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The Southern Ute Drum wins 10 Colorado Press Association awards

A change of perspective



Conrad Thompson/SU Drum

The demolition of the Southern Ute Vocational School – Head Start building began on Monday, Oct. 14; a centerpiece of the Southern Ute Boarding School (Ignacio Boarding School), which operated in Ignacio, Colo. from 1886-1981. Since the building's inception it has been a place of teaching, including the more recent Head Start education program – attended by many of the Tribal members in the community. The facility also hosted community events such as powwows, wedding dances, basketball tournaments, and live music during that time. **See more coverage page 13.**

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND Kava Equity Partners acquires Arrowhead Contracting



By Pooja Rao-Pennington growing demand for im- COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER, proved environmental stew- SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND ardship as well as infrastruc- ture development across various government agen- cies. Going forward, Arrow- head will retain the existing management team and con- tinue to provide the same high-quality services to cus- tomers enhanced by the ad- ditional resources and ca- tion marks a significant step for Kava, expanding its port- folio into the federal govern- ment contracting sector in- g has a proven history of partnership with a proven in- dustry leader. Arrowhead is a growth, making it a perfect fit for our investment port- folio,” said James Dudley, general contractor. Managing Director for Kava.

“Through this strategic ac- quision, Kava intends to partnership and are commit- leverage its resources to en- hance Arrowhead’s opera- tional efficiency and broaden its presence in the environ- mental remediation and con- struction sectors. Our shared vision of delivering excep- tional service quality while honoring our cultural values and heritage is what makes this partnership truly valu- able,” said Shane Seibel, said Curt Koutelas, Founder Executive Director for the Growth Fund.

Founded by Curt Koutelas leadership team will contin- ue to lead, ensuring stabi- lity and continuity for both our clients and employees. This mental remediation projects is a vital step towards strate- gic growth.”

Kava’s goal is to diversify and grow the Tribe’s in- vestments by making pri- vate equity investments in lower middle market compa- nies that see business value track record delivering ex- ceptional quality on gov- ernment and commercial projects strongly position the firm to capitalize on the economic values.

LIFT THE LABEL

Southern Ute Tribe: Recovery stories

Preston Barry

My name is Preston. I’m a Southern Ute Tribal member; I grew up on the reservation most of my life. I work as a peer recovery coach for Southern Ute Behavioral Health, helping people with mental health disorders, substance use disorders, and other types of stress.

I started drinking around 11, then I moved to mari- juana. It was popular among my friends, so we were all going to try anything that one of us came up with. We tried cocaine, meth, and mushrooms over the years. Over the years, my substance use got me in legal trouble, including two DUIs. After my second, I was facing 18 months in prison. I was worried about losing cultural things that mattered to me, like being able to hunt with my family. So I went into incarceration with an open mind and heart to take every class I had available and actually



courtesy Lift the Label

Preston Barry of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

sit there, listen, and apply it. Once I was through treat- ment, certain things helped me stay in recovery. Family was a huge one for me. And I built a mental toolbox for myself of reasons why I wasn’t going to drink, and I

set reachable goals. One misconception about addiction is that it’s a choice, that a person continues to struggle with substance use by choice. If you sit down and educate yourself on addiction, you’ll see that isn’t true.

In fact, a lot of people see addiction as a weakness. They think you’re admitting you’re weak and can’t handle it. It’s just frowned upon, even asking for help. Being

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Royalty shines in Durango



courtesy Heather White Thunder

The newly crowned Southern Ute Royalty, pictured left to right, Little Miss Southern Ute, Malia White Thunder; Junior Miss Southern Ute, Leandra Litz; Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany; and Little Miss Alternate, Olyvia Watts participated in the Durango Cowboy Gathering’s annual Cowboy Parade & Horseback Social in Durango, Colo., Saturday, Oct. 5. They received an award for “Best Youth Entry” in Saturday’s parade and received a trophy.

In remembrance of Alex Cloud



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Tribal elder, Phoebe Kent is surrounded by her immediate family at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Friday Oct. 4, during a recognition ceremony for her son, the late Alex Cloud. Cloud served as a Southern Ute Tribal Council member and Vice Chairman for much of his career, in addition to being a community leader and a strong advocate for Tribal youth. Cloud held strong ties to his Ute culture and upbringing, serving as a role model to many. Colorado Congressman Lauren Boebert presents the family with a formal Congressional Recognition document and memorial entry into the Congressional Record as posthumous tribute to Alex S. Cloud.

Official recognition for Cloud



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Somer Cloud accepted a folded American Flag in recognition of her father, Alex S. Cloud, former Southern Ute Tribal Council member and Vice Chairman. Presented by Colorado Congresswoman Lauren Boebert, the flag, flown over the Colorado Capitol, was gifted to Cloud's eldest daughter during the recognition ceremony at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Friday Oct. 4.

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD SUBMISSION

In Remembrance of Alex Samuel Cloud

Hon. & Member's Official Name: Hon. Lauren Boebert

Full Name of Congressional State: Colorado

Current Date: Friday, Oct. 4, 2024

Member's Name as it Appears in Official Record: Ms. Boebert

Mr. Speaker, I rise to honor ALEX SAMUEL CLOUD, a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe who passed on August 13, 2024, at the age of 58 survived by two daughters, Somer and Jada Cloud. Alex departed this earthly life too early, yet he left a lasting legacy of service to his Tribe and his community.

He was born to Elliot Cloud and Phoebe Kent on March 29, 1966, and grew to be a respected mentor to the youth and a dedicated leader to all. He provided a strong pillar of spiritual support for his family and was known never to turn anyone down when asked for prayers. He learned this from his beloved grandfather Bonny Kent, who was a roper and cattleman, served on the Southern Ute Tribal Council, and was a role model and father figure for Alex. With his grandfather's example, Alex developed dedication to preserving his Ute identity and culture, and he excelled in his knowledge of tribal history and governance.

Alex was known as an avid softball and basketball player. His passion for sports was evident in his 15 years of service in leadership roles, including that of coach, for the Southern Ute Tribe's Recreation Department. There, he exemplified the importance of hard work and encouraged countless young people to excel in academics and athletics.

As was his destiny, Alex's leadership for the youth developed into a leadership position for all his people upon election to Tribal Council. Alex served nine years on the Southern Ute Tribal Council, including three years as Vice Chairman, representing a Tribe known as a leader among Indian Country. Alex Cloud lived with passion and passed with honor. His legacy serves as an inspiration to all, a testament to the power of love, service, and a deep connection to one's heritage. His family and community miss him greatly but are now blessed by his prayers from heaven—Pənīkyavaat sama'ara (see you sometime, translated by Dr. Stacey Oberly) Alex egap.

Many Moons Ago

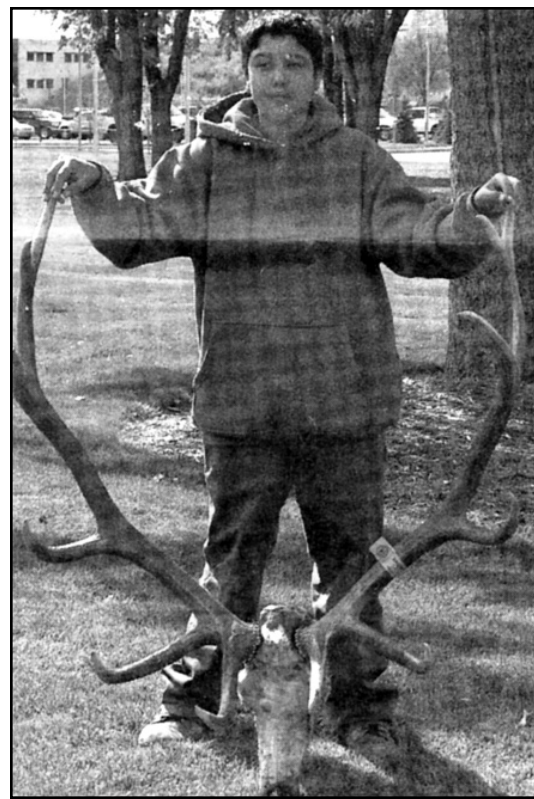


Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students enjoy a sunny afternoon at Sutherland Farms hitching a ride on the tractor-trailer during their field trip to Sutherland Farms outside of Aztec, N.M.

This photo was first published in the Oct. 14, 2014, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

15-year-old Melvin Pena, son of Trinidad Pena harvested a 6x6 bull elk on Sunday on Montezuma Mesa. Congratulations and nice shot!

This photo was first published in the Oct. 15, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Sheila Ryder (far left) and Stacey Rivera (far right) with the Bala Sinum Choir, tied for first place in the Fort Lewis College homecoming parade. The other first place winner was the FLC Aises.

This photo was published in the Sept. 30, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

40 years ago

A photo was not published to coincide with this issue's 40 years ago. Look for the next 40 years ago photo in the Nov. 1, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL
 THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
 November 16, 2024
 11:30 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.
 Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center
 THANKSGIVING DINNER

Open to all Southern Ute Tribal Members & Immediate Family, Ute Mountain Ute, & Ute Indian Tribal Members

. main .

Traditional Sunday Dinner Turkey, Fresh garden salad w/ two dressings, Fruit Salad, Chef carved ham with pineapple cherry sauce, Stuffing, Cranberry sauce, Plain corn, Mashed potatoes, Turkey gravy, Sweet potatoes, Dinner rolls with butter

. dessert .

Pecan pie, Pumpkin pie, Sugar free Apple Pie

SOUTHERN UTE ELDERS & TRIBAL MEMBERS WITH DISABILITIES UNABLE TO ATTEND IN-PERSON MAY SIGN-UP FOR HOME DELIVERY. CONTACT SOUTHERN UTE ELDERS SERVICES (970) 563-2323.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT (970) 563-2208

Grief Support Group at the Ignacio Community Library



Every first Tuesday at 3:00 p.m.
 (970)563-9287 | ignaciolibrary.org | 470 Goddard Ave.

TRIBAL WATER MEDIA FELLOWSHIP SHOWCASE

A free community event showcasing original stories by FLC students on water issues in Indigenous communities

Free Film Screenings! Meet the Fellows and Mentors! Learn about Regional Water Issues! Snacks and Refreshments!

Friday, October 25th 6:00 - 8:00 PM

Fort Lewis College Student Union Ballroom

Learn more about the fellowship at fourcornerswater.org!





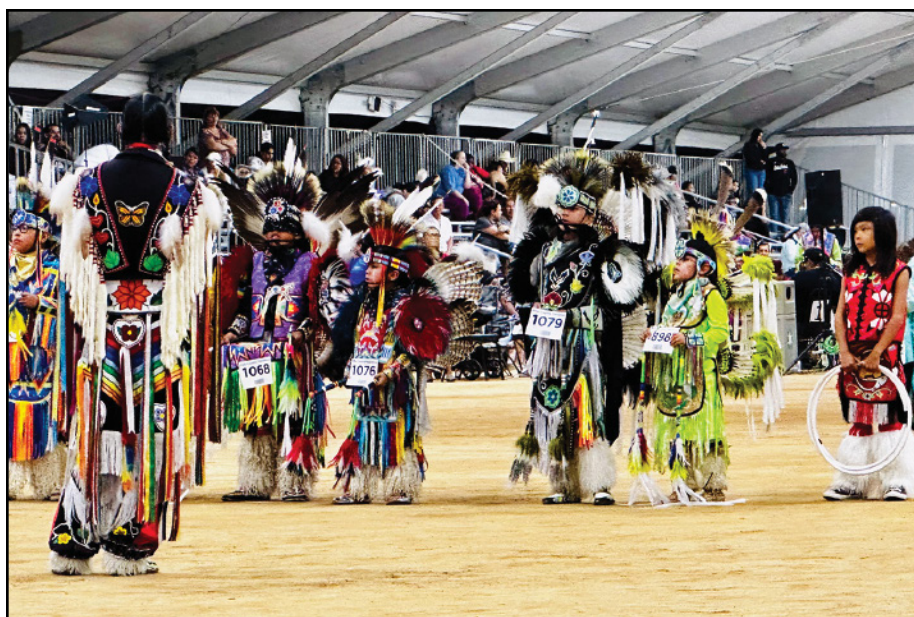
White Thunder at Black Hills



courtesy Heather White Thunder

Little Miss Southern Ute, Malia White Thunder attended the 36th annual Black Hills Powwow in Rapid City, S.D. Friday, Oct. 11 – Sunday, Oct. 13. Pictured with the Southern Ute Veterans Association Color Guard: Bruce LeClaire, Bruce Valdez, and Raymond Baker during Grand Entry.

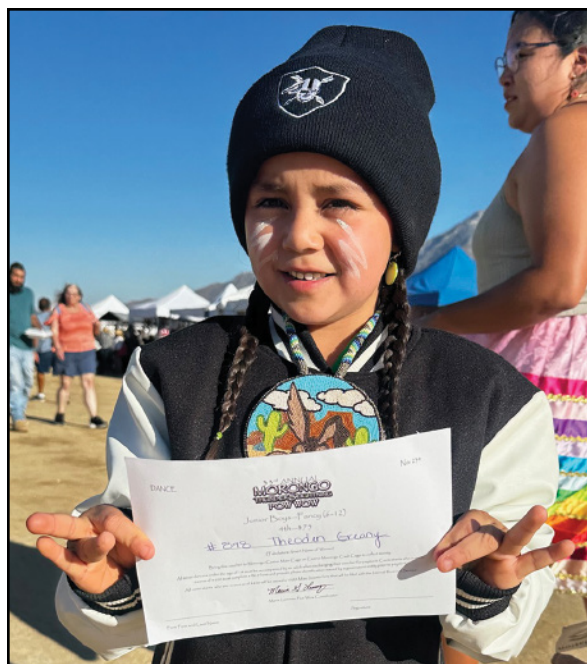
Greany, Morongo Powwow



photos courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany lined up for judging at the Morongo Powwow in Cabazon, Calif.

Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany placed 4th in Jr. Boys Fancy.



Wade Adakai/Change Labs

Roddell Denetso stands in his studio in Shiprock, N.M. He designed the sports apparel worn by the players in Rez Ball.

VOICES FROM THE EDGE

‘Rez Ball’ showcases Indigenous-designed sports apparel in film

Designer hails from Shiprock, N.M.

By Clark Adomaitis
KSJD/KSUT REPORTER

A new Netflix film follows the Chuska Warriors, a high school basketball team from a town on the Navajo Nation in New Mexico. A Shiprock-based designer created the team’s basketball uniforms, which reclaim Native American imagery.

In recent years, high school and professional sports teams have faced pressure to remove Native American mascots due to their racist and offensive nature. These mascots, often caricatures or stereotypes, have long been criticized by Indigenous groups and their allies for perpetuating harmful misconceptions about Native cultures.

In a newly released movie on Netflix, an all-Indigenous high school basketball team on the Navajo Nation is reclaiming Native imagery on their jerseys.

Rez Ball follows the Chuska Warriors as they deal with issues that disproportionately affect Indigenous communities, including suicide and alcoholism.

The team is made up of all-Indigenous high school students, and its jerseys and practice uniforms feature traditional Indigenous warrior themes. The team’s sports apparel is displayed prominently throughout the film, which follows the players as they bond, persevere, and face rival non-Native teams.

Rez Ball is produced by the SpringHill Company, which is LeBron James’ film

production venture. However, despite the basketball legend’s lifetime deal with Nike, the film’s wardrobe didn’t feature Nike-exclusive clothing. Instead, the players wore uniforms designed by Shiprock, N.M. resident Roddell Denetso.

Denetso runs Black Streak Apparel, a one-person business that designs Indigenous-themed sports apparel for youth teams all over Indian Country. He often designs teams’ jerseys based on their Tribal imagery.

He designed the Chuska Warriors’ home and away uniforms, a turquoise championship colorway, team bags, travel gear, the cheerleaders’ uniforms, and other apparel seen in the movie.

“I’m just this little Rez kid with a shop that I ran out of by my house from Shiprock,” Denetso said. Denetso said the stakes were high as the film crew needed his designs to be ready for filming various scenes.

“If we ever miss a deadline on something that hurts everything because it stops a whole day or two of production, like \$50,000 lost,” Denetso said.

Denetso got to watch his jerseys in action on the set. As a resident of Shiprock, he got emotional watching the filming in and around the community.

“I was able to be on set when they shot at Shiprock High. My ‘coming to reality’ moment was when they were unloading stuff to go on set, and they had a cart (that) said Black Streak Ap-

parel,” Denetso said.

Denetso played basketball throughout his youth, attending state and national championships. He said he identified with the Warriors team members dealing with their alcoholic family members.

“That’s how I grew up. I come from having an alcoholic mom and alcoholic stepfather, not having my father in my life, and having basketball as my outlet. Ninety-nine percent of my games all through high school, my mom and stepdad showed up intoxicated or hungover,” Denetso said.

Denetso is proud of his hard work and shares a message for those struggling with trauma.

“Hey, if I can do it, you can do it,” Denetso said, “It’s just all about how you use the generational trauma that we deal with. You can use it as a crutch, or you can use it as motivation to do better and to change the cycle.”

He hopes to inspire young people to show pride in their culture. He also hopes to reach more customers for his garments now that his work is reaching a wide audience.

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

Deadly Aunties Tea and earring making

October 23rd from 12 -1

SASO Office - Elhi Community Center 115 Ute Street, Room 22, Ignacio, CO



Come sip tea with us while we talk about community issues and how to solve them.

Watts at Honolulu Intertribal



courtesy Jalisa Paul

Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate, Olyvia Watts, attended the Honolulu Intertribal Powwow in Hawaii – Sept. 21 and 22.

HEALTHY RECIPES

Brussels sprout salad for people who don't like brussels sprouts!

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

Cruciferous vegetables, which include Brussels sprouts, cauliflower, broccoli and cabbage, have anti-cancer properties!

And since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, this recipe has a lot of healthy ingredients.

As the title suggests, even people who typically don't like Brussels sprouts, have been known to really enjoy this recipe!



courtesy Catherine Murray/AdobeStock

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

Brussels sprout salad

Ingredients:

- 1 lb. Brussels sprouts, trimmed
- 1 apple (Fuji, gala, etc.), chopped
- 1 cup dried cranberries
- ½ cup pecans chopped*
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ cup lemon juice (the juice of about 2 lemons)
- 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- ¼ cup maple syrup*

Directions:

1. Prep the Brussels sprouts: trim the

bottoms and remove any bruised leaves. Using the shredding disc on a food processor, feed the sprouts until all have been shredded. Likewise, you can finely chop/shred with a good knife. Place in a large mixing bowl.

2. Add the apples, cranberries, pecans and salt.

3. Stir to combine.

4. In a small bowl, whisk lemon juice, olive oil and maple syrup. Pour over mixture and stir well to coat. Refrigerate until served. Best consumed within two days.

*Can substitute with walnuts and honey.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Oct. is Domestic Violence Awareness Month

By Tamara D. Turner,
SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

October is Domestic Violence Awareness month. This is a time to ask, "what is my understanding of domestic violence (DV)?" and "is there something new to learn about it that could help benefit myself or my community?"

Oftentimes, the way we understand particular issues in society change over time. Because of the forces of political change and activism, such as women's rights, civil rights, and other social movements, different generations often have different understandings about such issues.

One of the ways we can check in about our knowledge is by noting the assumptions we have about an issue. These assumptions often tie into common myths that circulate in society or common ways we think about those experiencing the problem.

For example, one of the most common things many of us hear regarding DV is: "Why do victims stay in relationships like that? I would never put up with that."

Notice that this question implies judgment of the victim. The statement is implying that maybe the victim is not smart enough or self-respecting enough to leave. Let's break this down.

We understand today that DV rarely starts from the beginning of a relationship. Most of the time it develops slowly, gradually growing worse in a way that is hard to put a finger on. It may be very subtle at first and then escalate into physical violence. Have you heard of the "boiling the frog" phenomenon? The phrase refers to a belief that if you put a frog in a pot of water and turn the heat up really slowly that the frog won't notice until it's too late. It doesn't notice the heat because it is being raised so slowly whereas if you put a frog in water that was already hot it would jump right out. The point is that when something negative sneaks in gradually, a little bit at a time, it's a lot harder to notice. We can talk ourselves out of it or be told that we're imagining it (that's what we call

gaslighting). On the contrary, if someone is abusive from day one (just like the pot of hot water) it is much easier to spot. Sure, we can say, "I wouldn't put up with that" when we can clearly see abusive or when we don't have any investment in a person yet.

And that's another important aspect: once a person is in love and bonded, they are more likely to put up with mean comments, criticism, abuse and violence. They might even talk themselves out of it being a problem because they love that person and cannot imagine leaving. When there is love and deep bonding between the couple – especially if children are involved – the victim may really want to "stick it out," be loyal, and trust that the offender will change. The offender may even say sorry and promise it won't happen again. In addition, there is often so much to lose. Victims may worry about their safety and their children's safety. Or they may not be financially independent, with nowhere to go.

Sometimes victims stay because they don't realize that the way they are being treated constitutes abuse. By today's definition, DV doesn't only mean physical violence. Broadly, it is defined by one partner trying to gain control and maintain power over the other, through various means including but not limited to verbal or physical manipulation and injury. If a victim thinks that DV means being hit, they may not realize the severity of the situation. And, if the person has watched such abuse between parents or relatives, they may simply not know that they deserve better or that a better situation is even possible.

Another way to think about this is to consider how many people (maybe even yourself) stay in a job that they really dislike or where they don't feel appreciated or are even abused. A lot of people can relate to that – to all the complications and complexity like needing to be able to pay the bills or hoping it will get better. Sometimes we tell ourselves to be brave, loyal, stick it out, be tough, or because there are too many other

things in life that depend on it. There are times in life when we justify something downright negative. This is a normal human condition because life isn't black and white.

If you or someone you know is struggling or suffering from DV or is a DV survivor, there is help, support, and safety. Please don't hesitate to take action. It could save a life.

Alternative Horizons based in Durango serves all of La Plata County with culturally appropriate services for AI / AN and LGBTQIA+ individuals. Their dedicated 24/7 hotline number is 970-247-9619. Another culturally oriented resource to know about is the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center (NIWRC). They have an online DV Awareness month hub you can find by searching or, if you are reading the e-edition, here is the link: Domestic Violence Awareness Month | NIWRC

You can also call the national DV hotline at 1-800-799-SAFE (7233) or TTY 1-800-787-3224.

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.

Shining Mountain Fresh
October 2024

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

October Recipe:
Healthy Pumpkin Peanut Butter Cookies

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

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SMFreshOct2024>
Sign-up Deadline: Monday, October 28th
Pickup Date: Wednesday, October 30th

Dessert Kit Includes:
• Primary ingredients
• Recipe / Prep Tips
• Kitchen Hacks

Contact:
Lisa B. Smith 970-563-2344
If you need to schedule a different pickup time/date, please reach out to Lisa

**10th ANNIVERSARY OF
INDIGENOUS pink**
10.17.2024

**BREAST CANCER AWARENESS
WALK**
October 17th, 12pm
LCB/Council Chambers Lawn

*T-shirts to the first 50 to sign up! *Contact: Heather Sorensen 970-563-2349

**Breast Cancer Awareness Dinner and
Survivor Celebration**
October 22, 2024 6-8pm
Sky Ute Casino Resort-Banquet Room A

~Join us for dinner and hear cancer survivor stories~

RSVP Required, sign up with the link below or the QR Code:
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Y7GPVHT>



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male in our culture, we're supposed to be the providers; we were not expected to go and ask for help.

I think the Southern Ute community has banded together to fight addiction. We have excellent turnouts for the events we put on for Behavioral Health. We try to attend as many events as the Tribe puts on so we can talk about breaking the barriers of stigma and important things like naloxone. Naloxone is a medicine that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose.

culture that can help people break free from addiction or stay in recovery, like the Native American Church, the sweat lodge, beading classes, and breaking cycles.

The support of loved ones is really important, too. Being there to support someone struggling, especially listening to their needs, can make a big difference in their recovery. If you're still struggling with addiction, my advice is to give every treatment, give every therapy, give any resource out there a chance, and go into it open-minded

and open-hearted. Allow it to work for you.

It's not written in stone that treatments will work for you; we're all individuals, but having the behavioral health system that we have here, we can tailor-make a treatment plan for somebody in recovery. Only some things will work the first time or at all, but if you keep trying, you'll find the right approach.

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

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Treatment options for substance use disorder: Medications

Staff report LIFT THE LABEL

There is support for anyone who might be struggling with addiction. Addiction is also known as substance use disorder.

Treatment can come in different forms, and often more than one form! Some options include detoxification, inpatient and residential rehabilitation programs, outpatient programs, and more. One very effective option is medications. Medications can be used to treat substance use disorders just like medications can be used to treat other medical conditions like high blood pressure! Medications can be used alone, or in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies to provide more support.

Medications can help people be more successful in their abstinence because they calm down the cravings that can lead to relapse. While these medications primarily apply to opioid use disorder, there are also some effective medications for alcohol use disorder and methamphetamine use disorder. Research is being done to develop and test medications for other types of substance use disorders.

There are two FDA-approved medications that are commonly used to treat opioid use disorder:

- Buprenorphine: reduces opioid cravings and blocks the effects of other opioids.
• Methadone: reduces opioid cravings and withdrawal. Methadone is not currently available in our area but is expected to become available soon.

Medications to treat alcohol use include naltrexone and acamprosate amongst others. Methamphetamine use can be treated with the combination of bupropion and naltrexone.

Medications are safe to use for months, years, and even up to a lifetime. There is no guideline for the length of time someone may take medication, and it's different for everyone. Each person's treatment is an ongoing conversation with their healthcare provider to determine what is the best for them.

Medication for treating addiction has helped countless people find recovery. Medications have been shown to reduce the risk of overdose, relapse, and criminal activity. They have been shown to increase someone's availability to start living their life to the

fullest (SAMHSA).

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Office has a physician who treats addiction with medication on staff, and they also have support services within the office including therapy. Treatment is available in-person, by telemedicine, and over the telephone. Call them at 970-563-5700 to make an appointment and talk about treatment options. They'll be with you every step of the way!

There are no easy roads or guarantees for recovery from substance use disorder. It takes time, commitment, and support for the brain to recover from the changes caused by long-term substance use. But addiction is treatable, and recovery is always possible. Learn more about treatment options and resources at LTLSouthernUte.org. You can also learn how individuals in your community found recovery.

If you have an immediate mental health, emotional or substance use concern, the 988 crisis lifeline is free, confidential and available 24/7. If you or someone you know is struggling, call or text 988 or live chat at 988Colorado.com.

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

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

This class is VIRTUAL Please call Social Service to sign up Each participant needs the following to attend: A working email A solid internet connection A smart phone, tablet or laptop with a mic Download the Microsoft Teams App

NOVEMBER 2024 Mondays & Wednesdays 12:00 – 2:00 PM Nov. 4, 2024 Nov. 6, 2024 Nov. 11, 2024 Nov. 13, 2024 Nov. 18, 2024 Nov. 20, 2024 Nov. 25, 2025 Nov. 27, 2024



SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR EMAIL KELLIE (970) 563-2337 kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute Health Fair 2024. Community & Home Health Services PRESENTS THE ANNUAL: SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH FAIR 2024. Join this community event to learn all things health, participate in games, and win prizes. This family fun event is FREE admission! Featuring public health speakers, exhibitors, traditional music, raffle prizes, and a lunch buffet for all attendees. November 8th, 2024. From 9:00am to 3:00pm at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Events Center & Banquet Hall. For more information please contact: Alyssa Seibel, CHS Admin aseibel@southernute-nsn.gov 970-563-2348

NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH SAVE THE DATE!! MEAL PLANNING 101 LEARN ABOUT MEAL PLANNING AND PREPPING IN THIS TWO-PART LUNCH AND LEARN TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5TH AND TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19TH 12-1PM IN THE CAPOTE ROOM AT SUN UTE COMMUNITY CENTER ALL ARE WELCOME FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR EMAIL LISA SMITH LISMITH@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV 970-563-2344

November Breastfeeding & Parenting Class DIABETES & BREASTFEEDING November 12, 2024 Mouache-Capote Downstairs Kitchen 12-1 PM Shining Mountain Health and Wellness 970-563-2163 smtso@southernute-nsn.gov Breastfeeding has many proven health benefits for mothers and babies, including helping to prevent DIABETES. Come find out how

HAPPY HALLOWEEN! We wish everyone a safe and fun time this month! Stop by our office on Halloween for some popcorn, and to learn more about our foster care program -MC Building, 2nd floor Call or email Southern Ute Social Services (970) 563-2337 kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES



Lea Leggett/Ignacio School District

Kitchen staff Rebekah Talley, high school kitchen staff, and Mary Serrano, middle school kitchen staff, prepare burritos.

BOBCAT BULLETIN

Ignacio School District brings local flavor to schools

By Lea Leggett
IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

In our ongoing commitment to providing healthy and delicious meals for our students, the Ignacio School District's food service team recently took a field trip to Kerrigan's Farm, where they picked up fresh roasted green chiles! This exciting initiative not only supports local agriculture, but also enriches our students' dining experience with fresh, vibrant flavors.

After returning to the kitchen, our dedicated team cleaned and prepared the chiles, transforming them into a homemade sauce that perfectly complements our meals. They also thoughtfully bagged and



Lea Leggett/Ignacio School District

Sierra Velasquez, high school kitchen staff, prepares fresh produce for an upcoming meal.

froze the remaining chiles, ensuring that we can incorporate this local goodness into future dishes.

Last week, our students were treated to delicious homemade bean and cheese burritos topped with the

freshly made green chile sauce. The smiles on their faces said it all!

Our food service team works tirelessly throughout the school year to create nutritious, tasty meals that fuel our students for success. By using fresh, locally sourced ingredients, we are not only promoting healthy eating habits, but also fostering a connection to our community.

We're proud of our food service team and their efforts to provide the best for our students. Thank you for supporting our mission to serve great meals and for encouraging our young learners to appreciate wholesome, local foods!



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Emma White, elementary kitchen staff, fills tortillas with freshly made beans and cheese.



courtesy SUIMA

Pictured left to right: Shawnee Rizzo acting out being sad in the blue zone, December Santistevan acting out happy in the green zone, Bryan Howe acting out nervous in the yellow zone, and Cash Rodriguez-Velasquez acting out surprised in the red zone.

SUIMA

Pawaaghani po'okwatu – Eagle's Nest

Teaching regulation at the Academy

By Randi Foster
CURRICULUM SPECIALIST

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) focuses on regulation for learning and life-long well-being. This year, SUIMA began a new curriculum that focuses on teaching self-regulation skills. Self-regulation is the ability to tend to our own emotional and energetic needs. It's an essential skill in education because feeling sleepy, restless, or sad affects a student's ability to fully participate in lessons; yet we all feel these things!

Teaching regulation helps students learn healthy, positive ways to cope with their feelings and inner states. Not only do regulation skills help students be successful in school, but they help us in life in general.

All SUIMA staff participated in training related to The Zones of Regulation, a program for teaching students self-regulation skills. Our goal is consistent, school-wide implementation so that students have support with regulation throughout



Mari Jo Owens
Principal
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

their school day.

The Zones of Regulation sort emotions into four color-coded categories. Blue is for low-energy emotions (sad, tired, sick); green is for medium energy emotions (calm, happy, comfortable); yellow is for higher energy emotions (excited, nervous, frustrated); red is for the highest energy emotions (angry, overjoyed, out of control). All the zones are okay, and people generally experience all of the zones in a given day. Being able to identify the zone they are

in helps students know what tools to use to self-regulate.

A central part of Zones of Regulation is the check-in process, which we can also help children do at home!

1. What body sensations are you feeling? Examples: fast breathing, eyelids feeling heavy, or tapping foot.
2. What emotions are you feeling and/or what zone are you in?
3. What tool might help? Examples: deep breaths, rest, going outside, or squeezing a pillow.
4. How are you feeling now? Would you like to try another tool?

Younger students may need more support with these steps. For example: "I noticed you stomped your foot. I wonder if you are feeling angry. Would you like to squeeze a pillow or run around outside?"

Practicing these steps regularly helps students learn this process so that they can do it throughout the day on their own.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- Fridays at 2 p.m. – Early Release
- Oct. 18 – Elementary students go to the MPF
- Oct. 19 – Parent workday to spruce up SUIMA's playground
- Oct. 24 – Pumpkin Splash
- Oct. 25 – Elementary students go to the MPF
- Oct. 31 – Trick or treating throughout the Tribal Campus

Applications for Advanced Standing MSW Program

Students with a bachelor's degree in social work (BSW) are eligible for a one-year Masters of Social Work program through the University of Denver. The program starts summer 2025 and classes are taught in Durango. Stipends for child welfare, integrated behavioral health care are available. Native American tuition support to eligible students is also available. For more info contact Janelle.Doughty@du.edu or www.du.edu/socialwork.

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Kapi naru'aghani, Coffee Shop



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy teachers held its first "kapi naru'aghani" or coffee shop on Friday, Oct. 11 outside of the SUIMA Dining Hall. This coffee shop was held to raise funds for the school.

The SUIMA Coffee Shop had many goods and beverage options. Primary Teacher Monique Marquez watches the cash register as customers buy baked goods, coffee, and hot chocolate.



INDIAN BOARDING SCHOOLS

NABS recognizes Indigenous Peoples' Day, honors survivors of federal Indian boarding schools

Staff report
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOL HEALING COALITION

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) proudly joins communities across the country in recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day, a momentous occasion to celebrate the rich histories, cultures, and contributions of Indigenous peoples in the United States. This day serves as an important reminder to honor the resilience of Native peoples and communities and reflect on the complex and often painful history that Indigenous peoples have endured.

In recognizing Indigenous Peoples' Day, NABS highlights the tragic legacy of U.S. Indian boarding schools, which sought to assimilate Indigenous children by erasing their cultural identities, languages, and traditions. From the early 1800s to the mid-20th century, these government- and church-funded institutions forcibly removed tens of thousands of Native children from their families and communities. The trauma caused by these schools has left deep scars that continue to affect Indigenous peoples across generations.

"Indigenous Peoples' Day is a day of celebration, but also a day of reflection and acknowledgment of the difficult truths in our nation's history," said NABS Chief Executive Officer, Deborah Parker (Tulalip Tribes). "The legacy of U.S. Indian boarding schools remind us of the resilience of Indigenous people and the importance of addressing historical injustices. As we honor survivors and those lost to these institutions, we reaffirm our commitment to standing in solidarity with Indigenous peoples in the ongoing journey of truth, healing and justice."

In light of recent efforts to address this history, including the U.S. government's investigation into unmarked graves at former boarding school sites, the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition calls on federal and state institutions to continue pursuing transparency, truth-telling, and healing. We also encourage education systems to incorporate Indigenous histories and perspectives, including the boarding school era, into their curricula so future generations can better understand the full scope of America's history.

HOW YOU CAN TAKE ACTION

Learn more about the history of U.S. Indian boarding schools by visiting resources such as the National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition.

Donate to support Indigenous-led organizations that advocate for healing and justice for Indigenous peoples and communities. Use this day to elevate Indigenous voices and support policies that safeguard and empower Native nations, including the passage of Senate Bill 1723/ House Resolution 7227: The Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding Schools Policies Act.

As we commemorate Indigenous Peoples' Day, let us not only celebrate the strength and contributions of Indigenous communities, but also commit to supporting their rights, sovereignty, and healing.

The National Native American Boarding School Healing Coalition (NABS) is dedicated to advocating for Native peoples impacted by U.S. Indian boarding schools. NABS seeks truth through education and research, justice through activism and policy advocacy, and healing through programs and traditional gatherings. boardingschoolhealing.org.

ELDER SERVICE'S OCTOBER ACTIVITIES LIST

OCTOBER 24-26, 2024

Indian Nationals Rodeo (Las Vegas, NV)

We have 6 rooms available.

Please call Elder Services for more information.

Van will depart Elder Services @ 8:00 a.m.

OCTOBER 31, 2024

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

CALL ELDER SERVICES @ 563-2309 TO HAVE YOUR NAME ADDED TO THE ACTIVITIES LIST

Education hosts open house




photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Southern Ute Education Director, Dr. Joseph Claunch greets families during the Open House event on Wednesday, Oct.9. The event gave Southern Ute, first descendant, and JOM families the opportunity to learn about the programs and resources the department offers to students.

Adult Education Program Specialist, Andrea Schultz signs off on scavenger hunt cards during the Southern Ute Education Open House event on Wednesday, Oct. 9. Families gathered to meet the staff, enjoy a meal, and enter a scavenger hunt for door prizes.



Kristean Velasquez and her children Scarlett and Cash grab free coloring books, stickers, and colored pencils at the first scavenger hunt stop during the Southern Ute Education Open House on Wednesday, Oct. 9.



BEADING WORKSHOP

Friday, Oct. 25 • 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm

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INDIGENOUS AFFAIRS

Trust Issues: How schools, hospitals, and prisons in 15 states profit from land and resources on 79 Tribal nations

Part II

Anna V. Smith & Maria Parazo Rose

THIS STORY IS A COLLABORATION BETWEEN GRIST AND HIGH COUNTRY NEWS

At the forefront are Washington, which is currently implementing legislation to return lands, and North Dakota, which is moving new legislation through Congress for the same purpose. But because of the lands' value and the states' financial obligations, it's difficult to transfer complete jurisdiction back to Indigenous nations. Trust lands must be swapped for land of equal or greater value, which tends to mean that a transfer is only possible if the land in question doesn't produce much revenue.

That's the case with Washington's Trust Land Transfer program, which facilitates exchanges of land that the state's Department of Natural Resources, or DNR, deems unproductive. Those lands are designated as "unproductive" because they might not generate enough revenue to cover maintenance costs, have limited or unsustainable resource extraction, or have resources that are physically inaccessible. A 540-acre plot of land that was transferred to the state Department of Fish and Wildlife in a 2022 pilot program was considered financially unproductive because "the parcel is too sparsely forested for timber harvest, its soils and topography are not suitable for agriculture, it offers low potential for grazing revenue, it is too small for industrial-scale solar power generation, and it is located too close to the 20,000-acre Turnbull National Wildlife Refuge for wind power generation."

Currently, Washington's state constitution does not allow for the exchange of subsurface acreage; the DNR retains mineral rights to state trust lands even after exchange. Transfers are funded by the state, with the Legislature paying the DNR the value of the land to be exchanged so the agency can then purchase new land. The value of all the lands that can be exchanged is capped at \$30 million every two years.

Even that money isn't guaranteed: The legislature isn't obligated to approve the funding for transfers. Additionally, the program is not focused solely on exchanges with Indigenous nations; any public entity can apply for a land transfer. Through the pilot program in 2022, the state Department of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources, and Kit-sap County received a total of 4,425 acres of federal land valued at more than \$17 million in exchange for unproductive trust lands. All three entities proposed using the land to establish fish and wildlife habitat, natural areas, and open space and recreation. None of the proposed projects in the pilot program had tribes listed as receiving agencies for land transfer. However, six of the eight proposals up for funding between 2025 and 2027 would be transferred to tribal nations.

In North Dakota, the Trust Lands Completion Act would allow the state to exchange surface state

trust lands on reservations for more accessible federal land or mineral rights elsewhere. The legislation made it through committee in the U.S. Senate last year and, this fall, state officials hope to couple it with bigger land-use bills to pass through the Senate and then the House.

But one of the legislation's main caveats is that it, like Washington, excludes subsurface acres: North Dakota's constitution also prohibits ceding mineral rights. North Dakota currently owns 31,000 surface and 200,000 subsurface acres of trust lands on reservations. State Commissioner of University and School Lands Joe Heringer said that returning state trust lands with mineral development would be complicated because of existing development projects and financial agreements.

Right now, the only mineral development happening on reservation-bound state trust lands is on the Fort Berthold Reservation in the state's northwestern corner, with the Mandan, Hidatsa, and Arikara Nation, also known as the Three Affiliated Tribes.

Initial oil and gas leases are about five years, but they can stay in place for decades if they start producing within that time. "There's already all sorts of leases and contracts in place that could get really, really messy," Heringer said.

By design, subsurface rights are superior to surface rights. If land ownership is split – if a tribe, for instance, owns the surface rights while an oil company owns the subsurface rights – the subsurface owner can access its resources, even though the process might be complicated, regardless of what the surface owner wants.

"It's not worthless, but it's close to it," Stainbrook said of returning surface rights without subsurface rights.

Still, Stainbrook acknowledges that programs to return state trust lands are meaningful because they consolidate surface ownership and jurisdiction and allow tribes to decide surface land use. Plus, he said, there's a lot of land without subsurface resources to extract, meaning it would be left intact. But split ownership, with tribes owning surface rights and non-tribal entities holding subsurface rights, prevents tribes from fully making their own choices about resource use and management on their lands. And states are not required to consult with tribes on how these lands are used.

"In the sense of tribal sovereignty, it has not increased tribal sovereignty," Stainbrook said. "In fact, I mean, it's pretty much the status quo."

Of the 79 reservations that have state trust lands within their boundaries, tribal governments of 49 of them have received federal Tribal Climate Resilience awards since 2011. These awards are designed to fund and assist tribes in creating adaptation plans and conducting vulnerability and risk assessments as climate change increasingly threatens their homes. But with the existence of state trust lands inside reservation boundaries, coupled with state-driven resource extraction, many tribal governments face hard

limits when trying to enact climate mitigation policies – regardless of how much money the federal government puts toward the problem.

In 2023, a wildfire swept the Flathead Reservation, just west of Flathead Lake. Afterwards, the CSKT and the Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation, which manages the state's trust lands, discussed salvage timber operations – in which marketable logs are taken from wildfire-burned forests – on two affected state trust land parcels, both inside the reservation. The tribe approved a road permit for the state to access and salvage logs on one parcel, but not the other, since it wasn't as impacted by the fire. Later, the tribe found out that the state had gone ahead with salvage operations on the second parcel, bypassing the need for a tribal road permit by accessing it through an adjacent private property.

That lack of communication and difference in management strategies is evident on other state trust lands on the reservation: One logged state parcel is adjacent to a sensitive elk calving ground, while another parcel, logged in 2020, sits atop a ridgeline and impacts multiple streams with bull trout and westslope cutthroat trout. The uniformity and scale of the state logging – and the prioritization of profit and yield – do not align with the tribes' forestry plans, which are tied to cultural values and use of land, Incashola said. "Sometimes the placement of (trust lands) affects cultural practices, or precludes cultural practices from happening on those tracts," he said. "We can't do anything about it, because they have the right to manage their land."

Montana's Department of Natural Resources and Conservation did not make anyone available to interview for this story, but answered some questions by email and said in a statement that the department "has worked with our Tribal Nations to ensure these lands are stewarded to provide the trust land beneficiaries the full market value for use as required by the State of Montana's Constitution and the enabling legislation from Congress that created these trust lands."

Since the 1930s, the CSKT has prioritized reclaiming land, buying private and state trust lands back at market value. Today, the tribe owns more than 60 percent of its reservation.

While logging used to be the tribe's main income source, it has diversified its income streams since the 1990s. Now, the tribe's long-term goal is for its forests to return to pre-settler conditions and to build climate resiliency by actively managing them with fire. The state's Montana Climate Solutions Plan from 2020 acknowledged the CSKT as a leader on climate and recommended that the state support tribal nations in climate resilience adaptation. However, that suggestion remains at odds with the state's management of, and profit from, reservation lands. The 640-acre parcel near the Mission Moun-



Tailyr Irvine/Grist/High Country News

State and tribal forestry management practices stand in contrast here, where the corner of a recently logged state trust land parcel abuts lands managed by the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes.

tains that Incashola had never been able to visit because of the locked gate, for example, abuts tribal wilderness and is considered a sensitive area. Since 2015, the state has made \$775,387.82 from logging that area.

The legislation that included the Montana-CSKT land exchange passed in 2020, but progress has been slow. The exchange doesn't include all the state trust land on the reservation, which means the selection process of those acres is ongoing. The lands within the tribally protected areas, as well as those near the Mission Mountain Wilderness, are of high priority for the CSKT. There are some state lands that are ineligible, such as those that do not border tribal land. But the state has also interpreted the legislation to exclude subsurface acres that could be used for mining or other extractive activities. The tribe is steadfast that subsurface acres are included in the legislation. The impasse has complicated negotiations.

"It's out-and-out land theft," said Minnesota State Senator Mary Kunesh of state trust lands on reservations. Kunesh, a descendant of the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe, has authored two bills that returned state land to tribes, each with a decade or more of advocacy behind it.

On the Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe's reservation in Minnesota, for example, the tribe owns only about 5 percent of the reservation, al-

though federal legislation recently returned more than 11,000 acres of illegally taken national forest. Meanwhile, the state owns about 17 percent. That ownership has an impact. Tribes in Minnesota do not receive revenue from state trust lands on their reservations, nor do tribal schools, Kunesh says. "Hundreds of thousands of millions of dollars that could have perhaps been used to educate, to create housing, to create economic opportunity have been lost to the tribes," Kunesh said. Still, "it's not that the tribes want money. They want the land."

Land return is contentious, but Kunesh has seen support for it from people of all backgrounds while working to pass legislation. "We do need our non-Native communities to stand up and speak the truth as they see it when it comes to returning the lands, and any kind of compensation, back to the tribes."

But those land returns will also require political support from senators and representatives at both the state and federal level. "Ultimately, it is up to Congress to work with States and other affected interests to find solutions to these land management issues," the National Association of State Trust Lands' executive committee said in an email.


In some states, legislators have indicated strong resistance. Utah lawmakers passed a law this year that allows the state's Trust Land Adminis-

tration to avoid advertising state land sales. The law gives Utah's Department of Natural Resources the ability to buy trust land at fair market value, ultimately avoiding possible bidding wars with other entities, like tribes. The legislation came after the Ute Indian Tribe outbid the Department of Natural Resources when trying to buy back almost 30,000 acres of state trust land on their reservation.

"It's going to have to take the general public to get up in arms over it and say, 'This is just morally wrong,'" said Stainbrook of the Indian Land Tenure Foundation. "We haven't gotten to that point where enough people are standing up and saying that."

Near the southeast edge of the Flathead Reservation is a place called Jocko Prairie – though it hasn't looked like a prairie for some time – with stands of large ponderosa pines and other trees crowding in, a result of federal fire-suppression practices on tribal lands. The Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribes have worked to restore the prairie by keeping out cattle, removing smaller trees, and reintroducing fire. Land that was once crowded with thickets of brush is now opening up, and as more sunlight reaches the ground, grasses and flowers have come back.

This year in early June, a sea of blue-purple camas spread out on the ground under the trees, reactivated by fire after decades of lying dormant. It was a return.




Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members:

2024 Annual Salmon Give-Away

Friday, November 8th,
Friday, November 15th &
Friday, November 22nd

By Colorado Parks & Wildlife




With permission from the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation and Animas-La Plata Association, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is again conducting its annual Lake Nighthorse kokanee salmon spawning operation. This spawning operation is important for fisheries within the Southwest Region and across the State of Colorado.

CPW wants to let the Southern Ute Tribal members, as well as, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Members, know about the spawning and fish giveaways. We are inviting enrolled tribal members (SUIT & UMUT) to share this fish resource.

- Fish giveaways are scheduled for 3:00pm on Friday, November 8th, 15th & 22nd.
- Tribal Members need only to present their Tribal Census Card or Tribal Brunot Area fishing permit. Tribal members do NOT need to possess a State fishing permit.

Participants can begin lining up at the boat ramp at 2:00 p.m. When entering the lake, members should let the City of Durango staff at the entrance booth know they are there for the Kokanee giveaway. CPW staff members will distribute kokanee based on the number of fish that have been collected from the reservoir and the number of people in line.



Please, call the Wildlife Division if you have any questions at (970)563-0130.



Harvest festival at ELHI



photos Krista Richards/SU Drum

The ELHI Community Center hosted the Harvest Festival and Car Show on Saturday, Oct. 5 in the EHLI parking lot. Vendors, music, food and a silent auction helped raise funds to get heating back into the ELHI building.

Tanisha Figueroa and SaRya Naranjo set up their stand during the Harvest Festival, which included selling cupcakes, cookies, cake pops and cocoa bombs as well as hosting a cake walk to win prizes.

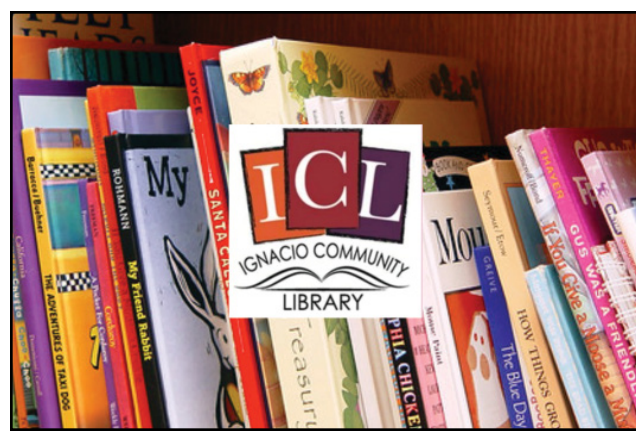


The harvest festival had a small pumpkin patch where families could do some Halloween decorating for the festival's pumpkin decorating contest.

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Freedom to read

By Ron Schermacher
IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY



Why would anyone ban a book? This question was asked in the most innocent voice of truly mystified youth when they saw the display on banned books this month at the library. Out of the mouth of babes. Unfortunately, the last few years have produced more challenges to the freedom to read than any time in the recent past. Fortunately for us here in Ignacio, this has been mostly a non-issue.

Banned Books week was October 5th to the 11th this year, an annual event that highlights the value of free and open access to information. The American Library Association's Office of Intellectual Freedom documented a 65% increase in the number of book challenges, reaching the highest levels ever documented by the OIF in the last 20 years.

Books are challenged for a variety of reasons, including content, religious viewpoint, race, LGBTQIA+ content, political viewpoint, police brutality, the history of slavery in the U.S., and drug and alcohol use. Book banning is a form of censorship that occurs when books are removed from libraries, school reading lists, or bookstore shelves. The debate over book banning reflects broader societal discussions about education, parental rights, and the role of literature in shaping

young minds.

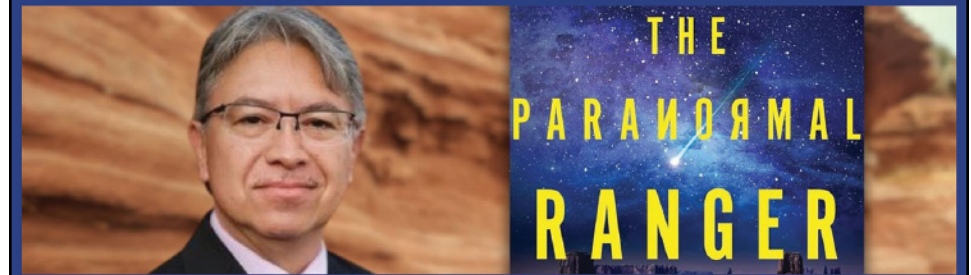
Happily, we live in Colorado, which is not only rich in natural beauty but also in residents who value their freedom. Just this year, the Colorado legislature signed SB24-049 into law which, among other things, restricts book challenges to people who live in the area where the challenge is made. This keeps national organizations from targeting communities in which they have no investment. This in turn should reduce the number of challenges and save our precious state funds for more positive actions. Just one attempt to remove a book from a school district took over 600 hours of staff time costing the district over \$30,000. This is an outrageous amount of money that could be put to far better use.

Realistically, in this day and age, it is very difficult to keep someone from reading what they want anyway. Websites such as The Banned Book Club provide open access through a variety of digital devices. This

free service from the Digital Public Library of America (DPLA) is just one choice among many, including Google Books and the Internet Archive. Also, many booksellers have used copies of these books at economical prices.

The basic tenet of individual freedom is that no one has the inherent authority to dictate another person's actions or choices so long as they remain within the boundaries of the law and respect others' rights. As for the youth in our community, it is their parents, and only their parents, who have the right and responsibility to decide what their children can view. But I am preaching to the choir here in Ignacio. Although ICL has had a few patrons voice concerns, no one has officially challenged any material at the library. Usually, a one-on-one conversation with the Director alleviates any anxiety. Obviously, our small and diverse community has a deep respect for individual freedom.

Stanley Milford, JR. Online Author Talk!
 Visit ignaciolibrary.org to register, or call (970)563-9287 to learn more.



Thursday, November 7

HALLOWEEN MYSTERY DINNER
SUNDAY, OCT 27 AT 1:00 PM

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Howell to Veterans Chapter



courtesy Howard Richards Sr./SU Veterans Association

Joseph Howell, son of Shiri Howell and grandson to Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander, Howard Richards Sr., was inducted as an Official Associate Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1075 in Colorado Springs, Colo. Pictured Left to Right: James Ramirez, Vice-President, Joseph Howell, Thomas Dowell, President, and Nathan Vandermeer, Sergeant at Arms.

DANCING SPIRIT

Dia De Los Muertos: Call for art show entries

Staff report
DANCING SPIRIT CENTER FOR THE ARTS

Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts would like to invite you to participate in our Dia De Los Muertos Exhibit at our Grand Opening Celebration. Each artist may submit up to three pieces. There will be an entrance fee of \$10 per entry, with a discounted fee for annual Dancing Spirit supporting members of \$7 per entry. Submissions may be emailed to gallery@dscac.org and must be received no later than 5 p.m., Oct. 11.

The exhibit will open on Wednesday, Oct. 23 and will continue through Saturday, Nov. 16. Accepted artwork may be delivered on Monday, Oct. 21 between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. to the Dancing Spirit Gallery. The opening recep-

tion will be during the Grand Opening on Oct. 25 at 5 p.m. Awards will be presented at the end of the evening, and all artists are encouraged to attend but it is not required. Entries will be judged by the event attendees with a people's choice award given to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. The 1st place award will be \$100, the 2nd place award will be \$75 and the 3rd place

award will be \$50 and each awarded artist will be featured on our website and social media.

This exhibit will close on Nov. 16 at 6 p.m. Art pick up will be Nov. 18 between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m. If you are unable to pick up your artwork during this time, you will be responsible for making arrangements with the Dancing Spirit Director.

Important Dates To Remember

- Before Oct. 21 – GRAND OPENING ONLY Please email us at dancingpiritgallery@gmail.com and let us know if you are interested!
- Oct. 21 – Artwork brought to gallery between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.
- Oct. 23 – Exhibit opens
- Oct. 25 – Opening reception & awards presentation
- Nov. 16 – Exhibit closes
- Nov. 18 – Pick up artwork between 10 a.m. – 4 p.m.

The ELHI Community Center

970-563-4100, admin@theelhiignacio.org

- ELHI Board of Directors meeting: Mon., Oct. 21, 10 – 11 a.m.
- Hoping for Heat Campaign: Seeking donations for boiler replacement at ELHI
- Rise & Shine Teamwork Tuesday: First Tuesday of every month (10% of sales support ELHI)
- Care & Share Mobile Market: Wed., Nov. 6, 1 – 2 p.m.

WATER WEEK

Fort Lewis College | October 2024
All events free and open to the public!

- 21 MON** **FLC WATER SEMINAR SERIES** with CO State Senator Cleave Simpson
4:40 - 5:35 PM | Center of Southwest Studies Lyceum
- 22 TUE** **HYDROLOGY MODEL WORKSHOP** San Miguel Watershed Coalition, Mountain Studies Institute
9:40am - 12:40pm | Vallecito Room
- 23 WED** **"THE UTE WATER LEGACY" - FILM & PANEL** 4CWC, RMPBS, SGM, and SWCD
5 - 8 PM | Student Union Ballroom
- 24 THU** **USA JOBS WORKSHOP** with the US Geological Survey
12:50 - 2:10 PM | Education Business Hall 055
- 25 FRI** **TRIBAL WATER MEDIA SHOWCASE** Tribal Water Media Fellowship Program, KSUT, RMPBS
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FORT LEWIS COLLEGE

Center of Southwest Studies to feature prominent Indigenous filmmakers

Staff report

CENTER OF SOUTHWEST STUDIES

The Center of Southwest Studies (Center) is pleased to present Given Time: Sensory Aesthetics of Reclamation, an exhibition that explores Indigenous relationships to land and how it intersects with issues of sovereignty, environmental sustainability, colonialism, and identity through the presentation of four films by prominent Native artists, alongside select objects from the Center of Southwest Studies' own museum collections. The exhibition is guest curated by Megan Alvarado-Saggese, PhD and features film works by Sky Hopinka (Ho-Chunk Nation/Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians), Angelo Baca (Hopi/Diné) and New Red Order [Jackson Polys (Tlingit), Zack Khalil (Ojibway) and Adam Khalil (Ojibway)].

Given Time: Sensory Aesthetics of Reclamation, which is made possible with a grant from the City of Du-

rango Arts & Culture Lodger's Tax Fund, will open with a reception on Thursday, October 24 at 4:30-6:30pm and the exhibition will run through April 24, 2025.

Notably, Given Time signifies a new and innovative direction for the Center by prominently featuring moving image as a central medium in the museum gallery space for the first time. The content of the video works presented foregrounds Indigenous voices and knowledge systems through recollections of personal and shared histories. Film, a vivid mode of direct storytelling, offers an immersive experience that puts us in connection with the artists' vision, memories, and perspectives.

Visitors will also engage with a unique and varied curated selection of objects from the Center's museum collections by such artists as: Tony Abeyta (Diné), Berdine Begay (Diné), RC Gorman (Diné), Marietta Juanico (Pueblo of Acoma), Mabel Myers (Diné), Fritz Scholder (La Jolla Band

of Luiseño Indians), Robert Dale Tsosie (Picuris Pueblo/Diné) and Sam Two Bulls (Oglala Sioux-Pine Ridge Reservation).

ABOUT THE FILMS

Two single-channel films by Guggenheim and MacArthur Fellow Sky Hopinka (Ho-Chunk Nation/Pechanga Band of Luiseño Indians) layer imagery, sound, and text to traverse Indigenous histories and contemporary experience. As a photographer, in addition to a video artist, Hopinka is known for developing new forms of cinema that center the perspectives of Indigenous people, interweaving documentary-style representations and abstract imagery with vibrant and varied color palettes. Hopinka's films have screened at various festivals, including Sundance and the Toronto International Film Festival, and been exhibited widely in notable venues such as the 2017 Biennial at the Whitney Museum of American Art (New York, NY), Museum of Modern Art (New York, NY), Solomon R. Guggenheim Museum (New York, NY) and the Walker Art Center (Minneapolis, MN) among others. Hopinka is currently an Assistant Professor of Art, Film, and Visual Studies at Harvard University.

Sunflower Siege Engine (2022) weaves together moments of resistance from documentation of the Indigenous led occupation of Alcatraz to the reclamation of Cahokia, the site of the largest

pre-Columbian community in what is now the United States. Hopinka considers these moments of repatriation of the ancestors as "gestures on the nature of the reservation system, and where sovereignty and belligerence intersect and diverge."

Kunjkaga Remember Red Banks, Kunjkaga Remembers the Welcoming Song (2014) features the recollections of Hopinka's grandmother of the Red Banks, a Ho-Chunk village site near present day Green Bay, WI. The area holds significance as the site of French explorer, Jean Nicolet's, landing in 1634, the first settler to step foot in what is now known as Wisconsin. The film oscillates between personal and shared history, as well as practices and processes of remembrance.

Exploring a case of post-mortem justice, The Violence of a Civilization Without Secrets (2017) by Jackson Polys (Tlingit), Zack Khalil (Ojibway) – collectively known as the "public secret society" New Red Order – educates viewers on the "Kennewick Man." Also known as the "Ancient One" by the Colville, Yakama, Nez Perce, Umatilla and Wapum, the nearly 9,000-year-old remains were found in 1996 by the Columbia River in Kennewick, Washington. The film urges us to reflect on Indigenous sovereignty and to consider the value and accuracy of oral histories when faced with the sometimes blind certainty of forensic anthropology.

New Red Order is a pub-



courtesy Sky Hopinka

A hand extends upward, reaching towards a clouded sky with a mountain range and body of water in the background.

lic secret society of rotating membership – including core contributors Adam Khalil, Zack Khalil, and Jackson Polys – that collaborates with self-described "informants" to create video, performance, and online works that bring attention to the fetishization and misappropriation of Native culture. NRO speculates on the colonial desire to at once commodify Native stereotypes and to "play Indian," while simultaneously seeking to erase Indigeneity. Named to critique the fraternal organization, the Improved Order of the Redmen and the Degree of Pocahontas, founded in Baltimore in 1834, the New Red Order seeks to re-center Indigenous perspectives.

Shash Jaa': Bears Ears (2016) is a film by cultural activist, scholar, and filmmaker Angelo Baca (Hopi/Diné) that addresses Indigenous rights and environmental stewardship. The documentary follows the journey of the Bears Ears Inter-Tribal Coalition (Hopi, Navajo Nation, Ute Indian Tribe of the

Uintah and Ouray Reservation, Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, and Pueblo of Zuni) as they successfully advocated for the protection and designation of 1.36 million acres of culturally significant ancestral lands across southern Utah.

Baca, an Assistant Professor of History, Philosophy, and the Social Sciences at the Rhode Island School of Design, centers his research in Indigenous international repatriation, Indigenous food sovereignty, and sacred lands protection. His work reflects a commitment to collaborative research with Indigenous communities on equal and respectful terms and a long-standing dedication to both Western and Indigenous knowledge. Through his films and activism, Baca continues to focus on the protection of Indigenous communities by empowering local and traditional knowledge keepers in the stewardship of their own cultural practices and landscapes. Baca is a board member of Durango-based Conservation Lands Foundation.



courtesy Angelo Baca

Aerial view of a straight road through an arid landscape with sparse vegetation, leading towards flat-topped mountains under a clear blue sky.

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End of an era for boarding school



Krista Richards/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Vocational School – Head Start building is set against the backdrop of the Aurora Borealis, also known as the Northern Lights, which made their way over the southwestern night sky, Thursday, Oct. 10.

Standing just north of Ignacio, the Southern Ute Vocational School-Head Start Building has been a fixture on Tribal Campus for roughly a century. Following careful consideration of several aspects of this project, Tribal Council approved the demolition of the Ute Vocational School-Head Start building via Resolution on Sept. 5, 2023. Demolition of the school began Monday, Oct. 14, major demolition was completed by the end of the following day. For generations the school has made both positive and negative impacts on Ute and other Indigenous students; a holdover from the BIA boarding school era, where students actively attended the school until 1981. The building has been repurposed since that time to reflect educational, governmental, and community needs, up to the closure of the Southern Ute Head Start Program in 2019.



Conrad Thompson/SU Drum

The remaining structure of the Ute Vocational School-Head Start building is seen being taken down on Tuesday, Oct. 15. In the distance, the Southern Ute Growth Fund Building can be seen as a stark contrast of the past and future.



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Day two of the demolition continued Tuesday, Oct. 15. Construction workers broke down walls and roofing on the south side of the building near the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Project Superintendent Dan Thomas, with FCI Constructors, Inc., leads Drum newspaper staff through the Southern Ute Vocational School-Head Start building ahead of Monday's scheduled demolition.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Crews from FCI bring down the structural walls using an excavator, Monday, Oct. 14. Over the next several months, Construction & Project Management will be working to carry out the demolition and specific material preservation work as directed.



Conrad Thompson/SU Drum

The inside of the Ute Vocational School-Head Start building on Tuesday, Oct. 15, shows the remnants of the classrooms, water fountains, as well as other facilities used by various Tribal affiliates and the surrounding community.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Sunlight filters through the windows of an abandoned classroom, somewhat unchanged since the time when students first attended the Southern Ute Boarding School (Ignacio Boarding School), which operated in Ignacio, Colo. from 1886-1981.



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Lorelei Cloud

Tribal Council Candidate

Mayhk,
I am honored to announce my candidacy for re-election to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. Serving our community has been one of the most fulfilling experiences of my life, and I am eager to continue advocating for our people, our culture, and our future.



over 100 years, Tribes have been excluded from these policy-making boards, and for centuries, our water has been used by others without any benefit to our people.

Your vote is crucial in shaping our future. When I was re-elected in 2021, I emphasized the need for leaders with an open mind to find solutions to the challenges that we face. The Tribal People vote in the Tribal Council to ensure our security for the present and the future, and I intend to strengthen that for you. I have taken this responsibility seriously, and I have remained true to my words.

We need our young people to be capable of taking care of this land that we will be leaving them. We need to have Indigenous lead efforts to regain our Indigenous knowledge of our plants and animals as well as how to care for nature. Praying and ceremonies are just a part of how we do that, but we need to support our youth as they learn these actions. Youth leadership is crucial in this endeavor.

Over the past three years, I have worked diligently to advance the Southern Ute voice in water conservation and policy, particularly in the Colorado River Basin. As negotiations for the Colorado River Post 2026 Operations are underway, I have ensured that Tribal water rights are a priority. I have actively pushed for protections for the "No Harm to Tribal Water" language in the alternatives being considered by the Bureau of Reclamation (BOR) and advocated for compensation for our unused water. Although we were close to securing compensation until September 18, 2024, when BOR rescinded their offer, my commitment to this cause remains unwavering. We have a failed and failing infrastructure owned and operated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) that is in desperate need of repair. Through my advocacy, the Tribe secured \$3 million from the BOR when the BIA failed to provide funding for its own project. I am working to secure a formal seat on the Upper Colorado River Commission that governs how the Upper Colorado River Basin is managed.

I also have testified at the Colorado State Capital for Senate Bill 24-193, "Protect Tribal Lands from Unauthorized Annexation Bill," to keep the City of Durango from calming land within the exterior bounties of our reservation. This fight is not just for us, but for our ancestors who fought for us to be here. I have stood strong in advocating for our people because this is critical for preserving our land, our water, our culture - our Ute way of life.

I am also working to ensure the two of the federally recognized Tribes in Colorado also have a formal seat on the Colorado Water Conservation Board (CWCB). Although I hold a current seat on the CWCB, I represent the San Juan, San Miguel-Dolores watershed basin; I want the Southern Ute Tribe and the Ute Mountain Tribe to have a seat on this state water board. For

Our past ancestors and leaders fought for us to be here, and I will continue to fight for our future. Our people are the Tribe's greatest assets. We are only as strong as our leaders, and you deserve to have someone fight for you, our land and water, and, more importantly, uphold our Ute culture. Being Ute is something that I have always been proud of, and protecting our Ute ways is not just a priority, but a solemn commitment. I am committed, I am dedicated, and I am devoted to making good on my promise to protect sovereignty, our Ute way of life, our land and water. I stand by you and for you and I humbly ask for your vote for the Southern Ute Tribal Council election on November 1, 2024.

Lorelei Cloud

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Christine Baker Sage

Tribal Council Candidate

Maykw Nuunu'agaat
Hello my fellow Southern Ute tribal members,

My name is Christine Baker Sage. I am a Southern Ute tribal elder, Ute Mountain Ute, former Southern Ute Tribal Chairman. I am family oriented being raised by my father and my mother with grace, responsibility, respect, and honor. I feel it is a strong responsibility as a tribal elder to be running for a seat on the Southern Ute Tribal Council.



better ways to improve our financial situation. Meeting with different Tribal Departments and Tribal Entities asking questions and getting the answers to present back to you, the Southern Ute membership.

I will be in this office to represent the Southern Ute tribal membership, those on and off the reservation with full dignity. I will keep an open-door policy so that the tribal members can come into my office to discuss issues. I have always had the doors open when I worked 6 years with the Southern Ute Election Board and as Tribal Chairman.

Our Tribal lands are very important and prosperous. We should hold our land close to us using it for our needs. With our water, our farming and ranching, our livestock, and the wildlife around us. Protect our lands. Our reservation is where our attention is needed for the betterment of our tribe, for our Tribal membership and our future.

I recognize and respect all Southern Ute tribal membership. I have dealt with disrespect and rudeness from within our Tribal leaders. This I am hoping does not continue to happen, we are all to be respected with gratitude and acceptance.

I ask for your vote for a seat on Tribal Council. I have the experience, I have an open door policy, I listen and get answers, I am transparent, and I have the dignity as a Tribal leader.

In this present time, we are all having to deal with many issues relating to our finances. As a mother and Grandmother, I am here supporting my children and grandchildren when they are in a bind. Supporting my family in many ways both physically and mentally in my caring way. What I am saying is I will review our Financial Plan and look for

PLEASE VOTE on November 1, 2024, Christine Baker Sage. Make your vote count and vote for a leader who's accountable. Vote for who's here for you, the Southern Ute tribal member.

Togwayak - Thank you!
Christine Baker Sage

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Vanessa Torres

Tribal Council Candidate

Maiku Pino Nuuchi,
My name is Vanessa Torres,



I am seeking re-election on the Southern Ute Tribal Council. First, I want to thank the Tribal membership for their support and trust in me during the last three years of my term on Council. For those who may not know me, I am the daughter of the late Sam E. Pinnecoose (egape) and Georgia W. McKinley. I come from a family of five siblings, married and have a daughter.

have been a vital topic along the Colorado River, Animas La Plata Project and Pine River Indian Irrigation Program. The Tribe has been stepping up to utilize their own money along with available grant funding to repair the PRIIP. The Bureau of Indian Affairs needs to be held accountable for their lack of responsibility and funding in assisting the Tribe. Our Tribal members continue to pay for Operation and Maintenance fees and at times they receive no water. If we use our water in ALP, we must pay for the O&MN fees which is one of the reasons we are unable to use the water. In addition, there is no funding for infrastructure to utilize the water for both Southern Ute and our sister Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute. Our water continues to flow downstream without the Tribe being compensated, while junior water users take advantage of the water. There have been dynamics with the Bureau of Reclamation and their thought process. We have been advocates in being involved in meetings with Bureau of Reclamation and the other Tribes along the Colorado River to utilize our voices to fight for our water rights that impacts our Tribal members. I have been involved and participated on different speaking panels along with my colleague to emphasize the voices for our Tribe.

During my first term, it was quite a learning experience to educate myself on the different entities and being able to make the best decision for the Tribe and the membership. In my term I have learned, grown, and evolved in my role as a Tribal Council member and continue to still learn. I humbly come before you to seek another term to continue to collaborate with the seated Council. There are projects and hurdles we as a Tribe need to be diverse in and be beneficial to the Tribal government and the membership. At times we need to think creatively, we have been in a stagnant era where change has been minimum. However, we need to challenge one another to be more efficient and effective with our departments and the Tribe.

Our sovereignty is especially important in how we proceed to govern our people within our Reservation boundaries. We continue to face challenges with the Federal, State, and other governmental agencies that fail to communicate with the Tribe on issues that have an impact on our people. Such as: water rights, land resources, protecting our cultural resources, wolf restoration, Indian Child Welfare Act, energy and environmental resources and Missing & Murdered Indigenous Relatives. We must be included at the table to tell our story instead of others speaking on behalf of us. Too many times the Tribe has not been involved in decision making and continues to be an afterthought, this frame of mind needs to change, and we need to be included. We face obstacles within our own government with housing, hiring, education, policies, and procedures that need to be revised.

The Tribe's water rights

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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL



CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Byron Frost

Tribal Council Candidate

Machaa Pino Nuchu, My name is Byron Frost, and I am running for the Southern Ute Tribal Council for the upcoming election. I am the son of Jack and Annetta Frost, my wife is Etta Red Frost, and my sons are Brian and Aaron (deceased), and my daughter is Deanna (deceased). I am the guardian of our two grandsons Richard and Ivan Joseph. I am of the Moache/Capota and Uncompaghe Ute Bands.



is crucial in any leadership role, to explain a complex issue to the Tribal community in a manner that they understand the issues and listening to what they have to offer is vital. Tribal members must always have a voice in the decision-making process. This promotes transparency and positive relationships with the Tribal members.

2. Critical Thinking:

Working with the policies and regulations of the Southern Ute Tribe and Bureau of Indian Affairs has given me the knowledge to analyze situations, identify challenges, and to develop solutions that will benefit the Tribal members and Tribal resources needs. During my tenure I have constantly employed critical thinking to evaluate regulatory policies, assess potential risks, and make informed decisions.

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1. Communication: Effective communication

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Cedric Chavez

Tribal Council Candidate

Greetings Membership, My name is Cedric J. Chavez and I am currently running for one of the open seats on our Tribal Council.



My main motivation for putting this campaign together comes from the encouragement I've received from those of you who have taken the time to speak with me while we are out taking care of our daily routines. Your kind words and your opinions on the Tribe's current situation have provided a new path for me to embark on.

In my original campaign I focused on the Tribe's accountability to the people it serves, and looked to defining new ways that could be accomplished in a more collaborative manner so people could be more involved in their government and know it was being managed responsibly, according to the guidelines set forth by our constitution, our accepted codes, and the current policies and procedures of the Tribe. Everyday I worked for you, I strived to accomplish the highest level of service to the membership as I could honestly give. It's what I expected and what I owed back to the Tribe and the people who supported my campaign.

Your confidence in my abilities to provide a more diligent approach to the Tribal Council is very humbling and inspiring. To know that there are others who expect the same, no more, no less, is lifting!

So where do we stand today? Judging from our conversations, I would have to say we are still not meeting the level of expectations the membership has for its elected officials.

How is it that at every turn we find ourselves here, talking about how there is no one to vote for, no one who cares, no one to win the day for the membership?

In my experience, before I was elected to the council, I shared some of the same thoughts, heard many of the stories of mismanagement, impropriety and so forth. Often wondered when there would be a time for the nonsense to be put aside and a hard focus of the issues would be brought to the forefront.

The fact of the matter is that being on the Tribal Council is a tough job, heavy is the head that wears the crown. You have your ideas and intentions but after all is said and done there are duties you must abide by according to the constitu-

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CANDIDATE STATEMENT

Linda Baker

Tribal Council Candidate

Greeting Pino Nuche, I am running for the Southern Ute Tribal Council to provide balance based on fairness. Tribal members are above Tribal Council in the organizational chart, and Tribal member perspective is paramount to how leadership should react when voting on decisions. In advance, I want to thank those who have voiced support of my candidacy. I encourage all Tribal members to be active participants by voting in this year's election.



Sincerely, Linda Baker

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my opinion for the benefit and success of our people. I will continue to do my best if given the opportunity to serve another term in making sure we manage and optimize our financial resources in a proper way to bene-

fit the Tribe. I ask for your vote on Friday, November 1, 2024, to continue to work on behalf of the membership and the Tribe.

Toghoyagh, Vanessa Torres

CANDIDATE STATEMENT

James "Mike" Olguin

Tribal Council Candidate

Southern Ute Tribal Council candidate Michael "James" Olguin did not submit a Candidate's statement or photo.



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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

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Issues:

1. I feel these issues need to be addressed for the betterment of Tribal members. We need to focus on moving forward with building a drug and alcohol treatment center for the Tribal members and descendants that are struggling with drug and alcohol addiction. To use the treatment, the cost for Tribal members and descendants should be on a sliding scale which can be determined during the due diligence process. Using the Affordable Care Act is also another avenue that can be utilized.

2. Water has always been an issue, every day more communities are developing housing sites. Will this affect our use of the water for irrigation? The Winter Doctrine protects our water rights and the quantified water that has been reserved for use in the Vallecito, Lemon and Ben Nighthorse reservoirs was established by our leaders in the past. Although our quantified water has been set, it doesn't deter the use of the water for other communities, as the reservoir depletes from drought and usage our irrigation water will be shut off early. It is important that we lead-

ers have a voice in new housing developments that occur. As leaders we must have a vision to protect the future use of our water. Using the Municipal and Industrial (M&I) use will certainly deplete our quantified water that is set aside for irrigable usage. Being cautious of approving the usage of our water in our decision-making process is important, because without irrigable water our land assignment will dry up.

3. Our elders have been ignored. What has happened to the approval of the Elders Committee? And why has the dividend payment for the elders not risen significantly? The cost of living has risen for everyone including the elders. I would, if elected, advocate to allow the elder payments to be higher than what they receive. Of course, you would have to attend the Candidate night to hear what I would propose.

There are many real time issues today that will need to be addressed: Education for our Tribal students in the public school system both here and off reservation must be a priority, we have a new Education Director so hopefully we can see a greater academic success for our Tribal member

students. We have had various Tribal members obtain a degree in Ute Language; I support the teaching of our language to our members and would advocate for more exposure to our language to the members. Our hunting privilege is guided by the Southern Ute Reservation Hunting Proclamation booklet that is approved by council; it states that we will need to have a hunter course before we can hunt. The Wildlife Division only conducts one course per year as I understand it. If you don't make that course, then you are out of luck. If elected I would advocate to have hunting course available each month throughout the hunting season, this way no one would be left out. There are many issues that need to be addressed. Again, I asked that you bring your issues of concerns to the candidate night, 6 p.m. Oct. 17, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

I possess a deep appreciation for the Southern Ute Tribe's culture, values and tradition. I recognize the importance of preserving Tribal sovereignty, promoting economic development, and ensuring the long-term success and vision of the Tribal government and Tribal members. I assure you I will make decisions that will benefit all Tribal members and the Tribal resources. I ask for your vote November 1, 2024.

VOTE: BYRON FROST

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tion and the oath you swear by, professional and ethical accordance, not to mention you better hope three other people share some of the same sentiments on the council or that you can provide a good enough discussion that offers enough reasoning as to why your stance is worth backing, if not the point is mute.

You come into the job as one person representing the whole Tribe, not just the people who voted for you, some people greet you and others could care less.

Either way your decision-making process is not bound by likes, it's bound by what's in the best interest of the Tribe and its people. Sometimes that interest is not popular and sometimes you don't win the day but tomorrow is another day.

Bureaucracy tying your hands, don't cross those lines, don't discuss this or that, time constraints pulling you in different directions, just enough to make your head spin. Was often related to me that, it was better you than me.

The toughest part of the job is how it seemingly pulls you away from the

people, leading them to think you don't care. You deliver laws, policies, procedures, approve workings meant to benefit the people, and just when you think it's going good, darn, you're not doing what you said. A bit confusing cause I thought I was doing what I said, being diligent, being present, working honestly, providing opportunities for the people to better themselves and live with a greater piece of their own self-determination.

Working by the book is not glamorous, but it's what defines the job and when you get to think outside the box with some progressive thinking you have to check if the book allows for it. When conservative thinking is used cooperatively with progressive thinking you accomplish something good, something useful, something I believe we need to freshen up our book.

I cannot promise to change your lives with a million dollars, but I can promise to provide hard work and informed decisions to guarantee that our opportunities continue to expand for generations to come.

Some of the ideas I would like to bring to the table include term limits for all council members, tightening up our election process to do away with runoff elections, possibly amending our constitution to fit present and future needs while preserving the strength that has been provided from the past, aligning council duties to either fit more closely with common practices or become phased out to become more in line with constitutional guidance, provide for more council sponsored community events, look into opportunities that fulfill the need to provide a youth center, strengthen and expand our code to deal with issues that breakdown our community, build on community learning opportunities that support our culture and language skills.

I firmly believe that we get what we give, and I am willing to give of myself for the betterment of our people. One person, one vote, ready to take responsible actions in the right direction.

Togwayak!
Cedric Chavez

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Tribal Members, Tribal Departments, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pickups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP**. No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. **APPOINTMENT ONLY**.

If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS. No semi-truck or heavy equipment tires accepted. Tires only, no wheels.**

We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders. Please contact Elder Services at (970) 563-2323 if you need help with bagging and piling of your trash.

All vehicle disposals please call Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265.

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call Environmental Programs at 970-563-2272. If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs.

LARGE SITE or DANGEROUS or HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the **HOMEOWNER'S EXPENSE**. This will be on a case-by-case basis and scheduled dependent on program availability.

Areas of Operation

- Motor Pool, 970-563-0280, Tribal Member homes west of the Pine River except those areas listed below.
- Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes on Cr 314, Cr 315, Cr 316, and Cr 311 and **ALL VEHICLES.**
- Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas Apartments.
- Construction Services, 970-563-0260, Tribal members within the Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.
- Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority, 970-563-4575, Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center.

Southern Ute Property and Facilities, Tyson Thompson, 970-563-2945



Multi - Purpose Facility October 2024 Events

Monthly Event Calendar

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

Halloween Youth Craft Day—Friday October 25, 10:30 AM—2:00 PM

Haunted House opens October 25, 26 & 31, 2024 6:00 PM

- Events are subject to change—watch for announcements



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO
970-563-2640 - multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov

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



Tuesday & Wednesday
10:00 AM - 3:30 PM

Tuesday & Wednesday
5:30 PM - 7:30 PM



Call Elise to sign up & get supply list 970-563-2641

Bring your unfinished items
and any new projects you would like to start.
Make an appointment for one-on-one assistance



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

Veterans Day Brunch

All Community US Veterans are invited

Multi-Purpose Facility

Monday November 11, 2024
10:00 AM - 12:30 PM



Essay contest Winners will be announced.

Honoring all honorably Discharged U. S. Veterans, regardless of race or ethnicity.

Meal sponsored by Farmers Fresh Market.

Meal prepared by the Volunteers to Honor Our Veterans

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Community Members - Essay Contest to Honor a Veteran

Has 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 and take a chance to win a quilt made by us. Please submit a 500 word essay describing the veteran, include their rank & branch to; egleramo-na@gmail.com, eredd@southernute-nsn.gov or sr21frost@aol.com by November 1, 2024. Winners will be announced at the Veterans breakfast at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility on Veterans Day November 11, 2024. Quilts will be presented in the military Branches of the Army, Navy, Marines or Air Force.

Thank you to all those who served and we look forward to getting to know our local veterans.

Essay Contest Rules:

- Open to people living in the Four Corners Area.
- Veteran can be living or deceased Honorably Discharged U.S. Military Veteran.
- Must have served in the U.S. Army, Navy, Marines, or Air Force.
- Include your name, address and phone number.



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 descendancy 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 \(southernute-nsn.gov\)](https://southernute-nsn.gov)

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

Multi-Purpose Facility Youth Craft Day

Friday October 25, 2024
10:30 AM - 1:30 PM



Youth will make Halloween themed crafts and snacks

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

VETERANS DAY COMMUNITY POW WOW

Honoring All Who Served

November 9 & 10, 2024

Ignacio High School - 315 Ignacio Street, Ignacio CO

Gourd Dance * Princess Contest * Dance Contests for Veterans * Arts & Crafts Fair

HEAD STAFF

- HEAD MAN DANCER—Jack Frost Jr, So. Ute/Pawnee/So. Cheyenne, Ignacio CO
- HEAD LADY DANCER—Gracious Jacket, Ute Mtn. Ute, Towaoe CO
- HEAD GOURD DANCER—Henry Whiteskunk II, So. Ute/So. Cheyenne, Ignacio CO
- ARENA DIRECTOR— Kenny Brown Sr., No. Arapahoe/Cree, Ft. Defiance AZ
- MASTER OF CEREMONIES— Reffel Kanip, Ute, Ft. Duchesne UT
- MC APPRENTICE—Stais Harlan, So. Ute/Omaha/Dine, Ignacio CO
- HOST DRUM/GOURD—Omaha White Tail, Bernard Grant, Omaha, Macy NE
- HOST NORTHERN DRUM—Red Spirit—AJ Kanip, Ute, Ft. Duchesne UT
- COLOR GUARD—Southern Ute Veterans Association, Ignacio CO

Southern Ute Veterans Association Honoring Special 1:30 PM Saturday
Ronnie C. Baker and Edward Lee Brown

Saturday, November 9

- Doors Open at 10:30 AM
- Gourd Dance: 11:00 AM & 6:00 PM
- Grand Entry 1:00 PM
- Supper Break: 5:00 - 6:00 PM
- Grand Entry: 7:00PM



Sunday, November 10

- Doors Open at 10:30 AM
- Gourd Dance: 11:00 AM
- Grand Entry 1:00 PM
- Closing—5:00 PM

Veterans Street Clothes & Traditional Dress Contests - Special Memorial Honoring Contests

Monday November 11, 2024

Veterans Day Community Brunch 10:00 AM - Noon at the Multi-Purpose Facility

All Community Veterans are invited, Presentation of Essay Winners, Army, Marine, Navy, & Air Force.
Brunch is sponsored by Farmer's Fresh Market & prepared by the Volunteers to Honor Our Veterans

All American Veterans are invited to attend and participate regardless of race or ethnicity.

More Information: Elise Redd, 970-779-8149, 970-563-2641 or the Multi-Purpose Facility 970-563-2640
Arts & Crafts Vendor Space \$50 /day \$75 full event Contact: Stais Harlan 970-563-2642

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Ignacio High School, District 11JT- Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Tallias Cantsee (75), Miguel Red (58) and Charley Pargin (55) swarm and sandwich a Trinidad player while nearly knocking the ball loose during IHS' 53-6 road win Friday night, Oct. 11, at Dutch Nogel Field.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Bobcats mar Miners' Homecoming, IHS posts 40 first-half points at Trinidad, closing 53-6!

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Rumor had it that Trinidad's Marching Miners had finally found a long-lacking sound.

And under new director Heather Sanchez, wife of former Ignacio Girls' Soccer head coach Daniel (now THS' special-education teacher), the band apparently couldn't wait to perform at halftime of THS' Homecoming Week football game Friday night, Oct. 11, against – as irony would have it – Ignacio. Which wasn't about to waste a single tick of a two-minute, nay, 27-second drill prior to the break.

Thinking the second quarter had ended with IHS junior Gabe Archuleta rushing for ten yards down to Trinidad's 3-yard line, the musicians quickly strode out on-

to the gridiron ready to serenade spectators. Only problem was Archuleta's carry, coming immediately after junior quarterback Zane Pontine's 37-yard throw to sophomore Cayson Burcham – which had immediately followed junior Aven Bourriague's interception of THS QB Isaiah Moreno at the 50 – and a subsequent Pontine incompletion, required the chains to be re-situated and the clock to be briefly paused, allowing the Bobcats to hurry into formation, while the job was done.

With a couple seconds remaining, and the band essentially navigating the field of play, Ignacio all but stole the show as Pontine faked throwing to his left, then spun and threw to D.J. Hendren in the right flat for a 3-yard touchdown as time expired. Throwing a shak-

er of salt into the wound, Pontine connected with Archuleta for a two-point conversion increasing IHS' advantage to 40-0, en route to a 53-6 road victory.

"The kids were disciplined, you know?" said head coach Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia. "You practice to do the right things ... and they listened to things we told them to do. They went to their spots and didn't try to over-do things ... The magic word today was 'discipline.'"

That being said, even the Bobcats' skipper had to be impressed with how the fourth and final frame played out within the running-clock 'mercy' rules, which took effect when Trinidad kicked off beginning the third quarter. Attempting zero passes after intermission, Ignacio

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BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats blaze into Homecoming Week

Squad secures three wins in three days

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Powered by a statement-making sweep of 2A/1A San Juan Basin League force Mancos – inside MHS Gymnasium, and on the Lady Jays' designated Senior Night, to boot – Ignacio High's Volleycats entered two subsequent home matches in the next two days and exited with two more victories.

First to fall inside IHS Gymnasium, on Friday, Oct. 11, was Telluride. Another 2A-level SJBL side like MHS, the Lady Miners hung tough early but weakened late as the 'Cats prevailed 25-23, 18-25, 25-20, 25-15. Nucla then came calling the next afternoon but was quickly turned back as Ignacio rolled 25-16, 25-13, 25-9 – boosting the 'Cats up to 12-6 overall, 8-2 in all official SJBL action, and a vital 6-1 against its 2A members.

Sophomore Maliyah Martinez, one of the all-around heroes of Ignacio's 25-19, 25-15, 25-18 triumph over Mancos, was credited with three kills against Nucla (4-13; 1-6 SJBL, 1-1 IA SJBL), as were sophomore Kelly Sirios and junior Juliann Avila. Seniors Marissa Olguin and Ollyvia Howe were each credited with two proper disposals, as was sophomore Lainee Bradley, as IHS' deadliest work came from the service line.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio libero Tarah Baker digs up a Mancos attack and directs it back towards her front-row teammates during IHS' win Thursday night, Oct. 10, inside MHS Gymnasium.

Throwing the Lady Mustangs out of system almost at will, the 'Cats racked up 21 service aces. Howe smacked seven of them, while Olguin finished with five, sophomore Lily Quintana four and sophomore Tarah Baker three. Sirios ended up with ten assists and also came up with six digs – one more than Baker, but three less than Howe's

team-high. In the longer-lasting clash with THS (9-8; 5-4 SJBL, 3-3 2A SJBL), offense was more abundant; Olguin, Sirios and Bradley were each credited with seven kills and Howe five as Sirios tallied 23 assists (Howe was even credited with three). Even more im-

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BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Boys' XC takes second in league

Bobcats chew up relocated Chicken Creek Challenge

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Probably somewhat embarrassed by how their previous showing north of Dolores shook out, Ignacio Cross-Country's boys may have – whether they knew it or not – subconsciously been eager to return to the same Boggy Draw Bear Chase course three weeks later.

And this time all bathroom visits were completed on – or ahead of – schedule before the Bobcats officially stepped to the starting line and waited for the starter's gun beginning the final race of Mancos' 2024 Chicken Creek Challenge. Relocated due to the bizarre land-dispute drama developing too close for comfort near the Challenge's regular route, the event went off in DHS' proverbial backyard with hardly a hitch and the high-school boys' first wave headed out under sunny skies and a temperature already rising through the upper 70s.

Having run well at the Chase, though ultimately disqualified along with his teammates after a hurried entry onto the course following a late exit from the loo, junior Trace Crane was a man on a mission at the Challenge. Clocking a second-place time of 19 minutes, 11.30 seconds, he ended up finishing behind only Justin Yazzie (19:07.89) of Many Farms, Ariz.

Helping IHS to a second-place result amongst teams vying for the 2A/3A San Juan Basin League boys' championship, Crane had to out-kick Telluride senior Sean McKillop across the finish line – McKillop ended up a mere 0.49 seconds slower – en route to earning SJBL Boys' Runner-of-the-Year.

IHS junior James Martin was also in contention for the honor, but ended up placing fifth overall in 19:30.81. Sophomore Thunder Windy Boy posted a 21:18.01 and came in 18th overall, and classmate Judah Ashley completed the Bobcats' scoring quartet with his 25th-place 22:03.48.

Senior newcomer Li



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Ignacio's Thunder Windy Boy (911) leads Ouray's Alex Wold (943) down a slight slope during Mancos' 2024 Chicken Creek Challenge – relocated (due to concerns arising from an unusual land-dispute situation close to the races' regular route) to Dolores' Boggy Draw Bear Chase course – on Saturday, Oct. 12. Windy Boy placed 18th overall in the high-school boys' race, helping IHS finish third in the CCC's team standings but second amongst San Juan Basin Leaguers.

Zhenghui finished in 26:17.00 and placed 57th overall.

In the final ten-team standings, MFHS – an Arizona Interscholastic Association Class 2A school, competing in its Division IV – prevailed with a low count of 25 points accumulated in an unusual score-4 system. In it, title-eligible teams could have as many as seven runners earning points, though any additional runners would be factored out along with all those of non-contending crews. Paced by sixth-place Aaron Nielson (19:43.72), SJBL champ Dolores (40) emerged as the runner-up ahead of Ignacio (48; in a strict score-4, where the No. 5 runners, etc., are excluded from earning points, IHS would have tallied 44).

Ridgway, meanwhile, rose to the top in both the Challenge's overall and SJBL-only girls' standings; with individual champion Natasha Hessler (21:35.45) earning SJBL Girls' Runner-of-the-Year – by more than 37 seconds over race runner-up Austin Cook of now-3A THS – the Lady Demons totaled a low of 23 points. Telluride (37) settled for second place, while DHS (52) out-hustled Monticello (66), Utah, into third.

Junior Alyssa Atencio was yet again Ignacio's lone entry and finished 44th in 33:25.32.

With the 2024 season entering its final weeks, IHS will next see action on Friday, Oct. 18, at the Sargent-hosted Eric Wolff Invitational. Held at the Monte Vista Golf Course, the meet's first middle-school race is slated to start at 9 a.m., with the first high-school feature at 10.

The postseason 2A-Region IV Championships – hosted this year by Del Norte – then await Ignacio on Friday, Oct. 25, in South Fork. Start time at the Rio Grande Club & Resort (elevation approx. 8,200 feet) is also presently set for 9 a.m.

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OBITUARY



part of the Southern Ute TEAM Program. As a doll maker she was featured in The Southern Ute Drum, posing for photos with her “babies” soaking in the spring sunshine in front of her grandfather, Peter Eaton’s old farmhouse just north of Ignacio on Rainbow Road.

Effie showed her work at the Durango Arts Center for the “Tranquility of Nature” exhibit featuring Southern Ute contemporary art.

Effie also enjoyed fishing at Lake Capote or Scott’s Pond, and always catching the first fish!

Described as “feisty” and “ornery” by some, she was very loving to her family and friends, especially her four-legged children, “Shadow” and her Siamese cat “Kiva.”

Effie remembers the Ute stories, the songs and dances of long ago. She remembers the sun dancers and prays the Ute ways continue. She rose with the sun every day, and talked to it, and thanked it every evening. It’s the Ute way. She had said, “Those are the things that the people are supposed to be doing anyway. It’s kinda sad to see people forgetting this and getting wild out there.”

Effie is preceded in death by her parents, Bird and Nana Red. Brothers, Levick Red, Melvin Red, Virgil Red, Raymond Red and sisters, Doris Thompson and Shirley Frost. Sons, Victor Monte, Norton Monte, Steven Monte, and William “Little John” Monte.

Effie is survived by her daughters, Victoria Gill, Sherry Salazar, and son, Drake Monte. Effie was also blessed with numerous nieces and nephews, grandchildren, and great-great grandchildren.

A Catholic mass was held, Tuesday, Oct. 15, at the St. Ignatius Catholic Church, and burial followed at the Ouray Memorial Cemetery in Ignacio, Colo. A reception was held after the burial at the Multi-Purpose Facility in Ignacio, Colo.



MONTE – Effie Red Monte passed away in her home, as she wished, on Friday, October 4, 2024, surrounded by family. She was 94 years old.

Effie was born on March 17, 1930, to Bird and Nana (Eaton) Red, in the family home in Ignacio, Colo.

Effie was born and raised in Ignacio, growing up on the family farm, with her brothers and sisters. Effie was raised in the traditional way, she said she didn’t learn English until she was 7, her brother had taught her.

Effie attended the Ute Vocational School in Ignacio, Colo., eventually “leaving” to be at home with her family. Effie graduated from the Ignacio High School.

Effie married her high school sweetheart, John Monte on Nov. 2, 1949, in Aztec, N.M., and raised their children in Ignacio.

Effie worked for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe for many years. She worked in the Pino Nuché Restaurant in Ignacio, as a hostess and waitress. She worked at the Strater Hotel in Durango, Colo, in house-keeping. She helped open the first library at the Community Center in Ignacio. She also volunteered her time with many Tribal events, also serving on the Southern Ute Royalty Committee, as well as with the Southern Ute Agriculture Department.

Effie enjoyed traveling, and loved to gamble, often going to cities that coincidentally, had casinos – Las Vegas, Nev., Laughlin, Nev., Central City, Colo., and Albuquerque, N.M., being a few of her favorite destinations, as well as yelling “BINGO” at the old Elk’s Lodge in Ignacio.

Effie’s passion was in doll making, quilting, crocheting and knitting, beadwork and making dresses, skirts and shawls for her family. Effie also enjoyed bead working as well. Learning to sew and bead from her mother, Nana Red.

Effie and daughter Sherry, along with Liz Kent worked at the Sky Ute Gallery as

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BOX EARNS MASTER’S FROM USC

I am excited to share that I have officially graduated from the University of Southern California with a Master’s in Communication Management!

This accomplishment is incredibly relevant to my role as the Executive Officer for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Permanent Fund. The skills and knowledge gained from USC have equipped me to enhance how we communicate within our Tribal government, both internally and with the broader community. By applying advanced communication strategies, we can better align our organizational goals with the needs of our members, ensuring that services are effectively delivered and that our cultural values are preserved.

In Tribal government, strong communication is the backbone of progress. This degree empowers me to lead with transparency, foster engagement, and drive innovative



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initiatives that benefit both our Tribal members and our partnerships.

As a proud Native Trojan, I am also thrilled to represent the 0.7% of USC Native American Alumni, and I look forward to leveraging this experience to further support the development and success of Tribal governance.

Lindsay Box

Executive Officer, Southern Ute Indian Tribe

NATIVE LOVE MMIR BIKER RUN THANKS

Native Love wants to extend our heartfelt gratitude to the incredible volunteers and sponsors who made the MMIR (Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives) Biker Run a resounding success. Your dedication, time, and resources were invaluable in bringing awareness to this critical cause and ensuring the event ran smoothly.

To Hanley Frost, Robert Ortiz, Sam & Maria Maez, and Kean Richards thank you for your tireless efforts, from organizing logistics to ensuring the safety and comfort of participants. Your passion and hard work were the backbone of this event, and we couldn’t have done it without your support. Your selflessness inspires us all.

To our sponsors, Durango Harley Davidson, Rider Justice, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute Victim Services and our local police departments, your generous contributions allowed us to bring this vision to life. You empowered us to spread the message, unite the community, and honor those who need our collective voice. Your partnership is deeply appreciated.



Your contributions helped us raise critical awareness and funds for our Missing and Murdered Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) initiative. You are true partners in this fight for justice, and your impact will be felt for years to come.

Together, we made a difference. We are honored to have you by our side and look forward to continuing this vital work with your support. Together, we raised awareness and funds for the MMIR Task Force of Colorado, building solidarity and paving the way for future advocacy efforts for justice. Thank you all for your unwavering commitment and support!

Togwayak,
Native Love

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NEW EMPLOYEES

Susan Smith, MSN, RN

I feel blessed to have loved nursing for many years and continue to be passionate about my role as a nurse manager.

Spending my entire career in nursing, I have my Master’s in Nursing Administration. I began working in Med Surg for a couple of years and then spent the next 16 years working as an Emergency Room nurse. Most of that was at Denver Health, which is a Level 1 Trauma hospital. During that time, I would also fill in as house supervisor and that is when I realized my passion for middle management.

I moved to Montrose, Colo. in 2004 and was the Director of Med Surg, Telemetry and Pediatric unit for the next 13 years. I had developed a wonderful team and was truly happy in my job, but decided to do Interim Travel Nurse Management and go see the ocean! I worked for the last seven years in California, Washington and plus some time in Arizona and Idaho.

I am also so very excited to be working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I have already learned so much about the Southern Ute culture that is truly inspiring to me. I love getting to meet our clients and have met several already in the past five weeks. I will be providing educational opportunities to the community in the future. I have been welcomed graciously and I thank everyone.



Thanks,
Susan Smith MSN RN
Manager, Community Home Health Services

Pine River Shares (970-884-6040, pam@pinerivershares.org)
Providing weekly food distribution, community dinners and freecycle clothing
The Clothing Closet (970-563-4498)
A ministry of Ignacio Community Church, providing free clothing, jackets and shoes to all. Open for FREE clothes shopping (for all ages) Tuesday & Friday, 10 am. – 2 p.m.

6th Annual Violence Against Indigenous Relatives Symposium

TOGETHER WE HEAL

Addressing Sexual Violence and Healing in Indigenous Communities

November 9th, 2024
10:30a.m. - 4:30p.m.

Becki Jones -Diné
Program Manager of Native Community Health Network,
Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains

Michelle Lachner
Military Sexual Violence Survivor

Bernadine Beyale -Diné
Executive Director 4Corners K-9 Search and Rescue

MMIR Panelists

Marlys Big Eagle -Crow Creek Sioux
National Native American Outreach Services Liaison

Eliot Neal
Missing or Murdered Indigenous Persons Assistant U.S. Attorney, SW Region

Trennie Burch -Southern Ute/Ute Mountain Ute/Diné
Co-Founder of Ignacio Out and Equal Alliance & MMIR Advocate

Reycita Billie -Diné
PSAP Supervisor/MMIP Liason Navajo Nation Police

Melody Delmar -Diné
Director of the Office of the Liaison for Missing and Murdered Relatives
Colorado Division of Criminal Justice

Prayers provided by Southern Ute Councilwoman Marge Barry

Sun Ute Community Center
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2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

OCT. 14TH INDIGENOUS PEOPLES DAY — **CLOSED**
 NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY — **CLOSED**
 NOV. 28TH THANKSGIVING — **CLOSED**
 DEC. 9TH/10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — **CLOSED**
 DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY — **CLOSED**

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

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

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

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

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- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shut-offs are the first Wednesday of each month:
Oct. 2nd / Nov. 6th / Dec. 4th

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shut-Off Day is October 2nd! Pay bill before 10am on 10/2 to avoid late fees. Questions? Call Utilities Office.
- Tribal Fall Cleanup is October 21st–25th. Only 4 tires per household allowed. Please label chemicals and place in a closed container upon dropping off at ramp.
- New Utility Rate Sheet mailed mid-September. New rates are effective October 1, 2024.
- Prepare for colder weather — winterize your homes to save on heating costs.
- Utilities Offices & Transfer Station CLOSED on Monday, 10/14/2024 for Indigenous People's Day (Holiday).

HAPPY HALLOWEEN

UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION, CALL UTILITIES OFFICE.
PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE GENERAL ELECTION NOVEMBER 01, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Notice - Vote for Two (2)

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

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

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
 Off-Reservation Tribal Members call 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303 or email election@southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute Shared Services

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

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

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

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 date	Request cut-off date
• Wednesday, Nov. 27	NOON, Friday, Nov. 20
• Friday, Dec. 13	NOON, Friday Dec. 6
• Friday Dec. 27	NOON, Friday Dec. 20
• Friday Jan. 3, 2025	NOON, Monday, Dec. 30

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

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

The Colorado Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink's basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$34.00 per month and business services are \$53.50 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

CenturyLink participates in the Lifeline program, which makes residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers may qualify for Lifeline discounts of \$5.25/month for voice or bundled voice service or \$9.25/month for qualifying broadband or broadband bundles. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be at least 25 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload to qualify.

A household is defined as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Services are not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in these programs. Consumers who willfully make false statements to obtain these discounts can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from these programs.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, visit <https://www.centurylink.com/aboutus/community/community-development/lifeline.html> for additional information about applying for these programs or call 1-800-201-4099 with questions.

Sign Up for the Tribal Member Experience

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

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

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

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

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



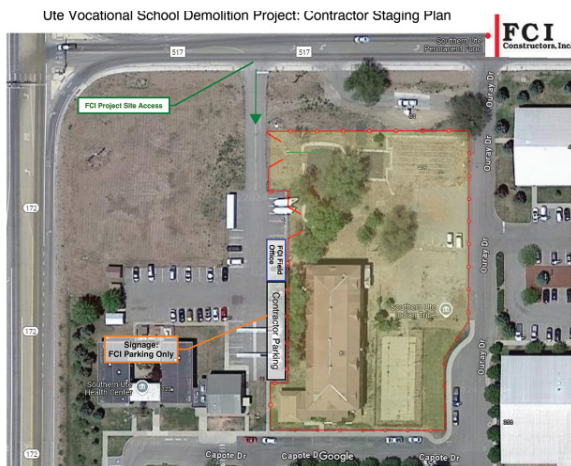
Public Notice of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission Meeting

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. The draft agenda will include Call to Order/Introductions, New Business, Tribal Air Quality Program Updates, Tribal Air Initiatives, CDPHE Updates, Open Discussion/Questions and Public Comment, and Scheduling of Next Commission Meeting. For more information on the meeting, how to attend virtually, or to obtain a copy of the meeting agenda please contact Ms. Angelina Miller, Air Quality Scientist at (970) 563-2258 or visit the Commission website at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/departments/epd/air-quality/env-commission/>

NOTICE

Ute Vocational School Demolition

Construction and Project Management would like to announce the kickoff of construction with FCI Constructors for the Ute Vocational School Demolition project which begins on Monday, Oct. 7, 2024. The Contractor will be on site this week with our office as well as the Southern Ute Utilities Division to perform preliminary site investigations. The Contractor's fence will go up on the Oct. 7 and staging of the site will be performed as per the approved site staging plan, which is attached. It is the project's intent to avoid disruptions to Ouray Drive whenever possible. Access to the construction site will be made from the west side of the building. As we work primarily within this fenced enclosure, we will still have some Utility work performed along Ouray and Capote Drive. We will provide future announcements for this work as appropriate.



NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMITS AND REQUEST FOR COMMENTS

Notice is hereby given that one initial The Air Quality Division (AQD) has application and three renewal applications prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs submitted by the applicants. The draft Department's Air Quality Division, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colo. 81137, for the following sources of air pollution:

Applicant: SIMCOE, LLC
Facility: Dry Creek Central Delivery Point. Section 5U, T34N, R7W, 6.00 miles north of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production field facility.

Applicant: SIMCOE, LLC
Facility: Iron Horse Central Delivery Point. SW ¼ NW ¼ Section 7, T33N, R7W, 1.50 miles west of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production field facility.

Applicant: SIMCOE, LLC
Facility: Tiffany 3 Pad. Section 21, T33N, R6W, 7.00 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas well pad.

Applicant: Transit Waste, LLC
Facility: Bondad Recycling Center and Depository. Section 31, T33N, R9W, 13.50 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a recycling center and depository.

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

Provide a voice and secure more support for our students



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

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

The committee meets on the first Monday of every month!

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



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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Alternate Board Members. The positions will be open until filled. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3); Must be a Southern Ute Indian Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Election Board P.O. Box 709 Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-2303 or via email: election@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.

POWOW COMMITTEE

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

TERO COMMISSION

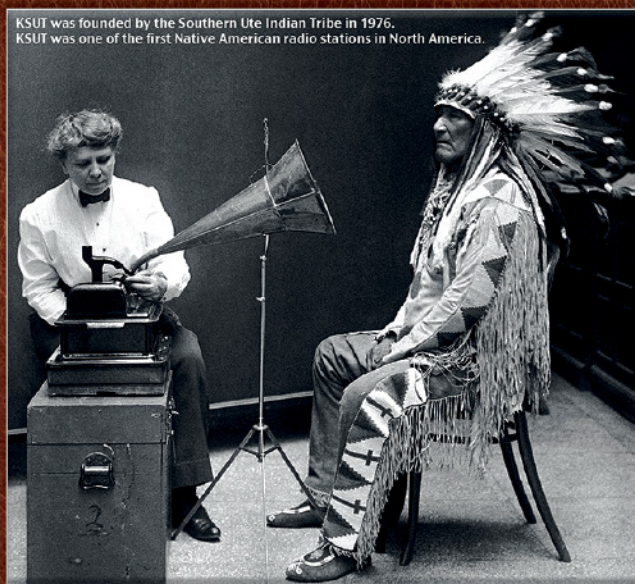
Open Until Filled – The Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) is accepting letters of interest for two (2) Southern Ute Tribal member at-large Commissioners to serve on the Tribal Employment Rights Commission which are compensated positions. Southern Ute tribal member/Applicants must have the following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

TRIBAL CREDIT COMMITTEE

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee ("Committee") is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for a three (3) year term. This is a compensated Committee, and you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must become familiar with the objectives of the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. Applicants must also pass criminal background and reference check, per the Tribal Credit Committee By-laws. The primary purpose of the Committee is to evaluate and render decisions regarding Secured Home Loan applications and monitor and evaluate the Tribal Credit loan programs and make recommendations to Tribal Council. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Declaration of Policies and Plan of Operation – Tribal Credit Fund ("Declaration"); Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; Attend regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email to zvogenthaler@southernute-nsn.gov. The letter should include the full name and contact information of the applicant, along with a detailed explanation of their relevant experience that would aid in making credit decisions, as well as a description of why they would be a good fit for the position. If you have any questions, please speak with Zeb Vogenthaler, at 970-563-2458.

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

KSUT seeks one enrolled SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors.



Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot Chief, Mountain Chief, on a cylinder phonograph for the bureau of American Ethnology (1916). – photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

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

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

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

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

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

Administrative Assistant II

Closes 10/21/24 – Provides secretarial and clerical support to the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers. Implements and maintains office systems to assure the efficient operation of the department. Presents a positive and professional image to Tribal employees and the public. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

Administrative Assistant II (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Closes 10/29/24 – Under the direct supervision of the Tribal Information Services (TIS) Director represents the TIS Department in a positive, professional manner while providing secretarial and administrative support to the Director, Vital Statistics, and the Records Division. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

Animal Care Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Closes 10/21/24 – Under the general supervision of the Tribal Ranger Sergeant, assures the care of impounded animals and other duties related to the care of the site and the animals. Pay grade N7; Pay starts at \$17.37/hour.

Bus Driver (Part-time)

Closes 10/18/24 – Provides Bus driving services for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$18.76/hour.

Controller

Closes 10/25/24 – Integrity and timeliness of the financial information of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prepares financial statements for distribution for internal and external reporting, including consolidated statements. Supervision and oversight of the accounting staff in the preparation of financial information. Responsible for the offices of General Ledger/Fixed Assets, Accounts Receivable, Accounts Payable, Purchasing, and Contracts and Grants. Pay grade E19; the salary range begins at \$114,968/year.

Education Counselor

Closes 10/24/24 – A professional level position responsible for providing counseling services to students and their families at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Effective development and delivery of counseling, therapeutic and educational services that help students and families overcome issues that may impede students' educational success. Works with children birth-13 years old in the context of family, school, peer, and community systems, using a family systems orientation. Pay grade E14; Pay starts at \$64,155/year.

Nurse Practitioner (Part-time w/Benefits)

Closes 10/24/24 – Provides direct and comprehensive primary, preventive and therapeutic medical care to individuals across their lifespan. Clinical supervision will be provided by the Supervisory Physician. Part-time with benefits and is a grade E19; Pay starts at \$68,976.96/year.

Victim Advocate

Closes 10/18/24 – Provides counseling referrals for resources available to victims of crime within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26/hour.

Boys & Girls Club Aide Part-time

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

Chief Judge Apprentice (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Communications Manager – Dispatch

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

Dentist (Part-time w/Benefits)

Open Until Filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division. Pay grade E22; pay starts at \$113,890/year.

Detention Officer

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

Detention Transport Officer

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

Director of Strategic Planning

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

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade N10; the Pay starts at \$21.89/hour and includes a potential 3-5k DOE sign-on bonus.

Dispatcher Trainee

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for individuals interested in a career in Law Enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. While in the trainee status, the employee participates and engages in in-house training and work activities specifically designed and chosen to train and indoctrinate the individual to work an emergency communications dispatch center. Work is performed under the guidance of an experienced dispatcher. The length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Dispatcher position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade N10 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases. Pay grade N10; pay will start at \$17.51/hour.

Early Childhood Teacher

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

Elementary Teacher

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

Gaming Investigator I

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

Gaming Investigator II

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

Grants Financial Analyst

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

Heavy Equipment Operator

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

HVAC Technician

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

NOW HIRING



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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Human Resources
P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424
Hotline: 970-563-4777
<https://careers.southernute.com/pfund>



COMMUNICATIONS MANAGER

Southern Ute Police Dept.

Position Summary: Under general supervision of the Chief of Police, incumbent provides day-to-day management over the Communications Center staff (Dispatchers) and operations including planning, developing, coordinating, and staff supervision.

Starting Pay Range: E16; \$77,627/annually

SIGNING BONUS UP TO \$5,000

Excellent Benefits. Apply online at <https://careers.southernute.com/pfund>

DISPATCHER

Southern Ute Police Dept.

Position Summary: Under general supervision of the Communications Manager, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Starting Pay Range: N10; \$21.89/hour

SIGNING BONUS UP TO \$5,000

Excellent Benefits. Apply online at <https://careers.southernute.com/pfund>

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO
Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Geographic Information Systems Programmer Analyst I (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 10/31/24 – Providing geographic information systems (GIS) support for all SUIT entities. Provide geospatial database development and maintenance, produce standard cartographic products, and develop applications and workflows for SUIT entities.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

Lands Technician Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Lifeguard (Full-time, Part-time)

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

Museum Director

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

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N13; the Pay starts at \$28.60/hour and includes a potential 3-5k DOE sign-on bonus.

Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour includes a potential 3-5k DOE sign-on bonus.

Patrol Officer Trainee

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

Project Aware Program Manager

Open Until Filled – AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) Manager will lead, develop, and maintain a comprehensive plan to meet critical objectives outlined by the Tribal Education Department and Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) Counseling program, in compliance with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) and the federal Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Will serve as the Tribal Education Agency liaison to the State Project Director and will build infrastructure, collect and share data, create local policies, oversee the

implementation of key programmatic elements, develop and maintain relationships with Tribal, school and community organizations, and increase communication with families to build ongoing wellness and resilience for students. Grant funded and continued employment is contingent on availability of funding. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/year.

Public Health Nurse

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

Scorekeeper (Part-time)

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

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

TERO Worker (Full-time/part-time, Temp)

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

Tribal Apprenticeship Program (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

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

Umpire/Referee

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

Water Quality & Remediation Division Head

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Environmental Programs Director, planning and management of Southern Ute Indian Tribal Water Quality, Brownfields, and General Assistance Programs. Pay grade E18; Pay starts at \$99,984/year.



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.
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Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-4777.

Facilities Maintenance Technician I – GF Facilities (Ignacio, CO)

Closes 10/18/24 – Providing maintenance for Growth Fund properties serviced by the Facilities Department at the following Ignacio locations: Growth Fund Office Building, Red Willow Office Building, Utilities Office and Maintenance Buildings, Fairgrounds Office Building, Quichas Hill Heights Apartments, single-family rentals, vacant land in Ignacio, and responsible for general maintenance duties.

Pipeline Compliance Manager – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)

Closes 10/25/24 – Ensuring compliance with all Department of Transportation (“DOT”) Pipeline and Hazardous Materials Safety Administration (“PHMSA”), Parts 191 and 192 applicable to the gathering or transportation of natural gas, and Part 195 Transportation of Hazardous Liquids

or Carbon Dioxide for all Red Cedar Gathering Company facilities and operations.

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

Closes 11/1/24 – 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 11/1/24 – Performing complex revenue accounting assignments, creates new revenue agreements, and responsible for knowledge of revenue accounting practices.

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

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

Closes 10/11/24 – Planning, development, implementation, maintenance, and management of the Casino’s networked information systems, which includes Aristocrat Oasis Software, Hardware, and systems structure, Agilysys InfoGenesis, and Agilysys Versa. The IT/Systems Director is also responsible for 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. This role will be primarily responsible for providing technical support including coordination, maintenance, upgrades, and overall support for computer systems.

***Benefits Specialist (Full-time)**

Directs, plans, and implements the day-to-day operations of group benefit programs (group health, dental, vision, long-term disability, life insurance, flexible spending plan, 401(k) plan, retirement plan and COBRA). Investigating and resolving issues relating to the application of Benefit plan provisions. As a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe benefits team, it assists in researching new benefit programs, assessing, and improving existing programs, and providing analytical and technical support in program delivery. It interacts extensively with employees, external plan vendors/providers, and other members of the SUIT benefits team, providing the highest quality guest service to all individuals. Reports to the Director of Human Resources.

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

Cleaning all public areas including Casino floor, public restrooms, restaurant, lobby, offices, and employee break rooms.

***Café Cashier (Full-time)**

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Cafe 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. The Deep Cleaning Staff will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment.

***Front Desk Associate (Full-time)**

Providing quality guest services that include reservations, registration and check-out, PBX operations, mail, and message service for hotel guests. Responds to telephone and in person inquiries regarding reservations, hotel information and guest concerns. Assistance with guests, luggage assistance, directions/maps, driving guests to/from the airport.

***Front Desk Supervisor (Full-time)**

Directly supervises all front desk and gift shop personnel and ensures proper completion of all front desk duties. Directs and coordinates the activities of the front desk, reservations, guest services, assists with gift shop duties and acts as an assistant to the Rooms Division Manager. Manages operation of the front desk. Ensure that policies and procedures are in compliance with the highest standard of service and guest satisfaction.

***Laundry Attendant (Full-time)**

To perform the required operations with laundry equipment; ensuring products are clean and acceptable for hotel use. Maintaining laundry for the hotel rooms and other departments as needed. Operate flatwork ironers, laundry equipment, iron, and fold linens by hand, and inform supervisor of any equipment malfunctions or problems with safety mechanisms of equipment.

***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.

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***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.

***Project Cleaner (Full-time)**

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

***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.

***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.

***Room Attendant (Full-time)**

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping, and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Requires the ability to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. The duties of this job are physically demanding and may be stressful at times, particularly during peak season periods. Cleaning an average of 16 guest rooms, and during peak season, up to 20 guest rooms per shift, depending on whether you are working as an individual or a pair. Cross training on the Casino Floor to assist with Operational Housekeeping when needed and as assigned.

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

Work under direct supervision and support of the Sous Chef or Lead Cook. Preparation of the Al 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.

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- Program Coordinator (Full-time) \$17.29/hr., DOE

Ignacio Early Learning Program:

- Substitute Teacher (Full-time) \$14.42/hr.,

Ignacio Senior Center:

- Assistant Cook (Full-time) \$14.42/hr., DOE

SoCoCAA Central Administration:

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

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

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

- Elementary Teacher
- High School Head Soccer Coach
- Route and Activity Bus Driver

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BOBCATS MAR MINERS • FROM PAGE 18



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Gabe Archuleta (21) presents a recovered fumble, initially lost by Trinidad's Xavier Garcia (8, lower right), during the first quarter of IHS' 53-6 road win Friday night, Oct. 11, at Dutch Nogel Field. Archuleta also recovered an onside kick and exceeded 100 yards receiving with one touchdown (plus a two-point conversion catch).

(2-4 overall, 1-1 1A Southern Peaks) began the second half marching 67 yards in seven plays and 6:19, with Hendren carrying a 7-yard TD through the middle of the line.

Senior Charley Pargin kicked the extra point, making the score 47-0, and after the fast-moving quarter ended with Trinidad (2-3, 1-1 SPC) failing to pull off a second fake-punt run, the 'Cats then reached the 50-point plateau when backup QB William Mendoza-Lechuga led IHS' second-team offense 15 yards in four plays and 3:00, and capped it off himself with a 15-yard bootleg keeper around right tackle. Reserve running back Brandon Blevins was stopped on the two-point try, but the coaches were able to mostly overlook that shortcoming.

"We had to re-coach them in the locker room!" Garcia said with a laugh. "We were showing them the plays, where they had to go, and ... dive right, dive left, iso left, quarterback keeper - that's how we did it! And you know, most of that group are freshmen and sophomores so I'm pretty proud of those little ones to go get it."

The Miners, however, still had one last opportunity to spark the weekend's revelry ... and capitalized. Pinned back at their own 13 with 6:25 remaining, after Bobcat senior Kendrick Nossaman put a hard solo tackle on kickoff returner Marcus Dasko, THS moved quickly and reached IHS' 40 via seven run plays. A personal-foul penalty against the 'Cats then promoted Trinidad to the 25, and Moreno somehow found a receiver for 22 yards down to the 3.

THS head coach Matt Gonzales burned a timeout with 0:49 left in regulation, and after the clock was restarted the Miners at last broke through with Dasko bullying his way in from three yards out and only 39 seconds left. He was denied the two-point conversion, but the positive ending was exactly what the home team needed.

After all, the game had started with the Miners botching a handoff on the very first play, and Pargin - whose initial kickoff was fielded at the 1-yard line - recovering at the line of scrimmage. That was Trinidad's 7; two plays and 28 ticks later Ignacio was on the scoreboard thanks to a 1-yard Pontine plunge behind center Pargin.

THS' next attempt at a sustained possession went much better and, aided by a 43-yard Moreno-to-Troy Vigil pass, the Miners made their way forward to IHS' 45 before punting two plays later. And Hendren, following a lead block from fellow returner Burcham, made them pay with a 70-yard return paralleling the Bobcats' sideline. Pontine's two-point pass attempt went incomplete, but with a 12-0 lead just five minutes in the 'Cats were cruising.

Archuleta then recovered Pargin's onside kick at the Miner 47, but Burcham lost a fumble after an 18-yard reception on second down and Trinidad returned the take-away to their 40. Sacks of Moreno by Pargin and junior Lincoln deKay, however, began THS' series and Moreno (unofficially 4-of-9 passing for 82 yards; Vigil ended up 3-60 receiving) then threw incomplete while hounded by senior Tallias Cantsee.

A ten-yard penalty on the play, however, kept the drive alive long enough for THS' punter to then fake his second kick and instead carry for eight yards and a first down. A pass-interference infraction against the 'Cats negated a Burcham interception three plays later, but after reaching Ignacio's 17 Trinidad's luck ran out as Archuleta smothered a Xavier Garcia fumble one yard deep in the backfield with 1:28 remaining.

IHS' resulting drive would endure into the second quarter, and on the eighth true play of the 82-yard surge, Archuleta snared a 20-yard TD from Pontine - who apparently audibled pre-snap to a screen pass and was

proven prescient. Hendren added the two-pointer with a carry around left end, putting Ignacio up 20-0 with 10:09 left.

Hendren then dove and recovered a lengthier Pargin squib kick, positioning the guests at THS' 36. Seven plays and 3:12 worth of clock later, Pontine again shadowed Pargin into the end zone from a yard out. Pargin, however, missed the PAT but IHS' 26-0 lead grew to 32-0 when deKay blasted through for a 14-yard TD carry with 3:28 still before halftime.

Pontine then found Archuleta on the conversion attempt, but Archuleta couldn't cross the goal line.

"Now we've got a split, 1-1, in conference and that's okay," Garcia said, looking ahead to the Bobcats' own Homecoming 2024 contest at 7 p.m. Friday, October 18, versus Center. "This was big-time for us; these kids, you want them to go in happy and not dwell on what just happened in the past. Hopefully things go well, one at a time - you never know what'll happen."

Ever-pesky CHS (0-6, 0-2 SPC) will arrive at IHS Field wanting to at least score after suffering three consecutive shutouts - including a 58-0 loss on the 11th to Centauri (6-0, 2-0), the same squad which walloped Ignacio 53-13 in a home game delayed by roughly a day and instead played Saturday afternoon, Oct. 5.

Against Trinidad, Pontine was (unofficially) 9-of-15 passing for 161 yards, with two TDs and zero picks. Archuleta grabbed six throws for 103 yards, Burcham caught two for 55 and Hendren one for three. He also netted 101 yards rushing on only eight carries, while deKay netted 78 on 10 and Pontine 15 on five. Blevins and fellow reserve Jayden Scott each carried once for no gain during the fourth quarter, and Mendoza-Lechuga ended up with 15 yards on two tries.

And the Marching Miners? Sounded like they got two thumbs up.

VOLLEYCATS, HOMECOMING • FROM PAGE 18

pressive, however, was Ignacio's ace count against a strong opponent; Howe landed an outstanding eight unreturnable serves and Olguin seven as IHS totaled a reported 24.

Defensively Howe registered a team-high 17 digs, with Olguin (14) and Martinez (10) joining her in double digits. Quintana and Sirios each came up with nine and Baker eight.

"I go back to what Ignacio's been solid on in years past: Ball control, being scrappy and just being tenacious on the court," head coach Jennifer Seibel said. "We've got a lot of girls who fit that bill and just build on those skills, having that mindset of 'Nothing's going to touch the ground.'"

Ignacio will next host 1A SJBLers Ouray on Saturday, Oct. 19, to sew up Homecoming Week 2024. Results from the Volleycats' home match on the 17th versus 3A Pagosa Springs were unavailable at press time.

"I'm glad to be getting into the meat of our season, playing league," said Telluride head coach Lorie Mahoney, her team



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Watched by teammates Marissa Olguin (5) and Ollyvia Howe (8), Ignacio's Maliyah Martinez (10) stuffs an enemy over-pass down over Mancos' Tinsley Aspromonte (6) during IHS' road win Thursday night, Oct. 10.

scheduled to next play want it to be, I don't feel on the 15th at Norwood like that's a reflection of (6-11; 2-4 SJBL, 1-2 1A how well we've been play- ing, and how good this our record isn't what we team is."

Stay tuned for Bobcats' post-season action
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The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 It arranges recalls
- 5 Sacred Colorado Mountain
- 11 Folk of Rwanda
- 12 Crease again
- 13 Former media player
- 14 Fertilized egg
- 15 Max? No.
- 16 Brake neighbor
- 17 Measure of a country's economic performance
- 18 Some cadets
- 20 Bump into
- 21 Fluff
- 23 Intents
- 26 Uncordial
- 30 Paddles (USN)
- 31 Up to the present time
- 32 Kipling snake
- 33 Kafka's birthplace
- 35 Business concern
- 36 Announcer
- 37 Software development term for a laborious task
- 38 Saws
- 39 Tennis governor

Down

- 1 Early rocket traveler
- 2 Instructed one
- 3 Turquoise, the --- of life
- 4 Quid of tobacco
- 5 Rears junior naturally
- 6 The Cleveland Monsters, formerly
- 7 Place for flyboys
- 8 Scandinavian stamp word
- 9 Klutz
- 10 Take up as one's own
- 16 Prefix meaning "earth"
- 19 Small shot
- 20 One over an Ohm
- 22 Old type of monitor
- 23 First of the Greeks?
- 24 "The East ---" (1960s Chinese anthem)
- 25 Ute objector to old Spanish/Comanche peace treaty
- 27 Removes cream
- 28 Fortune-telling cards
- 29 Root eaters
- 31 Big season at Toys R Us
- 34 Prevent from speaking
- 35 UF rival

Answers will appear in the November 1 issue of the Drum.

Answers for October 4, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Edicts, 7 Mic, 10 Winton, 11 Boba, 12 Ankara, 13 Root, 14 Friar, 16 PCB, 19 Wendigo, 22 Parka, 24 As new, 25 Spurred, 27 Gel, 28 Cesar, 29 Aahs, 31 Recall, 36 MIAs, 37 Lauded, 38 CDC, 39 Smelts.
Down: 1 Ewa, 2 Din, 3 Ink, 4 CTA, 5 Turf wars, 6 Snare, 7 Mooring, 8 Ibo, 9 Cat, 11 Brads, 15 In a dream, 16 PPS, 17 Cap, 18 Bruchac, 20 Gee, 21 Owl, 23 Kress, 26 Earls, 29 AMC, 30 Aid, 32 Cue, 33 ADL, 34 Let, 35 LDS.

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Oct. 18



Mostly cloudy 59°F
Showers, precipitation 80%

Saturday, Oct. 19



Mostly cloudy 54°F
Showers and thunderstorm

Sunday, Oct. 20



Partly sunny 54°F
Showers and thunderstorm

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



Oct. 2

Oct. 10

Oct. 17

Oct. 24

Nov. 1