Professional Development Day
- Sept. 27 – All levels participate in the SU Agriculture Farm pumpkin patch
- Oct. 3 – SUIMA School Board meeting, 12 p.m. at the school
- Oct. 10 – School picture day
- Oct. 14 – No School, Indigenous Peoples' Day
- Oct. 15 – Parent Advisory Group meeting
- Oct. 16 – Family Night

Multi-Purpose Facility Youth Craft Day

Friday September 27, 2024
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM



Youth will use a dehydrator to make jerky.
Will learn how to pound dry meat into powder and cook it.

Youth 6 - 17
Parents - Grand Parents
Please call to sign up - space is limited -



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

Multi - Purpose Facility October 2024 Events

Monthly Event Calendar

- Senior Breakfast—Wednesday October 2, 10:00—11:30 AM
- Quilt & Sew—Tuesday—Thursday—October 15, 16 & 17, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM
- Sip, Chat & Chew—Saturday October 18, 11:30 AM—1:30 PM
- Traditional Beading & Sewing—Tuesday—Wednesday, October 22 & 23
- Day Session—10:00 AM—3:00 PM Evening Session—5:30—7:30 PM
- No Yard Sale in October to accommodate the Annual Haunted House

Special Events

- Healthy Cooking with Lisa Smith—Tuesday October 8, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM
- Youth Craft Day—Friday October 25, 10:00 AM—2:00 PM
- Veterans Pow Wow Food Sale—Wednesday October 16, 11:30 AM—2:30 PM
- Haunted House opens October 26, 27 & 31, 2024 6:00 PM

• Events are subject to change—watch for announcements

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

Southern ute Education Center

OPEN HOUSE

Wednesday, October 9, 2024

5pm to 8pm

Southern ute, 1st Descendants & JOM
Pre K-College students and families welcome
Meal will be served
330 Burns Ave, Ignacio, Co. 81137
For Inquires, please call 970-563-0237





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Gabe Archuleta (21) encourages the Bobcats' fans to increase their volume, following one of his three touchdown receptions Friday night, Sept. 13, in IHS' 34-7 win at Olathe.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Bobcats burn Pirates for first victory

Pontine flings 5 TD, Ignacio rolls 34-7

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Beginning a brutal stretch of four consecutive out-of-town games, the Ignacio Bobcats went, well, ballistic Friday night, Sept. 13, and bombed Olathe 34-7 at welcoming Wilson Field.

"It actually kind of surprised me a little bit because we'd been struggling in practice with passes," said senior running back D.J. Hendren, who recovered senior Charley Pargin's onside kick after IHS went up 7-0 with 7:30 left in the first quarter, "but everyone showed out this game – and that's what we all needed."

"We thought about just running the ball," junior quarterback Zane Pontine – who'd ended the guests' first series connecting with junior Gabe Archuleta from 17 yards out – said through a grin, "but we figured out passing worked a lot better."

All the damage was done before halftime; Pontine polished off five drives with touchdown throws, three going to Archuleta – including a 66-yard dagger through the heart of OHS' defense, increasing the visitors' lead to 20-7 (prior to senior Charley Pargin's point-after kick) as the first quarter expired.

Senior Kendrick Nosaman then smothered Pargin's squibber starting the second stanza, and Ignacio (1-2 overall, 0-0 1A Southern Peaks) then proceeded to go 45 yards in 7 plays and 3:34, with sophomore Cayson Burcham legging out a 15-yard score off a short toss to the left flat. Pontine then tried to throw a two-point conversion, but Pirate junior Angel Suarez broke up the throw near the goal line – leaving IHS with a 27-7 advantage and 8:26 still left until intermission.

The 'Cats then forced a three-and-out ending with a Colton Snell punt, bobbled out of bounds at the Bobcat 47-yard line by Hendren, and Ignacio capitalized by covering the 53 yards in ten plays, with Pontine lobbing a 17-yard TD to Archuleta. Pargin tacked on the PAT, and with 1:46 remaining the 'Cats were well on their way to booking their first win after two near misses.

"The past two games ... didn't go how we wanted them to," said junior Aven Bourriague, who hauled

in a 20-yard TD pass with 3:38 left in the first quarter, then later intercepted Pirate sophomore QB Garrett Keith at IHS' 10 with 0:13 left in the second, "so I felt like we had a chip on our shoulder. We felt like we had something to prove."

Priority No. 1 defensively for Ignacio, Suarez scored OHS' only touchdown by carrying a 17-yarder around left end, immediately after Bobcat sophomore William Mendoza-Lechuga muffed a Snell punt and Pirate senior Jeyden Estrada recovered. Snell then booted the PAT, bringing Olathe (2-1, 0-0 1A Western Slope) back to 14-7 with 1:04 remaining in the first quarter.

"They were a really tough running team, honestly," Bourriague said, alluding to not only Suarez's score but the Pirates' productive misdirection runs featuring Keith early in the second half. "And when they started bouncing outside, that's when Number 24 (Suarez, 8-48 rushing) gets tricky. We just tried to contain him; that was the game plan."

Suarez recovered a cramp-hampered Hendren fumble at IHS' 31 only 25 ticks into the third quarter, but the Pirates failed to profit from the golden gift as their resulting series died on downs at the 25. Still electing to keep things moving on the grass rather than through the cloudless, moonlit sky, Ignacio then reached OHS' 21 in eight plays but relinquished possession after Pontine was stopped for no gain on the ninth and Hendren caught a pass but lost two yards on the tenth.

Pontine (15-of-23 passing, 232 yards, 0 INT) struck back, however, intercepting Keith (2-of-14, 16 yards; 5-34 rushing) at IHS' 25 with 16.5 ticks left, and the Pirates wouldn't again touch the ball until just 2:41 remained in the fourth and final frame – having mercifully stopped a truly torturous Bobcat march.

Set up at their own 17 after Pontine's pick was effectively negated by a penalty during the return, the 'Cats were then flagged ten times (an 11th infraction was offset by a call against Olathe), with the last three violations – plus a four-yard sack of Pontine – pushing Ignacio off the Pirate 16 and back to the 35, where the possession petered out via an

incomplete pass.

Archuleta ended up with seven receptions for 136 yards and Bourriague four for 74. Burcham finished with three grabs for 24 and Hendren one for minus-2. Junior Lincoln deKay rushed for 113 yards on 15 carries, most coming during the second half, and Hendren netted 59 on 10. Sophomore Brandon Blevins came off the bench to gain 14 yards on six carries, and Pontine netted nine yards on 12.

Ignacio will next face a true test Friday night, Sept. 20, at 2A Bayfield – which followed up a season-opening 41-7 win at 4A Aztec, N.M., with a 67-0 (42 points came during the first quarter) execution of 3A Gallup, N.M., on the 13th – for a rare 8 p.m. kickoff.

"This was the momentum we needed to go into our next couple games, especially against Bayfield," said Hendren. "I'm excited, and we're ready for it."

"I'm feeling pretty good," Pontine said. "I want to win that game bad ... been looking forward to it for a while."

RECORD PACE

Pontine's first-half air raid put him on track to equal or break CHSAA's 11-man single-game record total of nine – set in 2019 by 5A Boulder Fairview's Aidan Atkinson – before a run game was not only established but, in anticipation of the trip to Bayfield, emphasized after halftime.

The five TDs, however, put Pontine in a logjam for 16th-most in one half, joining names like Atkinson – who threw a record eight while setting the aforementioned single-game record, and also slung five in one half multiple times – and former then-3A Grand Junction great Doug Musgrave, who went on to play NCAA Division I football at both Michigan (which reached the Rose Bowl ending Musgrave's 1989 freshman season, but lost to Southern California) and Oregon.

CHSAA's current all-classification standard for TD passes in a game is ten, established in 6-man action by Longmont Christian's Luke Puchino in a 71-20 rout of Sagache-based Mountain Valley (Puchino had tossed nine TDs a week earlier in an 83-75 loss to Briggsdale) in 2016.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Marissa Olguin (5) goes on the attack over Mancos' Destiny Kramer (12) and Alexis Lyons (11) earlier this season inside IHS Gymnasium. More recently, Olguin played an important role – nearing a kills/digs double-double – in IHS' four-game road win Saturday, Sept. 14, in Telluride.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats win relisted road match

IHS travels to Telluride, prevails 3-1

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Fired up to have gotten at least one match victory – a five-gamer over Littleton-based Front Range Christian – at the highly-competitive Denver Christian Invitational on Saturday, Sept. 7, Ignacio Volleyball head coach Jennifer Seibel knew her varsity could gain just as much from losses to DCHS as well as the beast of Colorado's northeast: Sedgwick County, last season's CHSAA Class 2A State Runner-up and State Champion in both 2021 and '22 (as well as Runner-up during the COVID-delayed Spring '21 season).

"Front Range ... Sedgwick County, their competition – it's probably more intense than what we're seeing," Seibel said. "The reps that they have up there are the real deal."

Not that IHS' normal opposition can't also put up a scrap – something the Volleycats had to remember when traveling bright and early on the 14th to resume 2A/1A San Juan Basin League work at Telluride. Featuring good front-row height in players like junior Delia Noel, senior Fianna Ahern and junior Tori Saunders, plus a setter system (junior Lillyann Mahoney, sophomore Ella Metheny) not too dissimilar from Ignacio's (sophomore Kelly Sirios, sophomore Laine Bradley), the

Lady Miners were ready to defend their home court and took Game 1 25-23.

The 'Cats responded in Game 2, winning 25-19, and then put THS' backs up against the proverbial wall by taking Game 3 25-15. And in Game 4 Telluride fared better, but the guests still managed a 25-18 win, sewing up a 3-1 win inside the MinerDome and improving to 5-4 overall, 3-1 in overall SJBL action, and 3-1 against the league's 2A members.

Senior Ollyvia Howe was IHS' energizer offensively, totaling 12 kills at a .171 clip. Used mainly as an attacker rather than a distributor, Bradley downed 11 at a .235 rate as Sirios totaled 27 assists (plus five kills). Senior Marissa Olguin downed six kills and junior Juliann Avila four to go along with her three solo blocks. Defensively in the contest – formerly slated for a 6 p.m. start inside IHS Gymnasium – Howe was credited with 24 digs and Sirios a team-high 27. Olguin came up with 15, and sophomore Lily Quintana, who returned from injury to active duty at the Invitational, joined them in double figures with 11.

"Lily, our libero, she's really great at getting into a split in the block," Seibel explained. "She sits in that split and has a lot of good touches, good passes from that."

Ignacio's a good team, and there were a lot of long,

good rallies – which I think is a testament to the skill level of both teams, Telluride and Ignacio," THS head coach, Lorrie Mahoney said. "And it just unfortunately didn't swing our way, but I thought our girls fought well."

Individual statistics for Telluride (2-6; 2-2 SJBL, 1-1 2A SJBL) were not immediately available.

Ignacio will next see action Saturday, Sept. 21, with a major SJBL test at 1A Dove Creek. Action is slated to start at 11 a.m. Results from Senior/Parent Appreciation Night play on the 19th against 1A Norwood were unavailable at press time.

DCHS INVITATIONAL RESULTS

(Tourney match record; games won:lost):

1. Sedgwick County (3-0; 9:0);
 2. Strasburg (2-1; 6:3);
 3. Denver Christian (1-1; 3:3);
 4. IGNACIO (1-2; 3:8);
 5. Front Range Christian (2-1; 8:3);
 6. Buena Vista (0-2; 0:6);
 7. Vail Mountain (0-2; 0:6).
- NOTE: Some teams played only two matches in the eight-team bracket, due to Loveland Classical Academy's advance withdrawal from the event.

IGNACIO RESULTS

First round – WIN 25-22, 17-25, 25-17, 23-25, 17-15 over Front Range Christian; Semifinals – Lose 12-25, 17-25, 12-25 to Sedgwick County; Third-place match – Lose 20-25, 17-25, 17-25 to Denver Christian.

BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

'Cats go hard at Bayfield Invitational

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Running at the revitalized 2024 Bayfield Invitational Saturday morning, Sept. 14, Ignacio High's boys booked two top five finishes upon the Dove Ranch/Pine Valley Church course, though with only four entrants IHS wasn't in contention for the meet's team title.

Nevertheless, junior Trace Crane clocked 20:08.24 and finished third, with classmate James Martin fourth in 20:17.96. Sophomore Thunder Windy Boy took 27th in 22:33.24, and fellow soph Judah Ashley placed 37th in 23:47.04 – meaning the Bobcats all placed well within the top half of the event's 84-runner field.

Dolores junior Aaron Nielson finished first in 19 minutes, 28.73 seconds, and

Farmington, N.M., junior Kolton Jones was runner-up in 19:43.14. BHS junior Porter Sutherlin rounded out the top five, his 20:43.48 the host-Ing Wolverines' best time.

In the score-5 team standings, FHS and BHS ultimately tied with meet-low scores of 59 points, but the Scorpions were declared the champion via their higher-placing No. 6 runner. Pagosa Springs accumulated 69 points and ranked third, with DHS (81) and Montezuma-Cortez (107) following. Newcomb, N.M. (166), Blanca Sierra Grande (218), San Luis Centennial (229) and Antonito (230) filled out the standings.

In the preceding girls' race, Ignacio's Alyssa Atencio placed 42nd overall in 34 minutes, 54.52 seconds, but was the only Lady 'Cat in a 54-runner field. First place

went to PSHS senior Sienna Rose (23:46.74), second to Dolores senior Elia Lowe (24:24.87) and third to PSHS sophomore Kaiya Lyons (24:36.47), with Bayfield sophomore Abigail Robertson (25:01.87) and Farmington junior Talitha George (25:11.59) filling out the top five.

Pagosa Springs (46 points) edged out FHS (47) for first place in the team standings, with Dolores (59), BHS (88) and Newcomb (106) following on a day where 13 schools – up from four in 2023 and eight in '22 – competed in either or both races.

Ignacio will next see action Friday morning, Sept. 20, at Dolores' Boggy Draw Bear Chase. Typically, a season-opening meet during the last half-decade, the 2024 Chase is scheduled to begin at 9 a.m.

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OBITUARY



Ute Casino for over 15 years. Phillip worked for the Southern Indian Tribe for over 20 years and worked in many departments including the Environmental Programs Department, SunUte Community Center, Forestry, and Range Divisions. One of the things he was most proud of was being a firefighter and fighting the Blackridge Fire in the 1990s. During his time at the SunUte Community Center, Phillip was a coach of basketball, soccer, and softball. He was mentor to many local youths. Phillip spent his time watching movies, listening to music, working on crafts, woodworking, and artwork. He is preceded in death by his mother, Nedra Thompson; father, Max Martinez Sr.; brothers, Joseph Martinez, Donald Martinez Sr., Max Martinez; Uncle, William Thompson; Aunt, Florence Williams. He is survived by his longtime companion of 31 years, MariaEliza Trujillo; children, September Martinez, Savannah Martinez, Fabian Martinez; step-daughter, Victoria Trujillo; siblings, Dennis Washington, John Washington, Clara Washington, Gilbert Washington, Irvin Casias, Valentino Vasquez, Chris Winterhawk, Matthew Martinez; grandchildren, Javan Farr, Kayson Farr, Braylin Farr, Cameron Henry; his adopted grandson, Lane Frost; his furry companions, Bruce, Coco, and Monster; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousin too numerous to list. A Wake was held at the Multi-Purpose Facility (Chapel) in Ignacio, Colorado on Tuesday, Sept. 17. A Rosary and Memorial Mass was held at St. Ignatius Catholic Church on Wednesday, Sept. 18.

MARTINEZ – Phillip Martinez passed on September 9, 2024, at his home surrounded by his family. Phillip was born on September 11, 1962, to Nedra Thompson and Max Martinez Sr. Phillip was a survivor of the Federal Boarding School era and attended the Southern Ute Dormitory from 1967 to 1981. His time in the Dorms brought many opportunities including his lifelong love of the sport of boxing. He was a Golden Gloves boxer and almost made it to the Olympic Trials in the 1980s. Phillip was a founding member, and later Chairman, of the Southern Ute Boxing Commission and shared his passion of boxing with the Four Corners region by helping facilitate boxing events at the Sky

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

EDUCATION CENTER OPEN HOUSE
Dear Community,
My name is Joe Claunch, Puyallup Tribal member, happily married father of four school aged kids, and new Education Director for the Southern Ute Tribe. It's a privilege to be joining a community that shares such a deep commitment to the education and success of their students. Education has been a transformative force in my life. I come from humble beginnings and faced significant challenges growing up. My journey took a pivotal turn when Haskell Indian Nations University took a chance on me. At Haskell, I found a caring community who understood my story and provided me with the support I needed to turn my life around. These educational experiences allowed me to break generational curses and unlock the true rewards an education can offer: knowledge of self, family, community, and purpose bigger than myself. As a result of this, I've dedicated my life to sharing the gifts of learning with other Native students. As a teacher, coach, and leader, I have a proven track record of raising the expectations, aspirations, and achievements of Native students by strengthening the support system around them. The Southern Ute Tribe has a storied educational history of their own, one that includes early treaties with educational provisions, a long boarding school era, an education department that has connected students to opportunities for 44 years strong, and countless Tribal members that have leveraged the power of education to create a better future for them-

selves, their families, and community. As I step into this new role, I'm excited to join our amazing team of educators in working with you and your family. Together, we can build on the strong foundation that has been established, creating a new era of educational opportunities that will ensure the next generation is ready to answer the call to leadership in their own life, family, and community. We warmly invite you to reach out to our department, we are eager to listen, learn, and work with you. To get things started, we invite you to take a short survey using the link or QR code below. Your honest, anonymous feedback will help us understand what we are already doing well and where we can improve. We want our goals to be based on your goals, and we need your valuable feedback to get there. We also want to invite you to our Open House at the Education Center Building on Wednesday, Oct. 9, from 5-8 p.m. Dinner will be served, and good door prizes will be offered.

Respectfully,
Joseph Claunch, Ph.D.
Education Director, Southern Ute Tribe



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Rock: Clean Team promotion



On Wednesday, Sept. 4, Southern Ute Tribal member, Jeremy Rock was promoted to Custodial Supervising Team Lead. Rock has been a dedicated Clean Team member for nearly 10 years. Congrats!

courtesy Clean Team

Membership memories



courtesy Luana Herrera/Southern Ute tribal elder

After attending the Southern Ute Fair & Rodeo this past weekend, it brought back memories of my dad Bennett Thompson, who was a bull rider for many years. My mother LaVara and my brothers and sister attended rodeos all over the Four Corners. Seeing my grandson Stephen Romero bull riding this past weekend was awesome!

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week – please contact Anne Flanigan, 970-563-2454, aflanigan@southernute-nsn.gov if you have questions or want to make a withdrawal.

- Distribution Wednesday, Nov. 27 NOON Friday, Nov. 20
- Distribution Friday, Dec. 13 NOON Friday Dec. 6
- Distribution Friday Dec. 27 NOON Friday Dec. 20
- Distribution Friday Jan. 3, 2025 NOON Monday, Dec. 30

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

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Pinto		Anasazi
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10# --- \$10.00		10# --- \$12.00
20# --- \$19.00		20# --- \$22.00
50# --- \$42.50		
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Red Potatoes	Yellow Potatoes	Russet Potatoes
5# --- \$2.75	5# --- \$2.50	5# --- \$1.75
10# --- \$5.00		10# --- \$2.00
50# --- \$25.00	50# --- \$25.00	50# --- \$10.00
		Bakers 50# Box --- \$16.00
Flour: Cortez Milling		
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5# --- \$3.25	5# --- \$3.50	5# --- \$3.25
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50# --- \$25.00	50# --- \$26.00	50# --- \$25.00
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Drum Deadline

Next issue: **Oct. 4**

Deadline: **Sept. 30**

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Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts Grand Opening

Stay tuned for more information about our Grand Opening on October 25. We'll have a special ribbon cutting, our first Friday art show and a great time of enjoying old memories and making new ones. Plan to be there! (Artists! Keep an eye out for an upcoming Call for Artists! Make sure you are on our contact lists by emailing dancingspiritgallery@gmail.com and requesting to be added).



Multi-Purpose Facility Sr. Breakfast



Wednesday October 2, 2024
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Tuesday September 24, 2024

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GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 01, 2024

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- Vanessa Torres
- Lorelei Cloud
- Byron Frost
- James M. Olguin
- Cedric J. Chavez
- Linda K. Baker
- Christine Baker Sage

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe
2024 General Election
Two (2) Tribal Council Seats



OUT GOING COUNCIL MEMBERS: Lorelei Cloud, Vanessa Torres

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, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM
Voter Registration Deadline- Wednesday, October 23, 2024, by 5:00 PM
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline- Wednesday, October 23, 2024, by 5:00 PM
Emergency Ballot Request Deadline- Thursday, October 31, 2024, by 5:00 PM

The 2024 General Election will be held at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO
Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-0100 ext. 2303/2305/2778/2729/2730
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Multi-Purpose Facility Jam & Jelly Workshop

Thursday September 26, 2024

9:00 AM - 4:00 PM



Class limited to 6
call 970-563-2640 to sign-up.



Southern Ute Tribal Member Hunters

All Bucks and Bulls harvested within the Brunot area and on the Reservation must be validated within 5 business days of harvest.

If you reside outside of the reservation, you can call dispatch to have a Ranger validate your animal at (970) 563- 4401.

For local residents please call the Wildlife Office Monday-Friday at (970) 563-0130.



SUMMER SLEIGH GIVEAWAY

Win 1 of 5 ATVs, Cash & More!

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**FINALIST DRAWINGS EVERY SATURDAY
IN SEPTEMBER FROM 7PM-11PM**

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING | SEPTEMBER 28 | 11PM

ATTENTION

IRRIGATION WATER USERS
Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Will
be shutting OFF headgates on:

Friday September 27, 2024



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Owned & Operated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Disclaimer: Prizes are non-transferable. There is no cash option for any of the all-terrain vehicle prizes. Sky Ute Casino Resort reserves the right to modify or cancel promotions at any time without notice. Must be 21 or older to enter the casino. Rules apply. See Ace's Club for details.





REQUEST FOR BIDS Buckskin Charlie Apartments Project

Request for bids for subcontractor and supplier bid for the early work package only for the Buckskin Charlie Apartments project. Notice is hereby given that proposals from qualified firms shall be received by FCI Constructors Inc. at 186 Moose Lane, Durango, CO 81303, emailed to tsmith@fciol.com or by fax at 970-259-8633 until 2:00 pm (MDT) on Tuesday, October 8, 2024. A prebid meeting will be held on-site on October 2, 2024 at 11:30am. Bid evaluations will comply with The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) code for Native American Preference. Proposals are being solicited for only the following scopes: SWPP, surveying, site clearing/demolition, underground utilities, site grading, and retaining walls. Bid documents will be available no later than October 24 and may be obtained by contacting Tim Smith at 970-259-8644 or tsmith@fciol.com. It is the responsibility of the submitting firm to see that bids are delivered to FCI prior to the closing date and time.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL Commercial & Residential Roof Maintenance Service

Local roofing contractors are hereby notified and invited to submit proposals for this service located within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Scope of Work requires a local service provider that can perform roof maintenance service on multiple buildings (minimum of 8 years of experience is preferred). Desired services include commercial and residential roof inspections, roof maintenance, and roof repairs to include metal flashing and gutters. Reliable scheduling, adequate availability, adherence to applicable safety and health guidelines, and insurance coverage are required. Contracting Preference for Indian Owned Businesses and Indian preference in hiring for all companies, in accordance with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO code, will apply. Crossing Permit is required. Inquiries to Stacy Toppin, Southern Ute Growth Fund-Facilities Department; by phone: 970-749-1798, or e-mail: stoppin@sugf.com. Bid Proposal Response due no later than 10 a.m. on Sept. 27, 2024.

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 PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2024-0089-CV-PR
Alex Samuel Cloud, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:

Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **OCTOBER 8, 2024 at 11:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 5th of September, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2023-0048-CV-PR
Raymond Lee Taveapont, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO:

Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **OCTOBER 21, 2024 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 29th of August, 2024.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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

NOTICE, CLAIM AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR

vs.

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

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
Plaintiff's Signature

August 19, 2024
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

- 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:
 - 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.
 - 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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

POWWOW 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

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

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

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open Until Filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is currently looking to fill four (4) volunteer Board Member positions. Responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one Priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application on the www.bgsu.org website or by request and returned to Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov.

ETHICS COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill One

vacancy for "Alternate Member-At-Large" positions on the Ethics Commission. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; and Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

GAMING COMMISSION

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 2 Full time and 1 Alternate positions for specified terms, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age. Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation. Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures. Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality. Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. If you are interested, contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

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).

RENTAL OPPORTUNITY 3BR/2BA Home on Tranquilo Court

Good news! We've extended our application deadline! If you're still interested in renting a 3BR/2BA home on Tranquilo Court, please contact Kim Morris at GF Properties Group. Email her at kmorris@sugf.com with the subject line "Tranquilo Court Rental Application. Submit your application for consideration. All applications must be filled out completely and legibly and submitted by 5 p.m. on Sept. 27, 2024.



Fiber Broadband Community Event

September 20 from 9 AM – 6 PM

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!



DATE: September 20, 2024
TIME: 9 AM – 6 PM
LOCATION: Ignacio Community Library
470 Goddard Avenue
Ignacio, Colorado

Join us! All community members are welcome to attend



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online.
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.
Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Accounts Payable Manager – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 9/27/24 – Provides supervision of accounts payable function, including the timely payment of invoices, maintenance of accurate records, and filing of annual reports, ensuring that accounts payable entries, accounts receivable entries, fixed asset entries, lease obligation entries, and general ledger adjustments and account reconciliation are made on an accurate and timely basis for Red Cedar Gathering, Aka Energy Group, and their subsidiaries. Prepares monthly financial reporting packages, provides annual audit support, provides annual budget support, and other duties as needed. Provide support to the Assistant Controller and Controller, as well as provide timely and accurate information to other departments, management, and external parties.

General Accountant – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 9/27/24 – Provides general accounting support, preparation of journal entries and reconciliation of selected General Ledger accounts on a periodic basis. Reconciliation of bank statements to the General Ledger and providing support for monitoring ongoing cash activity. Supports the monthly close process. Presents a positive and professional image to internal customers and vendors.

Environmental Compliance Specialist – Growth Fund (Durango, CO)

Closes 10/14/24 – Working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines: Clean Water Act (CWA); reclamation/remediation activities; National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA); and/or Endangered Species Act (ESA). Include permit-required submittals and modifications, writing environmental specifications and plans, auditing, and field work.

Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist – Growth Fund (Durango, CO)

Closes 10/14/24 – Ensuring the Southern Ute Growth Fund and its business enterprises are in compliance with the regulations applicable to doing business on and off the Southern Ute

Indian Reservation, including the Clean Water Act (CWA), National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA), and Endangered Species Act (ESA). Environmental leadership position responsible for the development, execution, and training of environmental programs and initiatives that communicate environmental awareness and compliance for the Growth Fund. Working independently or with limited supervision to perform broad environmental tasks of complex scope within one or more disciplines.

Controller – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 10/1/24 – Managing the accounting, financial reporting and budgeting & forecasting functions of GF Private Equity Group. Financial and managerial reporting, overseeing the recording of transactions, preparing budgets & forecasts, preparation and management of the annual audit process, managing state tax return preparation alongside a third-party tax preparer, and providing financial analysis to support company objectives. Maintaining an adequate internal control environment, accounting practices, principles, and procedures. Supervising accounting staff, as determined necessary by the President & COO.

Controller – GF Private Equity (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 9/27/24 – Supporting investment due diligence and investment sourcing tasks.

Joint Interest Billing Accountant III – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 10/4/24 – Reviewing and recording transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and/or prepare the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations. Must have a working knowledge of the joint interest process and be able to apply analytical skills to complete complex accounting assignments.

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

Closes 10/4/24 – Performing complex revenue accounting assignments, creates new revenue agreements, and responsible for knowledge of revenue accounting practices.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

***Audio and Video Tech. Assistant (Part-time)**

Engaging in the set-up, breakdown, support, and repairs of all AV equipment within hotel rooms, equipment rooms, conference rooms and special events by the direction of the Audio and Video Technician. Will interface directly with customers, both internal and external, on a daily basis. Maintaining a professional appearance within the provided event space and in view of clients, always wearing the appropriate uniform. Report directly to the AV Technician and the Director of Hospitality.

Bell Person (Part-time)

Assisting our Casino guests upon check in and check out and throughout their stay under the direction of the Rooms Division Manager. Luggage assistance, directions/maps, providing our guest at Sky Ute Casino Resort with a warm welcome, helping the front desk with daily operations, driving guests to/from the airport, and assisting with phones as needed.

***Café Cashier (Full-time)**

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. 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.

***Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)**

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

***Facilities Supervisor (Full-time)**

Reports to the Facilities Manager, 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.

***Housekeeping Staff (Full-time, Swing shift)**

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, employee break rooms, and other areas as assigned. Reports directly to Housekeeping Dept. and will be assigned to take on specific projects as assigned.

***Info/Technology Systems Director (Full-time)**

Planning, development, implementation, maintenance, and management of the Casino's networked information systems, which includes Aristocrat Oasis Software, Hardware, and systems structure, Agilyss InfoGenesis, and Agilyss Versa. Safeguarding the Casino's information systems, data, and digital assets by implementing security measures, conducting risk assessments, and staying current with cybersecurity best practices to ensure confidentiality, integrity, and availability of critical resources. Providing technical support including coordination, maintenance, upgrades, and overall support for computer systems.

***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.

***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 Busser (Full-time)**

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

***Rolling Thunder Grill Host (Part-time)**

Provides an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service by greeting and ensuring timely and appropriate seating of guests. Will assist Manager with table management to maximize seating and assist guests with special requests. Will answer phone calls and return messages, track reservations and comps and assist servers when needed.

***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.

***Sales Associate (Full-time)**

Will be the focal point in establishing and maintaining working relationships with our customers. Increase catering sales revenues and contribute to slot revenue. Conducting outside sales visits through effective pre-call planning, scheduling, and targeted territory analysis.

***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 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.

***Shining Mountain Line Cook (Full-time)**

Work under direct supervision and support of the Sous Chef or Lead Cook. Preparation of the A la Carte menu in the Shining Mountain Café and accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. Ensure all guidelines are followed according to the established specifications and standards in food safety and sanitation. Requires one to be an excellent team player and trustworthy.

***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.

***Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)**

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities.

***Willows Busser (Full-time)**

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

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

Job info, descriptions and application: www.ignacioschools.org/employment-cdac2310

- Athletic Trainer
- Elementary Teacher
- Grants Manager (Part-time)
- High School Girls Wrestling Assistant Coach
- Middle School Basketball Assistant Coach
- Route and Activity Bus Driver
- Secondary Affective Education Teacher
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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 kmorris@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 5pm September 27, 2024.



www.gfpropertiesgroup.com 65 Mercado Street, Suite 250, Durango, CO 81301 Ph: (970)-385-7770



The 2024 First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt

The First Descendant Antlerless Elk Hunt is a limited-draw hunt held from December 1st – December 31st, 2024, on the Southern Ute Reservation. There will be only ten permits allotted for this hunt.

Important Information

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

Hunt Information

- The hunt is open only to Southern Ute First Descendants. Season Dates: December 1 – 31, 2024. Weapon Type: Any Legal Weapon. Application Period: October 1 – 31, 2024 (Applications must be submitted by October 31st, 2024). Application fee is non-refundable. Applicants must submit a descendency letter from Tribal Information Services. Ten permits will be available by limited draw only. The drawing will be in early November. Permits will be issued beginning November 18th, 2024. Successful hunters must have their elk validated. Bag Limits: 1 Antlerless Elk.

For More information and to find a link to the SUIT Store please visit the Website at:

First Descendant Antlerless Elk - Southern Ute Indian Tribe (southernute-nsn.gov)

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Problems with CenturyLink service

Staff report SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

There have been complaints this year over the service provided to customers on the Reservation by CenturyLink, also known by the name Lumen. In some cases, property owners have been without landline service for weeks. One of those complaints arises from the failure of CenturyLink to properly mark lines when construction activity takes place near a utility line.

The Tribe's Broadband project is currently installing underground fiber optic cables in various locations across the Reservation to ensure that Reservation residents have adequate broadband service. At times, phone lines have been improperly located by utility companies, or not marked at all, resulting in accidental cuts. This article outlines the responsibility for line location, addresses accountability for service issues, and provides instructions for reporting an outage with CenturyLink specifically.

Generally, anyone attempting to complete an excavation project must call 811 at least three business days before starting to dig. This is important for several reasons, including making sure that all utility lines are properly detected and marked, and to allow the utility technicians time to clear the excavation project. In Colorado, if a utility owner does not mark its lines within the required three business days after 811 is contacted, a contractor can proceed with excavation.

This is the process handled by the Tribe's Broadband construction contractor. In advance of any construction activity, the Tribe's contractor proactively calls 811 to verify utility locations. Calling 811 before digging is a crucial step for projects requiring excavation around houses, commercial property, or roadways. This process is to avoid damaging underground utility lines. If a line strike does occur due to mismarked or unmarked lines, the damage is reported to 811. In Colorado, the utility company is responsible for paying for repairs if it mismarked or failed to mark a utility line.

If your CenturyLink phone line is accidentally cut during construction, reporting the cut to 811 does not automatically trigger a repair ticket. Impacted customers will need to contact CenturyLink directly and report the outage. This is what we recommend you do if you are a Century Link customer and experience an outage:

First, have your account number, phone number, account name, and email address ready. Then, use one of the options below to contact customer service.

Sign up or sign in to My CenturyLink on the web or download their app from the Google Play or Apple App Store. Within the app, you can see if there is a known outage in your area. If you need to report an issue, you will be asked to run the Troubleshooter first, and then you can start a "Chat" with an agent.

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Friday, Sept. 20



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Sunday, Sept. 22



Sunny 72°F

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The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

Grid for crossword puzzle with numbered squares 1-40.

Across

- 1 RESUMÉS, for short
4 Cold Native American?
9 Intention
10 --- in the bud
12 "An hairy man"
13 One who gets it in the neck in Mexico
14 Oil field worker
16 Does not exist
17 Time off
18 Helicopter ability
20 Veronese tippie
22 Indolence
26 Slightest concession, metaphorically
28 Earliest recorded rulers of China
29 Electronic speed measure
32 Famed sharpshooter
34 Blackfeet, Crow and Mandan all lived here
36 Army salutations
37 Clumsy one
38 Type of lute popularized in Hawaii
39 --- Fort, Santa Fe trail trading post
40 He came to life near Boston on Christmas Day (2012 movie)

Down

- 1 Ignacio betting setting
2 Sildenafil citrate, commonly
3 Self-satisfied
4 Chemically nonreactive
5 Goose egg
6 Ere, poetically
7 Wall St. launches
8 Fork-tailed sea bird
11 Decimal point
12 Blows it
15 Fifty-fifty
19 Hazmat monitor
21 Asset of successful entrepreneurs
23 Brutishly strong
24 Rising in rows
25 Fodder grasses
27 Sets one back
29 Auto-ad letters
30 Talk loosely
31 Ale variety
33 Four Corners ailer
35 "--- in a million years!"

Answers will appear in the October 4 issue of the Drum.

Answers for September 6, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Kop, 4 Indy, 8 Pend, 9 Annie, 10 RAAF, 11 Powell, 13 Uni, 14 LPN, 15 GPS, 16 Europa, 18 Cost, 19 Agnew, 21 Golf, 24 Oxtail, 28 Ski, 29 Foe, 30 Vie, 31 Wallis, 33 Tipi, 34 Paine, 35 Baas, 36 Ices, 37 Any.

Down: 1 Keanu, 2 On air, 3 PDF, 4 In on, 5 NNW, 6 Diego, 7 Yelps, 8 Prue, 9 Appanoose, 12 LST, 14 LPG, 17 Oaf, 18 Cwt, 20 Exe, 21 Gsw, 22 Okapi, 23 Lilac, 25 Avian, 26 lipay, 27 Leis, 29 Fins, 32 Lie, 33 TBA.

'Passing Down Traditions'



The Southern Ute Drum presents
102nd Annual
Southern Ute Tribal Fair

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Avalina Frost, assisted by her dad Jack Frost III, shoots for the first time, in the 3D Archery Shoot.

Photo: Krista Richards/SU Drum



102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair POWWOW



The 2024-2025 Southern Ute Royalty was announced on Friday evening following the first Grand Entry, newly crowned royalty (left to right); Southern Ute Brave Theoden Greany, Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate Olyvia Watts, Little Miss Southern Ute Malia White Thunder, Jr. Miss Southern Ute Leandra Litz, Miss Southern Ute Maleina Carel.



Jr. Womens Jingle Dress Dancer, Catherine Sage competes in her category on Saturday evening.



Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association and other visiting veterans stand ready for the fourth session of Grand Entry on Saturday evening.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum

The 64th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow filled the Sky Ute Fairgrounds arena Friday, Sept. 6 through Sunday, Sept. 8, the Southern Ute Powwow Committee welcomed dancers and singers from all over Indian Country to enjoy a weekend filled with laughter and good company. Head staff included Emcee Erny Zah, Arena Director OJ Little Cook, Drum Judge Yahsti Perkins, Head Gourd Dancer Henry Elkriver Whiteskunk, and host drums The Horses and Full Metal Jacket.



Newly crowned Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Olyvia Watts stands as she is adorned with a fully beaded crown, sash, and new shawl.



Drum group, Leading Arrow of Oklahoma took home first place in the 64th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow drum contest. Leading Arrow sang the final song on Sunday evening closing out this year's powwow and celebrating their win.

Gourd dancers open powwow



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

Gourd dancers get the second day of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair rolling out the morning session of gourd dancing, Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



Representatives from each visiting and host drum group took on the annual Singers Jalapeño Eating Contest hosted by Robert Ortiz. Singers must eat five whole jalapeños for a chance to win the grand prize – Daniel Tenorio, Sun Eagle Singers (second from right), took home the grand prize after sweating through the challenge held Sunday evening.

Head Gourd Dancer for the 64th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow, Henry Whiteskunk dances beside Greg Borst and other gourd dancers on Friday Sept. 6 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.





102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair PARADE



Newly crowned Miss Southern Ute, Maleina Carel rides in on horseback for the 102nd annual Tribal Fair Parade.



Division of Natural Resources - Lands Technician Trainee, Raymond Valdez, throws out candy to spectators along Goddard Avenue on Saturday, Sept. 7. The DNR float featured music by Host Southern Drum, Full Metal Jacket and a grass dance performance by Councilman Marty Pinnecoose.

The 102nd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair parade did not disappoint, as cars, horses and pedestrians lined up along Goddard Avenue in the heart of Ignacio, all vying for top place. The parade is a long-standing tradition, and one of the most anticipated events in the annual Tribal fair. Powwow contestants along with Tribal entities and Tribal departments all worked long hours to bring their ideas forward, and pay homage to the theme, "Passing Down Traditions" in Saturday's parade on Sept. 7.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Grand Marshal for this year's 102nd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair parade, former council member, and past Tribal Fair Rodeo Queen, Corliss Taylor makes a grand entry into the parade riding in a vintage horse drawn carriage.



Winning first place in the Lowrider category, Gabrielle Velasquez takes a cruise down Goddard Ave., showing off her custom ride.



The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy plays out the Ute Creation Story with life size coyotes and willow bows for their annual parade entry.



Ethan Rohde-O'Leary and brother, Dean Rohde-O'Leary (Not pictured) enter the bicycle category, accompanied by their grandmother Linda Baker.



Daughter of Roman and Aly Seibel, young Chloe throws candy to spectators along the parade route from the Southern Ute Tribal Planning float.



102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair CONTESTS



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Inflatable dinos cross the finish line during the Dino Run contest sponsored by Agatha Bison on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Participants in four categories ran about ¼ mile in inflatable dinosaur costumes, racers competed for cash prizes. This contest drew a large crowd as friends and family cheered for their favorite dino racer.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Accepting the challenge, teams compete in the grease pole climb on Sunday, September 8.



Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Children of all ages compete against one another in a series of friendly arm-wrestling matches, Saturday, Sept. 7.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Team "Meet the Robinsons" work to raise a tipi as fast as possible for a chance at a cash prize, three teams entered this year's Tipi Raising Contest held on Sunday, Sept. 8.



Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Lorenzo "Woody" Pena challenges longtime winner Preston Abeyta in the Men's Arm-Wrestling. Though Pena tried his best, Abeyta came out as the champion for another year in a row.

Contests galore ruled the Southern Ute Tribal Fair's weekend. From the inaugural Dino Run to the 22nd annual Jalapeño Eating Contest, there was plenty of competition to be had. Pitting contestants against one another, team against team, all vying for prizes and hard-cold cash. The 102nd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair was full of competitions, with arm wrestling and tug-o-war being ever more popular. Not to be outdone, youth competed in many events, including the youth games, tug-o-war, arm wrestling, greased pole climb, fishing, archery, skateboarding and of course the baby contest. Frybread cooking and fire smoke filled the air on Sunday, while contestants climbed a greased pole and raised tipis to see which teams were fastest.



Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Kids of all ages were encouraged to participate in the watermelon eating contest. The contest was broken into age groups and participants were given watermelon slices according to their age. Kids 15-18 years old were given even bigger slices for an increased challenge!



Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Damarion Goodtracks (left) watches with anticipation ahead of Bo Watts' next toss during the BGC held Cornhole Tournament.



Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Neato Wilbourn and Larenz Wilbourn warm up before the San Juan Cornhole Tourney to better their chances at winning the top prizes.



102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair CONTESTS



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Tribal Fair grease pole event brought in the youngest participants to see who could climb the fastest to the top. Alana Rohde, daughter to Dan Rohde, showed she can hang with the big boys on Sunday, Sept. 8 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Anglers of all ages tried their luck for the largest, smallest and the prized "tagged" fish at Scott's Pond on Friday, Sept. 6, during the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Fishing Derby. Tallias Cantsee makes a cast in the early morning hours.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The 22nd Annual Jalapeño Eating Contest was held on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Jackson Grey, Aron Amya, David Tallbird, and Oren Roy, compete in the 22nd Annual Jalapeño Eating Contest for a chance at winning the \$500 grand champion prize.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Shailyn Olguin and Clementine Carrillo rejoice as they bring in one of the largest trout of the day to be measured by the Wildlife Division prior to its release back into Scott's Pond.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Brave men and women go head-to-head for a chance at the \$500 grand champion prize, Winona Ramone and Katrina Baker chew through hot jalapeños during the women's contest. Baker placed 1st, and Ramone places 2nd.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Sisters, Sacha and Jeanne Smith warm up on the driving range at Hillcrest Golf Course, Sunday morning, Sept. 8 ahead of the competition. Their team would go on to place 2nd overall in the annual golf tournament sponsored by the Southern Ute Growth Fund.



Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Wilford Lang Jr., Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Center's Gym Coordinator, came to enjoy the 3 vs. 3 Outdoor Volleyball Tournament at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Park.



Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Focused in, a player is watching the ball being pitched, waiting to swing at the perfect moment in the Southern Ute Tribal Fair women's softball tournament.



Rosaleigh Cloud/SU Drum

Judy Clifford and Bird Red, enjoying Employee Pickleball on Friday morning, Sept. 6.



102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair CONTESTS



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Easton Velasquez tries his luck at this year's Sasquatch Long Shoot at Scott's Pond on Sunday, Sept. 15 in Ignacio for this year's Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Rodeo.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Sisters, LuRhea Ramone, Winona Ramone compete head-to-head in the annual frybread contest. LuRhea took first place, while younger sister, Winona placed third in the annual Frybread Contest hosted by Lisa Burch.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Meonahan "Joe" Howell shoots his recurve bow at a 3D target on Sunday, Sept. 15 on the Bear Trail during the 102 Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair. The event brought around 12 archers to compete in the early morning shoot, hosted by the SunUte Community Center.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal member, Cyrus Naranjo, an avid skateboarder from Ignacio, shows his skills at the SunUte Skate Park during this year's Skate Jam, which drew spectators and participants from a broad range of ages during the 102nd Southern Ute Tribal Fair. Naranjo went on to take a first-place win in his division.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Men's six-man team, Preston Abeyta, Chris Phillips, Andrew Gallegos, Alex Pena, War Casias, and Ayden Casias pull hard against their opposing team, they went on to take first place in their division.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal member, Diego Perez stand proudly alongside his daughter, Gabriela who took home a first-place win in the BMX category for her age group during this year's SunUte sponsored Skate Jam; Perez went home with a brand-new BMX bike.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Teams of all ages pull hard for a chance to win cash prizes during this year's Tribal Fair Tug-O-War contest hosted by Southern Ute Behavioral Health and Tribal Information Services. Youth hit the water after two rounds of tug-o-war on Saturday, Sept. 7 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The 102nd annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair weekend kicked off with the annual employee softball tournament on Friday, Sept. 6 at the Patrick Silva Memorial Field in Ignacio. Southern Ute Indian Tribal Permanent Fund went against Sky Ute Casino staff. Terence Whyte, Vital Statistics manager with Tribal Information Services swings at the ball.



102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair EVENTS



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ryan Yazzie, bassist of Existence A.D. out of Scottsdale, Ariz., strikes a glowing pose as he rocks the crowd at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds during the Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIV, Saturday, Sept. 7.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIV was in full effect, boasting a new stage compliments of the Sky Ute Casino, and professional sound and lighting by MB Entertainment out of Farmington, N.M. All of which brought out the rockers and headbangers for the 14th youth concert at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Raffle tickets were drawn for prizes following the event, participants took home everything from basketballs to first aid kits.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ute Mountain Ute Councilman, Conrad Jacket (carrying the Tribal Flag) and Southern Ute Veterans Association members, Raymond Baker and Gordon Hammond took part in this year's Vigil Family & Veterans Memorial Run/Walk, held on Saturday, Sept. 7.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Trae Siebel, Ignacio Boys Varsity basketball head coach, flips pancakes for customers at the annual pancake breakfast.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Orin Standing was the first to finish the full course on Saturday morning, which included the nature trail over to Scott's Pond and finished at SunUte Park. The Vigil Family & Veterans Memorial Run/Walk is held annually during the Tribal Fair.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Josephine Olguin and Dora Hatch enjoy their pancake breakfast early Sunday morning, Sept. 8 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

Passing Down Traditions was the motto for the 102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair & Rodeo Sept. 6-8 in Ignacio, Colo. A full slate of events included the Kick-off meal, watermelon slices given away to attendees by the Southern Ute Tribal Council, Pancake Breakfast, Veterans Memorial Walk/Run, Native REZ-olution Youth Concert XIV! It was a full schedule to keep the fairgoers busy over the weekend as well as the many food vendors that came from across Indian Country.



102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair RODEO



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Steer ropers gather inside the Sky Ute Fairgrounds at dusk, saddled up for their turn in the arena.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Ignacio's own Luke Mackey, gives rodeo spectators an impressive 8-second finish, taking home top honors in bull riding on the first night of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Miss Southern Ute Maleina Carel welcomes all cowboys and cowgirls to this year's Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 14. She gave her well wishes to all attendees, especially the rodeo contestants.

The 102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Rodeo continues throughout the weekend of Friday, Sept. 13 through Sunday, Sept. 15 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Arena. This year's rodeo featured various open events bringing in cowboys and cowgirls from all over the nation to compete. Events included bronc riding, tie down, breakaway, team roping, barrel racing, bull riding and other rodeo events for youth riders. This year's rodeo was made possible with the help of the Southern Ute Rodeo Committee, Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department, Southern Ute Growth Fund, Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Pinnecoose Hay Farm, Bucking H Rodeo and many others.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal member and Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany holds on tight as he takes his turn in the mutton busting event during day two of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair Rodeo.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The American Flag makes a full circle in the Sky Ute Fairgrounds rodeo arena as Marlene Valdez performs the National Anthem.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Steer roping kicks off the night during Friday night's rodeo action at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds in Ignacio.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Young Reggie Howe accompanies his father, Jake Ryder (left) as the Southern Ute Singers sing a Flag Song to open Friday night's rodeo competition.



102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair HORSE EVENTS



First place winner, Danielle Austin and her horse Doc stand with family members of the late Sam Burch on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. Each year the family hosts this contest as part of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Rodeo. The Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship is a competition in the performance and characteristics of a well-mannered, free and easy moving ranch horse, which can get a person around the usual ranch chores, in open country rides and over obstacles.

Contestants in the Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship contest kick up dust as they ride their horses through the obstacle course on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds.

The Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Rodeo welcomed some horsing around with multiple contests for locals and rodeo attendees on Saturday, Sept. 14 at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds. This year, contests such as the Chicken Pull, Watermelon Race, Best Hand Painted Horse, and the Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship filled the track and infield ahead of the second night of Tribal Rodeo. Contestants and spectators from all over Indian Country made their way to Ignacio for this annual celebration, anticipating fun competition throughout the weekend.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy
The Southern Ute Drum



Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz and Jessie Sanchez stand together after the announcement of Sanchez' second place win during the Sam Burch Memorial Horsemanship contest.



Horseback riders take turns grabbing for the Chicken Pull bag during this year's Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Rodeo on Saturday, Sept. 14. After the bag is pulled from the ground, contestants race around the track, trying to nab the bag and cross the finish line ahead of the competition.



The annual watermelon race commenced on Saturday, Sept. 14 as part of the 102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Rodeo, participants race a 5/8-mile track without dropping their melons for a chance at cash prizes.

RODEO WEEKEND HORSE EVENTS

BAREBACK WATERMELON RACE

Champion: Kellan Ray

CHICKEN PULL

Champion: Luke Whitley

HORSE PAINTING

YOUTH

- 1st Blake Baker
- 2nd Delaney Sanchez
- 3rd Jaycee Sanchez

ADULT

- 1st Mandy Naranjo

SAM BURCH MEMORIAL

ADULT

- 1st Danielle Austin
- 2nd Jessie Sanchez

YOUTH

- 1st Faith Whitehorse



Mandy Naranjo takes first place in this year's Painted Horse contest, each contestant presented their hand painted designs to a small panel of judges before the start of the Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Rodeo.



102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair CONTEST RESULTS

<u>3D ARCHERY SHOOT</u> COMPOUND (6-13 YEARS) 1st Phillip Velasquez COMPOUND (18+) 1st Waco Wallace 2nd Jack Frost 3rd Shiri Howell TRADITIONAL (6-13 YEARS) 1st Joseph Howell 2nd Sage Velasquez TRADITIONAL (18+) 1st Kerwin Tom Jr. 2nd Kerwin Tom Sr. 3rd Kayce Tom <u>ARM WRESTLING</u> Men – Preston Abeyta / Women – Laurie Monte <u>BABY CONTEST</u> TRADITIONAL – BABY 1st Xiomara Silva 2nd Sofia Wilbourn 3rd Raiden Cloud TRADITIONAL – TODDLER 1st Amelia Tsosie 2nd Jay Jay Thompspn 3rd Alicia Carmenoros TRADITIONAL – CHILD 1st Leyalynn Yazzie 2nd Patrick Littlebear 3rd Emiliano Melgarejo <u>WESTERN</u> 1st Mylah Romero 2nd Juniper Barry 3rd Arielle Anaya <u>FORMAL</u> 1st Michael Zane Greany 2nd Leighton Reynolds 3rd Whope Colorow <u>DUCK RACE</u> 1st Amber Box 2nd Marie Joy 3rd Thomas Sage <u>FRY BREAD CONTEST</u> ADULT – SINGLE 1st Winona Ramone 2nd Miali Colorow 3rd LuRhea Ramone YOUTH – TEAM Hunter Wells/Wohpe Cantsee	<u>FISHING DERBY</u> ADULTS 1st Neki Graham 2nd Jared Ruybal 3rd Shailyn Olguin Smallest Fish – Randy Herrera YOUTH 1st Lawrence Santistevan 2nd Jace Alexander 3rd Leandro Litz Jr. Smallest Fish – Theoden Greany <u>DINO RACE</u> SENIORS 1st Lorelei Cloud 2nd Vanessa Torres 3rd Neida Martinez ADULTS 1st Tony Rhode 2nd George Sauer 3rd Calvin Lobato TEENS 1st Tallis Cantsee, Jr 2nd Nakai Box 3rd Kandin Johnson KIDS 1st Ammonie Johnson 2nd Tristen Price 3rd Theoden Greany <u>GOLF TOURNAMENT</u> 1st Shane Seibel, Clay Seibel, and Frank Murry 2nd Bo Redd, Albert Redd III, Sacha Smith, and Jeanne Smith 3rd Arnulfo Pardo III, Arnulfo Pardo II, Ham Pardo, and Kruz Pardo Closest to Pin – Billy Gwinn Closest to Pin – Lavenson Henderson Longest Putt – Ryan Lewis Longest Putt – Corey Navanick <u>JALAPENO EATING CONTEST</u> GENERAL PUBLIC Grand Champion: LuRhea Ramone 1:56.02 WOMEN 1st Katrina Baker 2nd Winona Ramone (No 3rd place, as no other contestant finished, all dropped out, TOO HOT!) MEN 1st Nano Nunez 2nd Oren Roy 3rd Amos O’John 4th Jackson Gray DRUM GROUP SPECIAL Grand Champion: Daniel Tenorio – Sun Eagle	<u>OUTSIDERS CORNHOLE</u> 1st Merica 2nd S. Utes 3rd Corn Dawgz 4th Bag Busters 5th Justin & Star 6th The Pookies 7th Rosie’s 8th Freedom Bros 9th Snax & Cos 10th Baggin’ Rights <u>PARADE</u> FAMILY FLOAT 1st Marissa Woody 2nd Shaundeí Poncho 3rd Tiffany Cozad COMMERCIAL 1st Demi Morishige 2nd Angelina Valencia 3rd Robert Ortiz/REZ-olution Radio Hour SERVICE GROUP 1st Candi Valencia 2nd Karlos Baca 3rd James Brown BEST NATIVE DRESS – MALE 1st Mathew Duncan 2nd Mathew Duncan 3rd Maximus Sheka BEST NATIVE DRESS – FEMALE 1st Arianne Shika LOWRIDER 1st Gabrielle Velasquez BEST CLASSIC 1st Philip Velasquez 2nd Terrance Hight BEST DRESSED COWBOY 1st Enrique Silva BEST BICYCLE ENTRY 1st Kimora Crosby 2nd Dean Rohde-O’Leary 3rd Ethan Rohde-O’Leary BEST ROYALTY FLOAT 1st Olyvia Watts, Litle Miss Southern Ute – Alt. <i>Chairmans and Executive Office Award TBA.</i> SASQUATCH SHOOT BEST SHOT – COMPOUND 6-13 years – Meskuluv Wesley 14-17 Years – Phillip Velasquez 18+ – Fidel Velasquez BEST SHOT – TRADITIONAL 6-13 years – Sage Velasquez 18+ years – Kerwin Tom Sr.	<u>SKATEBOARDING</u> SKATEBOARDING (13 & UNDER) 1st Annabelle Herrera 2nd Amber Oliver SKATEBOARDING (4-34 YEARS) 1st Cyrus Naranjo 2nd Sterling SKATEBOARDING (35+ YEARS) 1st Skateboarding BMX (13 & UNDER) 1st Gabriela Garcia 2nd Juniper BMX (14+ YEARS) 1st Leland Mays <u>SOFTBALL TOURNAMENT</u> MEN Champions – RayzNation Runner-Up – Apex 3rd 5-Star Nativz WOMEN Champions – G.N.G Runner-Up – W.D.B 3rd Lady Bandits CO-ED Champions – Dirty Rez Kidz Runner-Up – Hot Shots 3rd Team Smash <u>TIPI RAISING CONTEST</u> 1st Leandro Litz and Moav’ AJ Berry TUG-O-WAR WOMEN – 6-PERSON TEAM Kia Whiteskunk, Miracle Hatch, Leslie Lang, Sonya Mills, Clessa Eyetoo, and Jessika Tom MEN – 6-PERSON TEAM Preston Abeyta, Chris Phillips, Andrew Gallegos, Alex Pena, War Casias, and Ayden Casios CO-ED – 12-PERSON TEAM Miracle Hatch, Kia Whiteskunk, Sonya Mills, Clessa Eyetoo, Conrad Jacket, Leslie Lang, Cayce Tom, Hawkins Wall, Tristian Watts, Carter Lang, Wilfred Lang, and Logan Lang. YOUTH GAMES Everyone was a winner ... we didn’t keep scores! Look for Powwow, Rodeo, and other results in the Oct. 4 issue of The Southern Ute Drum.
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102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair EXHIBITS RESULTS

<u>AGRICULTURE</u> <u>GARDEN & ORCHARD</u> Overall Grand Champion: Patrica Torres Largest Zucchini – Kai Seibel Largest Pumpkin – Frost Frost Largest Sunflower – Trae Siebel Beans, Green Snap – Elder 1st Tina Naranjo Sweet Corn – Elder 1st Laura Richards Beets – Elder 1st Troy Scott Tomato, Green any variety – Elder 1st Joyce Frost 2nd Tina Naranjo Tomato, Ripe, any variety – Elder 1st Tina Naranjo Cherry Tomato – Elder 1st Tina Naranjo 2nd Joyce Frost Peppers, Bell, any color – Elder 1st Tina Naranjo Peppers, Chili – Elder 1st Rebecca Rael 2nd Tina Naranjo Peppers, Jalapeno – Elder 1st Tina Naranjo 2nd Joyce Frost Peppers, Miscellaneous – Elder 1st Joyce Frost 2nd Joyce Frost Cucumbers – Elder 1st Tina Naranjo 2nd Troy Scott	 <p align="center">Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum</p>	Melons, any variety – Elder 1st Laura Richards 2nd Laura Richards Miscellaneous – Elder 1st Laura Richards Miscellaneous Veggies – Elder 1st Tina Naranjo 2nd Tina Naranjo Miscellaneous Fruits – Elder 1st Tommy Ruybal Beans, Green Snap – Adult 1st Trae Siebel 2nd Mandy Naranjo Sweet Corn – Adult 1st Trae Siebel Tomato, Green any variety – Adult 1st Shoshone Rael 2nd Candi Valencia Tomato, Ripe, any variety – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo 2nd Trae Siebel Cherry Tomato – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo 2nd Candi Valencia Peppers, Bell, any color – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo 2nd Trae Siebel Peppers, Chili – Adult 1st Trae Siebel 2nd Mandy Naranjo Peppers, Jalapeno – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo 2nd Shoshone Rael Peppers, Miscellaneous – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo 2nd Candi Valencia	Cucumbers – Adult 1st Kelli Sires 2nd Randolph Scott Squash, Acorn – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo Squash, Summer – Adult 1st Trae Siebel 2nd Trae Siebel Squash, Zucchini – Adult 1st Candi Valencia Adult 2nd Mandy Naranjo Squash, Winter – Adult 1st Trae Siebel 2nd Mandy Naranjo Potato, Red – Adult 1st Randolph Scott Peas, Edible Pod – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo 2nd Shoshone Rael Cabbage, any variety – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo 2nd Tray Siebel Onions, any color – Adult 1st Randolph Scott 2nd Mandy Naranjo Onions, green – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo Pumpkin, carving – Adult 1st Trae Siebel Pumpkin, Pie – Adult 1st Randolph Scott Apples, any variety – Adult 1st Trae Siebel Sunflower – Adult 1st Mandy Naranjo 2nd Trae Siebel
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102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair RESULTS

Color (Scene) – Adults
1st Orion Watts
2nd Hailey Yesslith

Color Sports (Action) – Adults
1st Jalisa Paul
2nd Dominika Joy

Color Portraits (Single/Indian Group) – Juniors
1st Kataleya Pena

Color Nature (Wildlife) – Juniors
1st Kataleya Pena

Color (Scene) – Juniors
1st Kataleya Pena

BAKING

Overall Grand Champion:
Ernestine Maez

Yeast Breads – Elder
1st Dona Frost
2nd Ernestine Maez

Quick Breads Cornbread – Elder
1st Dona Frost
2nd Joyce Frost

Quick Breads Muffins – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza
2nd Tina Naranjo

Quick Breads Biscuits – Elder
1st Cassandra Atencio
2nd Dona Frost

Indian Bread Fry bread – Elder
1st Cassandra Atencio
2nd Troy Scott

Indian Bread Tortillas – Elder
1st Dona Frost
2nd Cassandra Atencio

Miscellaneous Breads Zucchini – Elder
1st Patrica Torres

Miscellaneous Breads Banana – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza
2nd Debra Lucero

Miscellaneous Breads Pumpkin – Elder
1st Sam Maez
2nd Tina Naranjo

Cake (all varieties) – Elder
1st Joyce Frost
2nd Tina Naranjo

Pies (open faced or covered) – Elder
1st Dona Frost
2nd Dona Frost

Cup Cakes – Elder
1st Joyce Frost
2nd Tina Naranjo

Cookies Chocolate Chip – Elder
1st Rebecca Rael
2nd Debra Lucero

Cookies Peanut Butter – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo
2nd Joyce Frost

Cookies Oatmeal – Elder
1st Tina Naranjo

Cookies Sugar – Elder
1st Joyce Frost
2nd Tina Naranjo

Brownies – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza
2nd Tina Naranjo

Biscochitos – Elder
1st Ernestine Maez

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Ernestine Maez
2nd Joyce Frost

Yeast Breads – Adult
1st Jalisa Paul
2nd Shoshone Rael

Quick Breads Muffins – Adult
1st Mikki Naranjo
2nd Mikki Naranjo

Indian Bread Tortillas – Adult
1st Sage Autumn
2nd Shailyn Olguin

Miscellaneous Breads Banana – Adult
1st Mikki Naranjo
2nd Autumn Medicine-Blanket

Miscellaneous Breads Pumpkin – Adult
1st Claressa Valdez

Cake (all varieties) – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Candi Valencia

Pies (open faced or covered) – Adult
1st Autumn Medicine-Blanket

Cup Cakes – Adult
1st Candi Valencia

Cookies Chocolate Chip – Adult
1st Jalisa Paul
2nd Jordan Rael

Cookies Peanut Butter – Adult
1st Shailyn Olguin
2nd Candi Valencia

Cookies Sugar – Adult
1st Shailyn Olguin
2nd Geneva Gomez

Brownies – Adult
1st Candi Valencia
2nd Shailyn Olguin

Biscochitos – Adult
1st Shailyn Olguin

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Candi Valencia

Yeast Breads – Junior
1st Olyvia Watts

Quick Breads Biscuits – Junior
1st Kandin Johnson

Indian Bread Fry bread – Junior
1st Nathan Maez

Indian Bread Tortillas – Junior
1st Derek Sage
2nd Kandin Johnson

Cake (all varieties) – Junior
1st Katherine Rice
2nd Kandin Johnson

Pies (open faced or covered) – Junior
1st Marisa Olguin
2nd Marisa Olguin

Cookies Chocolate Chip – Junior
1st Syre Sanchez
2nd Kandin Johnson

Cookies Peanut Butter – Junior
1st Kandin Johnson
2nd Syre Sanchez

Cookies Oatmeal – Junior
1st Syre Sanchez
2nd Derek Sage

Cookies Sugar – Junior
1st Syre Sanchez

Brownies – Junior
1st Kandin Johnson
2nd Lillian Valdez

Miscellaneous – Junior
1st Kandin Johnson
2nd Syre Sanchez

Indian Bread Tortillas – Youth
1st Sophia Romero
2nd Zalissa Johnson

Cake (all varieties) – Youth
1st Zalissa Johnson
2nd Christian Rodriques

Cup Cakes – Youth
1st Zxander Wartman
2nd Shawnee Rizzo

Cookies Chocolate Chip – Youth
1st Zerek Romero

Cookies Peanut Butter – Youth
1st Christian Rodriques
2nd Zerek Romero

Cookies Sugar – Youth
1st Zerek Romero

Brownies – Youth
1st Clementine Carrillo
2nd Zalissa Johnson

Miscellaneous – Youth
1st Christian Rodriques
2nd Shawnee Rizzo

DECORATED CAKES

Overall Grand Champion:
Tanisha Figuero

Decorated Cakes – Elder
1st Elsie Calabaza
2nd Cassandra Atencio

Decorated Cakes – Adult
1st Jalisa Paul
2nd Shoshone Rael

HOMEMAKING

CLOTHING

Overall Grand Champion:
Ernestine Maez

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Chris Winterhawk
2nd Leonora Burch

Dress – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice

Pant/Top Set (Girls and Ladies) – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice

Children's Clothing – Adult
1st Rhonda Wilbourn
2nd Robin Rice

Blouse or Shirt (Western/Sport) – Adult
1st Robin Rice

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Avaleena Nanaeto
2nd Robin Rice



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

INDIAN CLOTHING

Ribbon Cloth Dress – Elder
1st Linda Baker

Ribbon Shirts – Elder
1st Ernestine Maez
2nd Ernestine Maez
Ribbon Skirt – Elder
1st Ernestine Maez
2nd Ella Louise Weaver

Vest (Beaded/Cloth) – Elder
1st Leonora Burch

Shawl (Ribbon/Applique/Painted) – Elder
1st Linda Baker

Shawl (Ribbon/Applique/Painted) – Elder
2nd Leonora Burch

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Chris Winterhawk

Ribbon Cloth Dress – Adult
1st Lynnette Sage

Shell Dress – Adult
1st Rhonda Wilbourn

Ribbon Shirts – Adult
1st Avaleena Nanaeto
2nd Michelle Simmons

Ribbon Skirt – Adult
1st Janae Lansing
2nd Rhonda Wilbourn

Vest (Beaded/Cloth) – Adult
1st Robin Rice

Shawl (Ribbon/Applique/Painted) – Adult
1st Autumn Sage
2nd Victoria Delgado-Torres

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Dominika Joy
2nd Avaleena Nanaeto

Shell Dress – Junior
1st Kellis Wilbourn

Ribbon Skirt – Junior
1st Olyvia Watts
2nd Maleina Carel

NEEDLEWORK

Overall Grand Champion:
Patricia Torres

Quilts – Elder
1st Patricia Torres
2nd Ella Louise Weaver

Pillow Tops (Crocheted, Quilted, etc.) – Elder
1st Ella Louise Weaver
2nd Ella Louise Weaver

Miscellaneous – Elder
1st Ella Louise Weaver

Embroidered Article – Adult
1st Amanda Jewett

Quilts – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice

Pillow Tops (Crocheted, Quilted, etc.) – Adult
1st Robin Rice
2nd Robin Rice

Miscellaneous – Adult
1st Robin Rice

Embroidered Article – Junior
1st Katherine Rice

LIVESTOCK

CATTLE

Overall Grand Champion:
Bexlee Baker

Mature Cow – Elders
1st Angela Abeyta
2nd Lance Taylor

Mature Bull – Elders
1st Lance Taylor
2nd Angela Abeyta

Heifer – Elders
1st Lance Taylor
2nd Preston Abeyta

Mares – Juniors
1st Marissa Olguin

Geldings – Juniors
1st Belxee Baker
2nd Kire Baker

Yearlings Colts & Fillies – Juniors
1st Blake Baker

POULTRY

Chicken Rooster – Elders
1st Tommy Ruybal
2nd Debbie Lucero

Chicken Hen – Elders
1st Tommy Ruybal
2nd Debbie Lucero

Chicken Pullet – Elders
1st Tommy Ruybal

Chicken Rooster – Adults
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Trae Seibel

Chicken Hen – Adults
1st Trae Seibel
2nd Hailey Yesslith

Chicken Pullet – Adults
1st Trae Seibel
2nd Randolph Scott

Chicken Miscellaneous Bird – Adults
1st Randolph Scott
2nd Randolph Scott

Chicken Rooster – Juniors
1st Tommy Siebel

Chicken Hen – Juniors
1st Kelly Sirils

Chicken Pullet – Juniors
1st Kai Sibel
2nd Tommy Siebel

Ducks & Geese Drake – Adults
1st Zackery Yesslith

Ducks & Geese Duck – Juniors
1st Zuriyah Baker

RABBITS

Buck – Open Category
1st Trae Siebel
2nd Tommy Siebel



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

SHEEP

Mature Ewe – Elders
1st Levi Vigil
2nd Levi Vigil

SWINE

Barrow or Gilt (altered sex) – Elders
1st Levi Vigil
2nd Levi Vigil



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum