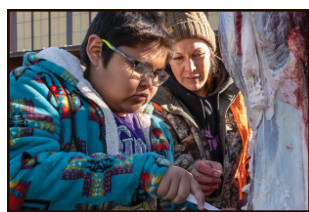




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**Students practice field dressing**

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*The Southern Ute Drum wins 10 Colorado Press Association awards*

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Run-Off Election**



**Linda Baker**  
Candidate  
Tribal Council



**Lorelei Cloud**  
Candidate  
Tribal Council



**James Olguin**  
Candidate  
Tribal Council



**Vanessa Torres**  
Candidate  
Tribal Council

*By Summer Begay*  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL AFFAIRS

The 2024 Tribal General Election vote count has concluded. The “unofficial” results for the two (2) Tribal Council seats are: James Olguin: 147, Christine Baker Sage: 80, Lorelei Cloud: 143, Byron Frost: 80, Cedric Chavez: 69, Vanessa Torres: 85, Linda Baker: 101.

The majority requires a total of 177. A runoff election will be between James Olguin, Lorelei Cloud, Linda Baker, and Vanessa Torres. A

special meeting was scheduled by the Election Board for Monday, November 4, 2024 to certify the vote count. Runoff dates are: Friday, December 13, 2024. Vote at the Southern Ute Election Office at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, Colo., from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. See page 14 for Official Ballot.

**JUSTICE & REGULATORY**

**Tribe welcomes new Justice and Regulatory Director**

*Staff report*  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



**Elliott Salazar**  
Director  
Justice and Regulatory

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is pleased to announce the appointment of Elliott Salazar as the temporary Justice and Regulatory Director. Salazar, a retired Special Agent with the Internal Revenue Service Criminal Investigation, Salazar, having worked closely with the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Immigration and Customs Enforcement, and other federal agencies, brings a wealth of experience and expertise to this critical role.

“We are excited to welcome Mr. Salazar to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe,” said Chairman Melvin J. Baker. “His extensive background in law enforcement, particularly within Indian Country, makes him uniquely qualified to lead our Justice and Regulatory Department.”

Vice Chairman Lorelei Cloud added, “Mr. Salazar’s vast law enforcement experience is warmly welcomed, along with his objective knowledge and willingness to build trust and foster positive relationships with our Tribal members. He brings a fresh perspective to the Justice and Regulatory Department, and we look forward to his contributions.”

Salazar’s deep understanding of Tribal sovereignty as well as complex jurisdictional and legal issues will be invaluable as the Tribe navigates this period of transition. The Tribe is confident that Salazar’s leadership will ensure the continued smooth operation of the Justice and Regulatory Department and its commitment to protecting the rights and interests of the Tribal membership.

**AGRICULTURAL PRACTICES**

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

*Watering after season*

*By Marvin Pinnecoose*  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

**Always seek to answer the small questions**

I’m always learning about the complicated process of water allocation, usage, and distribution systems within the Pine River Valley. The river and reservoir that feed a person’s property has a lot to do with when water will become available and for how long it will remain in the canals and laterals through the fall months.

For the type of hay that I grow, I am blessed to be able to want, wish, and wait for water to show up as soon



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Within one year, the ground has gone from bare dirt to full grass. Weed control and root health will still be observable, but this should prove to be productive farm land in the future.

*That Farm page 8*

**WATER RESOURCES**

**Federal funding to deliver clean water to Ute Mountain Ute**

*\$7.5M comes from senators’ Inflation Reduction Act*

*Staff report*  
OFFICE OF BENNET AND HICKENLOOPER



U.S. Senators John Hickenlooper and Michael Bennet welcomed the U.S. Department of Interior’s (DOI) announcement of \$7.5 million in federal investment to expand clean drinking water access for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Specifically, the funding will help the Ute Mountain Ute plan and complete 18 miles of a 22-mile waterline to connect Cortez and Towaoc and deliver clean water to the community.

“The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe considers water and its watersheds as a sacred and vital element to life,” said Ute Mountain Ute Tribal Chairman, Manuel Heart. “Stewardship of the environment allows life to flourish and is an obligation of our Tribe and people. This grant is a crucial step in finishing the project that we’ve been working on for over 14 years to make sure everyone in our community has access to drinking water.”

Two weeks ago, the senators urged the Bureau of Reclamation to explore new opportunities for the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Southern Ute Indian Tribe to access federal funding for drought and water supply management.

“Our Tribal communities have long lacked adequate resources to reliably access clean drinking water,” Hickenlooper said. “Thanks to our Inflation Reduction Act, we’re changing that. This \$7.5 million will connect Cortez and Towaoc to deliver clean drinking water and create good-paying jobs for the Ute Mountain Ute.”

“When the federal government established reservations for Native American Tribes, it promised a permanent and

livable homeland for those it had displaced from their ancestral lands. At a time when our country’s Tribes still lack reliable access to clean and safe water in the 21st century, that promise clearly has been denied and critical Tribal water infrastructure like this pipeline should be a priority for the federal government,” Bennet said. “This funding is an important step forward to ensure more members of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe can continue to access clean water, and I’m grateful to the Biden/Harris administration for working to fulfill our nation’s promises.”

“Investing in water infrastructure projects is crucial to ensuring the health, safety and economic prosperity of Indigenous communities,” Secretary Deb Haaland said. “This new program, funded by the President’s Investing in America agenda, will help us ensure all Tribal families and communities have access to the clean, safe drinking water they need in order to thrive.”

*Funding page 2*

**Community honors Veterans**



photos Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans association are honored during the first session of gourd dance kicking off this year’s Community Veterans Powwow on Saturday, Nov. 9 at Ignacio High School. This powwow is held in honor of local veterans from all eras and branches of the military.

Southern Ute Vietnam Combat Veteran, Ronnie C. Baker (Army) is recognized for his service during the Community Veterans Powwow. Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association held a special recognition ceremony for Baker and the family of the late Edward Lee Brown. Honorees were presented with special “Grateful Nation” Pendleton Blankets embroidered with their names and service dates.



See additional Veterans Powwow coverage on page 13.



courtesy Tiffany Chacon

The La Plata Food Equity Coalition's "Voces de la Comunidad" spoke with county officials about the childcare needs leading up to Ballot Issue 1A.

## VOICES FROM THE EDGE

# La Plata County voters approve Ballot Issue 1A

By Clark Adomaitis  
KSJD/KSUT REPORTER

Ballot Issue 1A was approved by La Plata County voters in the Nov. 5 general election. The measure will reallocate 70% of the county's lodger's tax to childcare programs and housing opportunities for the tourism-related workforce.

In the past two years, county officials listened to the concerns of mothers and childcare organizations advocating for more affordable childcare for the local workforce. Advocates say spending of lodgers' tax dollars could start as soon as next summer.

Tiffany Chacon, a teacher at Durango Montessori and mother to twins, knows about 100 families for whom the budget restructuring could help. She's been advocating for this reallocation for years.

I struggled to find childcare, as many of the families in La Plata County do," Chacon said, "I was an early childhood teacher. I was headed every single day to go and teach a classroom of 10 kiddos, aged two and a

half to five years old. During that time, I could not afford the \$2,000 a month to pay for childcare, but I still had to go to work to stay and live here in La Plata County."

Chacon says families in La Plata County are struggling to afford childcare.

"We have families that we need to live here in order to continue supporting La Plata County's economy. Children are going somewhere without quality care that parents are worrying, stressing throughout their day about what their children are doing," Chacon said.

When tourists visit Durango, go skiing at Purgatory, soak at the Durango Hot Springs, and rent hotels and vacation homes, they pay a county lodger's tax. It's separate from the city of Durango's lodger's tax, grossing almost 1 million dollars annually.

Heather Hawk is the Executive Director of the Early Childhood Council of La Plata County, a state-funded institution with 24 branches around Colorado that aims to connect families with childcare resources.

"In La Plata County, only 36% of children under three have access to licensed, high-quality childcare," Hawk said.

Hawk says it's essential for the county to invest in the local workforce.

"Tourist industries are important to local economies, but tourist industries rely very heavily on a workforce that has to live here," Hawk said. "It's not a remote job. The people working the train, the people serving customers who are selling products to visitors, those are individuals that have to be there in person. So they need access to some very basic services in our community, housing, childcare, medical care."

*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.*



Trennie Collins/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Students from Ignacio High School and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy help put up a tipi with Cassandra Naranjo, Cultural Preservation NAGPRA Coordinator Apprentice.

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

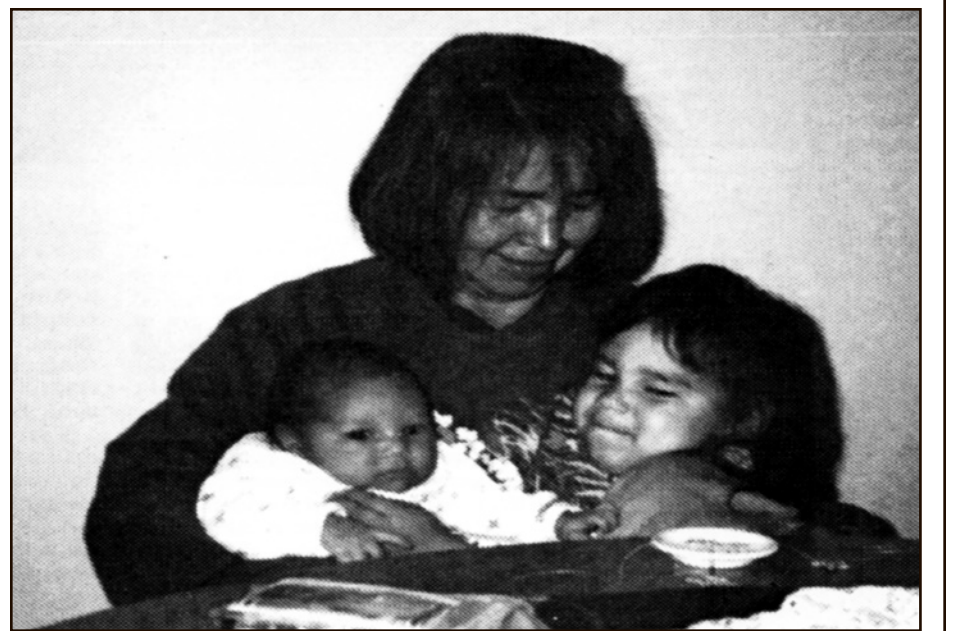


Lindsay Box/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Southern Ute Royalty for 2004-2005 journeyed to Denver last week to help observe the American Indian Heritage Month Celebration at the Colorado Governor's Mansion. Miss Southern Ute Lindsay Box, Junior Miss Southern Ute Kelsi Monroe, and Little Miss Southern Ute Briana Pinnecoose met with Colorado Lt. Governor Jane Norton.

This photo was first published in the Nov. 10, 2004, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

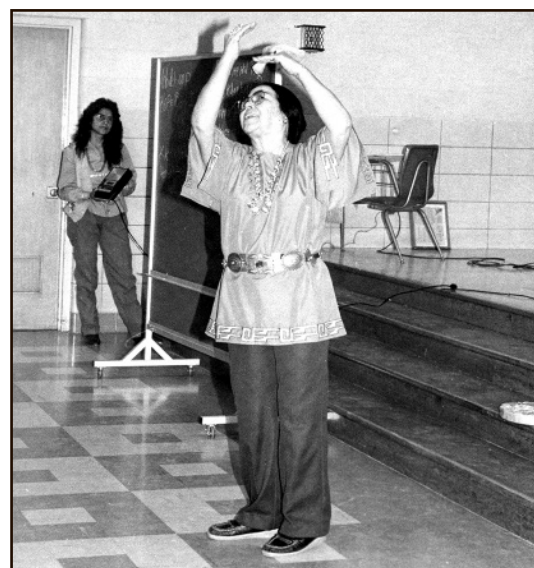


Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

## 30 years ago

Genieve and Ashley Baker sit with their grandmother Diana during her visit to Washington. Their parents are Raymond and Racheal Baker. Diana's visit was a special treat for her son's family.

This photo was published in the Nov. 11, 1994, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

"Go My Son, Get an Education" (in Indian Sign Language) was demonstrated by Evala Ware Russell at the Elementary School on Nov. 14. Mrs. Russell emphasized that "Education should include the traditional three R's; but American Indian cultures can contribute three more R's to a pupil's learning - Respect, Responsibility, and Recognition.

This photo was published in the Nov. 16, 1984, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

## FUNDING TO DELIVER CLEAN WATER • FROM PAGE 1

The Ute Mountain Ute's project is one of 23 projects the DOI selected to receive \$82 million from the Inflation Reduction Act's \$550 million allocated for domestic

water supply projects for historically disadvantaged communities.

Hickenlooper and Bennet fought for \$8 billion for western water infrastructure,

\$10 billion for forests, \$19 billion for agricultural conservation, and \$4 billion for drought in the Inflation Reduction Act (IRA) and Bipartisan Infrastructure Law.

*10th Annual*

# LCB MEMORIAL WALK/RUN

**December 10, 2024**

*SunUte Community Center*

**Registration: 9 a.m. • Walk/Run: 10 a.m.**

The family of the late Leonard C. Burch would like to invite everyone to join them in the annual LCB Memorial Walk/Run. This event commemorates a distinguished former Tribal Chairman for his leadership and achievements on behalf of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Every December 10th is dedicated to honor Mr. Leonard C. Burch.

**The first 100 adults to register will receive a free T-shirt. Children will receive a special prize.**

*Refreshments will be provided by Sky Ute Casino Resort & Sweet Peas Treats.*

**The 2024 LCB Walk is sponsored by:**  
 Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
 SunUte Community Center  
 MBSS Attorneys  
 Shane Seibel Family & Colleagues

Information contact:  
**Leonora Burch**  
 970-799-3498

## Southern Ute Tribal Offices Closure

Southern Ute tribal offices will be closed, Thursday, Nov. 28 and Friday, Nov. 29 in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday. Normal business office hours will resume, Monday, Dec. 3.



## World's Fastest American



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Native Braids hosted a live podcast performance with legendary speed skier, Ross Anderson at the Center of Southwest Studies (Fort Lewis College), Friday, Nov. 8. The audio story, performed live, charts Anderson's journey from his childhood in Durango, Colo., to his induction into the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame, the first Native American skier to receive that honor. Pictured at left, Kirbie Bennett cohosted the episode alongside Adam Burke for Native Braids; Bennett is a member of the Magic City Podcast team.

Growing up in Durango, Colo., Ross Anderson (Cheyenne, Arapaho, and Mescalero-Chiricahua Apache) took to skiing at a young age. Anderson went on to compete internationally, and in April 2006, he set a US record, clocking 154.06 miles per hour in Les Arcs, France. It's a record that still holds today. In March 2024, Ross Anderson was inducted into the US Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame for his enduring record and ongoing efforts to promote access to skiing for Native Americans.



## DURANGO PUBLIC LIBRARY

# Durango community comes together for 'Round Dance 101'

By Crystal Ashike, Digital Content Creator  
KSUT TRIBAL RADIO



Crystal Ashike/KSUT Tribal Radio

A unique cultural event took place at the Durango Public Library, bringing together the community to learn about the significance and practice of round dances. "Round Dance 101," hosted by the Durango School District and the Native American Parent Advisory Committee, provided a platform to explore this traditional Indigenous ceremony.

Jessie Waskahat, a renowned round dance singer from Canada, shared his profound connection to this cultural practice. He explained that round dances are not merely social gatherings, but spiritual experiences that foster healing and community.

"It's like our life, I guess it's life," Waskahat said. "It's pretty important to us for healings and like prayers. Good prayers, good feelings."

Caitlin LeClaire, a member of the Native American Parent Advisory Committee, highlighted the importance of such events for Native American youth in the community.

Jessie Waskahat, a renowned round dance singer from the Cree Nation in Alberta, Canada, shares his knowledge and passion for Indigenous culture at the Durango Public Library, Saturday, Nov. 2.

"It's pretty important, especially for the Native American youth in the school district," LeClaire said. "A lot of these events are to serve the youth and so that they can feel a little bit more connected to their culture."

Orlando Griego, the Title 6 program manager for the Durango School District, emphasized the welcoming nature of round dances. He encouraged community members to participate in the upcoming round dance on Dec. 7.

"It's healing, it's fun, everyone can participate," Griego said. "You don't have to be nervous. You just jump in there and you smile and it's just to have a really good time."

By providing information and addressing questions, the "Round Dance 101" event aimed to make the upcoming round dance more accessible and enjoyable for everyone. Organizers hope to inspire greater community participation in this vital cultural tradition.

## Nuggets halftime show



photos courtesy Dominika Joy

Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany invited to Mile High Basketball – Native American Heritage Group Night with the Denver Nuggets. Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany stands with the Native American Women Warriors (NAWW) jingle dress dancers, who served as Color Guard for the Native American Heritage Group Night.

Fancy Dancer and Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany performs during halftime for the Utah Jazz vs Denver Nuggets game, Saturday, Nov. 2 in Denver's Ball Arena.



## Multi-Purpose Facility Annual Holiday Bazaar

**Saturday & Sunday**  
**December 14 & 15, 2024**  
**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**  
*Great gifts from artists, artisans, crafters bakers and candy makers.*

NOVEMBER 28, 29, 30, 2024

# Ute Indian Tribe

## Ft. Duchesne, Utah

Thanksgiving Powwow

**Host Drum:** Fort Peck Sioux Singers - Poplar, MT

**Master of Ceremonies:** Ruben Little Head - Lawrence, KS

**Arena Directors:** Thomas Ridley - Rapid City, SD

**Bear Sound System**

**Zahn Dahym Tabulators**

Dance Contest: Northern and Southern Categories Combined

Golden Age Men & Women 60+ (Combined)

- \$700.00 \$600.00 \$500.00
- Senior Adult Categories 40 - 59 Years Old
- \$700.00 \$600.00 \$500.00
- Junior Adult Categories 18 - 39 Years Old
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- \$700.00 \$600.00 \$500.00
- Teen's 13 -17 Years Old
- \$500.00 \$400.00 \$300.00
- Junior's 7-12 Years Old
- \$300.00 \$200.00 \$100.00
- Tiny Tot Pay Out Per Session

Drum Contest

- 1st Place: \$8000.00
- 2nd Place: \$7000.00
- 3rd Place: \$6000.00
- Day Pay for none contest drums

**Grand Entry**  
Thursday 7pm  
Friday 7pm Point System in effect  
Saturday 1pm & 7pm

**Powwow Committee**

Wendell Myrick  
Tahnee Pagaroose 435-823-4535  
Brandy Navanick  
Vendor Contact, Lauren Lomahafewa 435 - 823 - 4665

**Handgame Tournament Information**  
Carley Groves 435-823-8890  
Handgame Vendors Shauna Cesspooch  
435-745-1175

**Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee**  
Thanksgiving Dinner provided on  
November 30, 2024

Thanksgiving Grandma will be held on  
Friday, November 29, 2024 after Grand  
Entry.

The Ute Indian Tribe and Powwow Committee will not be held responsible for any accidents, short fund travels, lost, damaged or stolen items. This is an alcohol and drug free event.

### Southern Ute Royalty Committee

#### Process for Requesting Southern Ute Royalty

Greetings Tribal Elders, Tribal Membership, and the community,

The 2024-2025 Southern Ute Tribal Royalty was crowned at the 102nd Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair and Powwow, and we are honored to hold our respective titles as we begin our duties as ambassadors for the Southern Ute Tribe.

#### 2024-2025 Southern Ute Royalty

- Miss Southern Ute – Maleina Carel
- Jr. Miss Southern Ute – Leandra Litz
- Little Miss Southern Ute – Malia White Thunder
- Little Miss Southern Ute Alternate- Olivia Watts
- Southern Ute Brave – Theoden Greany

As the newly crowned Southern Ute Royalty, we are honored to represent the Southern Ute Tribe at our cultural events and community events locally and throughout the region. To ensure we receive requests efficiently and can respond in a timely manner, we have a digital [Southern Ute Royalty Request Form](#) that can be found on the Southern Ute Royalty Committee website, or you can contact the Royalty Committee Secretary, Alyssa Nez, at [suroyalty@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:suroyalty@southernute-nsn.gov). The committee recommends all organizations, and/or departments, submit the form at least two weeks in advance of your event to allow time for review and scheduling.

We look forward to visiting with everyone at our Tribal and community events!

Toghoyaqh,

Southern Ute Royalty and Southern Ute Royalty Committee

## HEALTHY RECIPES

### Simple stuffed peppers: It's a classic!!

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

Maybe you remember this from your childhood? An easy way to get your veggies, protein and fiber.

They are so colorful and comforting. Many of the ingredients can be found on-hand in your pantry and freezer, and you'll only need to pick up the peppers on your way home!



courtesy Chatchanan/AdobeStock

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

#### Stuffed Peppers

##### Ingredients:

- ½ cup uncooked brown rice
- 3 bell peppers, cut in half lengthwise, stem cut out and seeded. Any color!
- 1-2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 3-4 cloves garlic, minced
- 1-pound lean ground turkey
- 1 14.5oz can diced tomatoes
- 2 teaspoons Italian seasoning
- Salt and pepper to taste
- 4 oz mozzarella cheese, shredded

##### Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees.
2. In a small saucepan, cook brown rice according to directions.
3. Place pepper halves in a 9x13 inch pan, cut side up.
4. In a large pan, heat oil on medium-high. Add turkey and cook for about 5 minutes, breaking up the turkey as it cooks.
5. Add onions and cook an additional

3-5 minutes or until turkey is no longer pink, stirring frequently.

6. Add garlic, tomatoes, and Italian seasoning, cook an addition 5 minutes, remove from heat.
7. Add cooked rice to meat mixture and stir to combine. Add salt and pepper to taste.
8. Fill each half pepper with the meat mixture.
9. Bake for 20 minutes, then add the mozzarella to each pepper.
10. Bake for an additional 10-15 minutes.
11. Remove and let stand for a few minutes before serving.

##### Options:

Top with some fresh parsley, use your favorite meat like lean beef, bison or ground chicken. Try quinoa instead of brown rice.

##### Serving size:

One half pepper - Nutrition per serving: 345 Calories, 20g Fat, 5g Sat Fat, 31g Carbohydrates, 3g Fiber, 13g Protein

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

### BEE HEARD: Culture is prevention

By Tamara D. Turner,  
SOUTHERN UTE  
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

As well all know, November is National Native American heritage month.

What started out as a day and then a week eventually evolved into a month. Red Fox James of the Blackfoot Tribe got the idea off the ground as he rode on horseback from state to state to garner support for a day of recognition. He eventually secured the endorsements of 24 state governments at the White House on Dec. 14, 1915, although no record shows that a day was established. Soon after, Dr. Arthur C. Parker of the Seneca Tribe, convinced the Boy Scouts to establish a day for "the First Americans" which lasted three years. Moreover, in 1915, having approved a plan concerning American Indian Day, the annual Congress of the American Indian Association directed its president, Rev. Sherman Coolidge, an Arapahoe, to call upon the country to recognize such a day. Coolidge issued a proclamation in September 1915, declaring the second Saturday

of each May as an American Indian Day.

But it was only in 1990 that President George H. W. Bush approved a resolution designating "National American Indian Heritage Month."

When we think of the relationship between heritage, culture, and health, this month is also a chance to remember the perspective of "culture is prevention." What that means is culture is a protective factor against mental health struggles. Strengthening culture supports community belonging and wellness.

Particularly given concerns of health equity, Native American Heritage Month highlights Indigenous Determinants of Health and the need to recognize, once again, that as we commemorate Native American lives and histories, we need to remember that these histories had and continue to have impact on flourishing. In other words, this month can be forward-looking, asking "how can heritage, culture, and community forge paths of health and thriving for indigenous communities?"

What does this month mean

to you and how would you like to see it commemorated? 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.

## Tribe hosts Health Fair



Divine Windy Boy/SU Drum

Molly Bellino tries laser therapy by SanaVita Health and Wellness during the Tribal Health Fair held on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Hosted by Southern Ute Health Services, the event features a variety of booths focused on health and welcomes the community to explore different resources.



Massage Therapist Mary Riley gives a free massage to Lisa Smith during the annual Tribal Health Fair on Friday, Nov. 8 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Riley works with SanaVita Health and Wellness in Durango, the SanaVita team works to help patients heal and relax their mind, body, and spirit through a variety of integrative therapies.



Jessica Martin and Erin Youngblood of Comfort Keepers hand out free goodies to attendees during the annual Tribal Health Fair held on Friday, Nov 8. Comfort Keepers is widely recognized as a leading provider of quality senior in-home care services in Durango and the surrounding areas.

## NOVEMBER IS NATIONAL DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH

Join us for a lunch and learn!  
(Please bring your own lunch)

# Meal Planning 101

Join Shining Mountain Health & Wellness as we walk through some basic information to get you started. One of the best ways toward improved health is to cook at home. This class will help make it easier for you to take control of your health and budget!

Shining Mountain Health & Wellness

Tuesday, November 5th  
(focusing on menu planning)

Tuesday, November 19th  
(focusing on meal prepping)

12pm-1pm  
Capote Room  
Sun Ute Community Center  
Sign up today!  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/mealplan2024>

# Mammogram Luncheons

Have you had your mammogram yet this year?  
Would you be more likely to go if you had a group of supportive women to go with you?

Interested?

Call Heather Sorensen, RN, Shining Mountain Health and Wellness Program Manager at 970-563-2349 for questions and eligibility requirements.

Shining Mountain Health & Wellness Program is able to provide assistance with transportation or scheduling mammogram appointments through a grant with the Colorado Cancer Prevention and Early Detection program. Financial assistance is also available for patients of Southern Ute Health Center who do not have insurance to receive breast and cervical cancer screenings.

Call 970-563-2349 or email [hsorensen@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:hsorensen@southernute-nsn.gov)



## Together We Heal



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO) Cultural Outreach Coordinator, Raven Nyx introduces members of Durango SASO to begin the 6th annual Violence Against Indigenous Relatives Symposium, "Together We Heal" at the SunUte Community Center, Saturday, Nov. 9. The day-long symposium addressed sexual violence and healing in Indigenous communities. Speakers featured: Michelle Lachner, a military sexual assault survivor; Bernadine Beyale, Executive Director of 4Corners K-9 Search & Rescue, joined by other search and rescue members, and Moby, a cadaver dog of the non-profit organization. The Symposium closed with an MMIR panel.



Southern Ute tribal member, Trennie Burch, co-founder of Ignacio Out and Equal Alliance and MMIR advocate spoke on the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Relatives (MMIR) panel. Burch, one of five panel members spoke about the challenges facing MMIR in Indian Country.

Becki Jones (Diné), Program Director of Native Community Health Network, and Planned Parenthood of the Rocky Mountains spoke on Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI's) and Sexual Assault Nurse Examiners (SANE) in Indian Country.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# All about naloxone

**Staff report**  
**LIFT THE LABEL**

It's incredibly important for everyone to know about naloxone – what it is, what the signs of an overdose are, how to use naloxone, and where you can get it.

Naloxone is a medication that rapidly reverses an opioid overdose, including ones caused by fentanyl. Even if you don't think you know someone who is using substances, naloxone is a must-have for all people to carry with them. You never know whose life you could save.

The most common form of naloxone – and the easiest to use – is a nasal spray, and brand names include NARCAN® and Kloxxado. Colorado has a standing order that allows anyone to request naloxone from a pharmacy without a prescription. Naloxone is available without a prescription from the Southern Ute Health Center Pharmacy, from the Behavioral Health Center, and is also distributed at many community events. NARCAN® can also now be found over the counter in stores.

We encourage everyone to have naloxone. If you have a friend or family member in need of some, don't hesitate to give them yours. You can always pick up another free dose from Tribal Health. The goal is to ensure everyone in the community has naloxone!

We especially want to ensure all youth have access to a naloxone kit, as they are at high risk. Let them know that you are giving the nal-

oxone to them to save someone else's life, and have a conversation without judgment, to ensure they are comfortable having naloxone and using it if needed.

### How to recognize the signs of an overdose

Here are some common signs of an overdose. Don't hesitate to use naloxone, even if you are not sure if it's an overdose. Naloxone is completely safe to use on someone who isn't experiencing an overdose. It has absolutely no effect on the body unless there are opioids in the system.

- Person is unconscious or unresponsive.
- Slow or stopped breathing.
- Pinpoint pupils.
- Limp body.
- Vomiting.
- Weak or no pulse.
- Bluish-purple lips or skin tones in lighter-skinned people.
- Grayish or ashen tones in darker-skinned people.

### Steps to use naloxone

- Call 911 immediately.
- Ensure the person is lying down with their head tilted back.
- Insert nozzle into one nostril and press plunger firmly. Start rescue breathing.
- If there is no response after 2-3 minutes, administer a second dose (if available) in the other nostril.
- Stay until emergency medical help is received.

The Good Samaritan Law protects those con-

cerned they may be charged for drug possession or sharing when they call 911 for someone experiencing an overdose. Call 911, stay at the scene, identify yourself, and cooperate with responders to avoid being charged.

Again – naloxone is completely safe to use on anyone, in any situation, even if they aren't overdosing.

Some other important information to know about naloxone:

- Naloxone has been proven safe to use past expiration. You do not need to throw away expired naloxone and should still use it in the event of an overdose.
- Do not leave naloxone in your car or an area that gets very hot, because the heat can decrease how well the medicine works. The only exception to leaving it in your car is if you have an insulated case. It is ok to store naloxone in a cold car – it will work once it unfreezes.

Remember, addiction is treatable, and recovery is always possible. Learn more about naloxone, addiction treatment options, and resources at [LTL.SouthernUte.org](http://LTL.SouthernUte.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 Colorado Mental Health Line 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](http://988Colorado.com).

**Southern Ute Tribal Health Department**

*will be closed*

**DECEMBER 5TH**

**8-5pm** for **Southern Ute Tribal Health Department training and retreat**

regular hours to resume **Friday December 6th**

*thank you*

All phone calls to the Health Center, Optometry, Behavioral Health and Dental Offices will be answered by the Triage Line. Please call (970) 563-4581 to contact the CHR's 970-563-4401

## Alternative Horizons

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

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**\*\*Application DEADLINE 1/13/25\*\***

Contact Tahlelah Begay, Communication & Volunteer Coordinator, at [tahlelah@durangaso.org](mailto:tahlelah@durangaso.org) for more information

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**Fall/Winter 2024**

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

**Fall/Winter Recipe**  
**Bison Skillet Dinner**

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

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**Sign-up Deadline:** Monday, December 2nd  
**Pickup Date:** Wednesday, December 4th

Meal Kit Includes:

- Primary ingredients
- Recipe / Prep Tips
- Kitchen Hacks

Contact:  
Lisa B. Smith 970-563-2344

\*Pick-up date is firm as there will not be another opportunity later in the week.

## Field dressing 101



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Leandro Litz, Jr. trims the meat on a freshly harvested mule deer under the guidance of SUIMA Ute Language Coordinator, Rhiannon Velasquez who helped students gain first-hand knowledge of the field dressing process, Tuesday, Nov. 12.



Students are eager to start preparing the deer meat for a cooking project. Once the field dressing aspect is finished, the school plans to cook a stew together with the student's help.

Brothers, Lazarus and Lucas, stand with their father Gabriel Chavez, while clutching the antlers from the freshly harvested buck, which was provided by SUIMA Ute Language Coordinator, Rhiannon Velasquez.



SUIMA's field dressing activity brought students together in the courtyard for a hands-on cultural activity, Tuesday, Nov. 12, where they learned the step-by-step process of field dressing a deer.



courtesy SUIMA

Students from SUIMA's lower elementary two classroom practice their knitting skills after being shown by parent, Jerna Mills.

## SUIMA

# Pawaaghani po'okwatu – Eagle's Nest

### Knitting and Ute language

By Rhiannon Velasquez,  
UTE LANGUAGE COORDINATOR

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Ute Language Program staff have been teaching the students how to create different crafts using a sewing machine, hand sewing, beading on material and on the loom. Students from the elementary level worked on a quilting project for the Southern Ute Fair that won first place.

SUIMA's Ute Language programs use lessons from The Beginning Conversational Ute and Curriculum which were written by Georgia McKinley and Dr. Stacey Oberly. Ute guides have worked on ways to make the lessons fun and interactive to keep the learning fun.

Here are a few of the



Rhiannon Velasquez  
Ute Language Coordinator  
Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy

Southern Ute language words SUIMA students have learned this school year.

#### Nouns:

Núuruachi, (baby), 'áapachi (boy), na'achichi (girl), ta'wachi (man), nanapuchi (old

man), mamasaghoychi (old woman), mamachi (woman).

#### Conversational:

- Núnay nuuniá (Ute name)\_\_\_.
- Ná' yen (na'achichi, 'áapachi, mamachi, tawachi). (I am a \_\_\_)
- Ná' toghomasúk' tēmōrika-ru, (I am ten winters sitting)
- Ná' Pinuvaa kanighetū. (I live in Ignacio)
- Máykh?, (Hello, how are you?)
- Táú' ayinū., 'ámūysaa? (I am fine, and you?)
- Toghoyinū (I am okay) ´
- 'amū 'ara 'ini níaghatū? (What is your name?)
- Núnay níá 'úwarū. 'ámūysaa? (My name is Rain, and you?)
- Núnay níá Panarūpūighetū. (My name is Bright Eyes.)
- Táú'ayaqh 'ámūy puchuchugway. (It is good to know you.)
- Toghoy., (Okay.)
- 'ūū. Pūnikyavaatusamū 'ara. (Yes. See you sometime.)
- 'ávúsagha. (Good-bye)

The elementary level students would like to thank Elise Redd and her staff for inviting them to Sip, Chat and Chew at the Multi- Purpose Facility. They also attended October's crafts where they painted káaravasi (pumpkin) and made paper-mache 'urúsáaqachi (ghost). Lower Elementary Two would also like to thank Jerna Mills for teaching the students how to knit. The students and staff participated in field dressing of a doe and assisted in skinning, butchering, and preparing the meat for a meal and jerky making.



courtesy SUIMA

Clementine Carrillo practices a knitting stitch.

#### School Board

The SUIMA School Board will be hosting a Native Heritage Day on Nov. 26 from 11 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the SUIMA dining hall. A few of the activities will be games, ribbon shirt, skirt, and dress competitions, a round dance, and enchilada food sale.

#### Upcoming SUIMA events

- Every Friday: Early Release at 2 p.m.
- Nov. 19: Parent Advisory Group meeting
- Nov. 20: Thanksgiving meal
- Nov. 20: Family Night in the dining hall
- Nov. 20: So. Ute Students Film showing fundraiser dinner
- Nov. 23-29: Thanksgiving break
- Nov. 26: SUIMA School Board Native Heritage event

**NATIVE FUN**  
HONOR OF NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

**November 26th**  
Time: 11-2 P.M.  
Location: Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Dining Hall  
Hosted by: SUIMA SCHOOL BOARD

**Event Details:**

- Performance by Royalty
- Ute Bingo
- Musical Chairs
- Open Mic
- Food Eating Competition
- Best War Cry and Lulu
- Ribbon Shirt and Skirt

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Fundraising Food Sale by SUIMA STAFF

FOR MORE INFO PLEASE CONTACT OUR FRONT OFFICE AT: 970.563.0253

Southern Ute Education

**FILM Showing FUNDRAISER**

**Wednesday November 20, 2024**  
For more information contact  
Dustin Weaver 970-563-2786

**FUNDRAISER DINNER!!**

Southern Ute Student Film-Making Projects:  
"A Place to Explore"  
"Tri-Ute Games"  
Movie:  
"Dreamkeeper"

Ignacio High School Auditorium  
Dinner starts 5:30pm  
Showing 6:15pm

Proceeds will assist SUIMA staff to attend National Montessori Conference/Training



**MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY**  
**Youth Crafting**  
**Saturday November 23, 2024**  
**10:30 AM - 1:30 PM**



All youth —17 years old  
 Parents and Grandparents are welcome to attend with their children.  
 Lunch will be provided.  
 Please call to sign – up.



Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
 Call for more information 970-563-2640



courtesy Ignacio Middle School

Ignacio Middle School Honor Roll students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher enjoyed an Honor Roll Breakfast, and IMS conducted their first quarter Character Counts assembly.

**BOBCAT BULLETIN**

**Happy autumn from Ignacio Middle School!**

*By Dayna Talamante-Montoya, Principal*  
 IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Ignacio Middle School (IMS) has had an excellent start to the 2024/2025 school year and a productive first quarter. At the beginning of the year, we celebrated our growth in CMAS, hosted a Family Science Night, and held our first Pep Assembly. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher enjoyed an Honor Roll Breakfast, and we conducted our first quarter Character Counts assembly. Additionally, we organized our first in-school dance, which was one of the best ever, welcomed the Navajo Magician, Brian Yazzie, and enjoyed a Rosie the Riveter performance through Colorado Humanities. These past 13 weeks have been incredibly busy and fulfilling.

Our volleyball season was a success, with 34 girls participating and the A team finishing their regular season with a record of 9-1. In football, 36 boys participated, and we secured third place in our league. Our cross-country team had seven athletes, many of whom improved their personal records by the end of the season. We are currently in the Boys Basketball season with 30 athletes participating.

With the implementation of a four-day school week, our district aims to enhance family time and engagement while maintaining a strong focus on academics during school hours. Our school day begins at 7:50 a.m. with core classes for 6th and 7th



courtesy Ignacio Middle School

Navajo Magician Brian Yazzie and student Neeko Frost.

8th graders, while 8th graders participate in high school Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs, including Band, during their first hour at the high school. This collaboration between buildings provides our students with valuable exposure to various CTE pathways. We are also pleased to offer Band classes for our 5th grade elementary students and Choir for our middle school students, enriching our arts programs and supporting student engagement. The school day concludes at 4:05 p.m., and on game days, events will start at 4:30 p.m. to ensure a safe environment for clearing the building and allowing parents in after 4:15 p.m.

Ignacio Middle School is actively seeking parents, guardians, and community volunteers to join the Building Accountability Committee. This committee meets on the first

Monday of each month at 4 p.m., with the next meeting scheduled for Monday, Dec. 2 at the middle school. The committee serves as an advisory group, providing opportunities for input from parents, volunteers, and community members to support student needs and learning. For more information, please contact Dayna at dtalamantemontoya@ignacioschools.org.

IMS students are also preparing for Literacy Night, which will take place on Wednesday, Nov. 20 at 6:30 p.m. Additionally, we are gearing up for our school-wide Science Fair in December, where all students should be researching, testing their hypotheses, and preparing to present their findings to judges on Wednesday, Dec. 18.

We are thankful for the many opportunities our little community has for students. We are proud Bobcats!

**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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## THAT FARM LIFE • FROM PAGE 1

as possible in the month of April or early May. I realize that there are tested and true methods about when to water, but I am also blessed with the ignorance of not knowing most of these methods and so I resort to “execute and observe” tactics each year to confirm suspicions or to learn to never do that again.

Over the past three years, when it is available, I’ve turned on water as soon as it begins to trickle into my laterals. In 2022, This was in the second week of May. In 2023, water arrived on the first week of May. This year, water was promised on April 15. Please keep in mind that in the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP), water takes about 7-14 days to ramp up to full levels. Pressure and ditch height are important to the way that I irrigate, so it ended up being about April 26, when I was able to irrigate at full strength. Very much appreciated was I, but to be honest, I would want to see what an April 1 irrigation season would look like.

### To each their own

If this was a classroom, workshop, or open discussion, I would have quite a few hands ready to raise for comparison. As previously stated, many people have their proven operation schedules nailed down and I’m sure it works very well for them. I’m just not there yet. I’m learning that my grasses seem to like water on them, even into the latter week of April.

The boundary of my experimentation has only been limited to when water has become available. I’m sure at some point, water will be too cold...or the air/ground temperature is not optimal ... or perhaps there is some truth in that the grass gets shocked by it being too early in the year. Not that I don’t believe any of that, I just haven’t seen it with my own two eyes yet. The grass seems to absorb a late April watering with as much comfort last year as it did an early May watering the year before.

The difference in advancing the water timeline, and the watering season to em-



Marvin Pinnecoose/Special to the Drum

Though aeration is intentionally done in the spring to help the ground, cracking of the soil in the fall is counterproductive to growth and plant health. Picture this in reverse and with bad intention simply because the moisture in the ground dries up in the fall.

brace another two to three weeks of watering into October could be the difference between going from two cuttings to three cuttings. Depending on the forage selection, it could even be the difference between three cuttings and four. That is WORLD of difference when thinking in terms of tonnage per acre.

It also offers a hedge to the risks within the industry of farming. As stated early in writing these articles, I was not a fan of getting into a business that was dependent on uncontrollable factors such as weather, rain, insects, and such. The idea that a large percentage of annual production could be ruined by unforeseen circumstances could be a deterrent for many to even enter into this industry. The idea of multiple harvests across late spring into early fall helps to mitigate the risks of weather, spoilage, and loss. It helps people feel better about taking a gamble to aerate, seed, fertilize, irrigate, cut, rake, bale, and stack.

One bad harvest isn’t as impactful when a person

has the possibility of having three or four cuts per year. Again, this depends on what is being grown.

### What are they doing over there?

I really wanted to end the hay season toward the end of September. The past three years have me eyeing the third week in September. Going later than this just gives me anxiety. As October pops up, the days get shorter. That’s not good for drying grasses. The days get colder...also not good for drying. The grass just doesn’t crisp up the way it does in July and August. Not to mention that the humidity just seems to sit still, and it makes for some nervous baling. Nothing worse than risking a barn fire.

Needless to say, I wasn’t able to make that September target. My final cut didn’t happen until the first week of October. It felt wrong and I had moisture-probed a lot more bales than I normally would. The water in my laterals were shut down on Oct. 1. Just as well, I guess. It did strike me as odd that even though this was the case, I noticed that neighbors on my same county road were still watering well into October through their pivots and side rolls. I was left to wonder why. Why do that if there is absolutely no time left in the harvest season.

After asking around a bit, it was revealed to me. Apparently, the reason to water as long as possible (but before freezing temps sit in) is to keep the soil saturated, the roots pliable, and to keep the ground from cracking. Cracks in the ground expose roots to open air which will freeze. That makes a lot of sense to me. It’s like packaging a fresh product into the insulation of the snow so that it can be unpacked in early spring with its natural preservatives. A little more saturation in the fall could mean a lot less irrigation needed in the early spring. One more feather in the hat of knowledge. More to come.



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You can see where the seed drill has run in a crisscross pattern to establish some early growth with the grass.

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

# Colorado, to receive \$1.6M in EPA grants to prevent pollution

**Staff report**  
U.S. ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) announced that the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environment (CDPHE), Montana State University (MSU) and University of Utah have been selected to receive over \$1.6 million in grant funding to support pollution prevention practices in communities.

“We’re proud to support projects that continue to help businesses develop and implement strategies to reduce hazardous material usage and improve energy and water efficiency, all while lowering business costs,” said EPA Regional Administrator, KC Becker. “These projects highlight the important work of small businesses and the positive impact they have in preventing pollution in their communities.”

Under the traditional Pollution Prevention (P2) grant program, CDPHE will receive \$507,118 and partner with the Colorado Green Business Network to provide technical assistance on hazardous material reduction, energy and water efficiency, emissions reduction and waste minimization to businesses in local communities.

“I’m pleased that the Colorado Department of Public Health and the Environ-

ment will be able to harness this funding from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law to help businesses across our state prevent pollution, avoid waste, and lower their energy costs,” said U.S. Senator Michael Bennet (D-CO).

“Preventing pollution starts at the local level. Our businesses already know the importance of reducing waste, increasing energy efficiency, and emitting less,” said U.S. Senator Hickenlooper (D-CO). “Now, our BIL is helping make it all easier and more cost effective!”

In total, EPA announced 48 selectees across the country that will collectively receive nearly \$19 million in grants to support states, Tribal Nations and U.S. territories in providing technical assistance to businesses to develop and adopt pollution prevention practices in local communities. Thanks to President Biden’s BIL, nearly half of the funds awarded this year were made available with no cost share/match requirement.

Pollution prevention, also known as P2 or source reduction, is any practice that reduces, eliminates or prevents pollution at its source prior to recycling, treatment or disposal. Preventing pollution at the source rather than managing waste afterwards is an important way to support American business’ efforts to reduce costs

while protecting communities from exposure to toxic chemicals and conserving natural resources. These practices are essential for protecting health, improving environmental conditions – including in and around disadvantaged communities – and preserving natural resources like wetlands, groundwater sources and other critical ecosystems.

Between 2011-2022, EPA’s P2 program issued over 500 grants totaling more than \$54 million, which have helped businesses identify, develop and adopt P2 approaches. These approaches have resulted in 31.9 billion kilowatts-hour in energy savings, eliminated 20.8 million metric tons of greenhouse gases, saved 52 billion gallons of water, reduced 1 billion pounds of hazardous materials and saved businesses more than \$2.3 billion.

“Colorado has long been a leader in sustainability, and today’s announcement will drive us even closer to a pollution-free future,” said U.S. Representative Diana DeGette (CO-01). “I applaud the EPA and the Biden-Harris Administration for their commitment to Colorado’s environmental goals and for investing in the health and well-being of our communities. Together, we’re building a stronger, cleaner Colorado for generations to come.”

**Attention Southern Ute Tribal Members:**

**2024 Annual Salmon Give-Away**

**Friday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>**

**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 8<sup>th</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- 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.

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What is a Giving Basket?	Who can Sponsor a Basket?
Each Basket will contain food items for your typical Thanksgiving meal such as: Vegetables, Turkey, Ham, Potatoes, Pie, etc. Full list will be given out when you sign up!	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A group of people / Family Individuals</li> <li>Department / Coworkers</li> <li>Or any one with a giving heart</li> </ul>

Baskets will be ready to be picked up on:  
**November, 22nd**

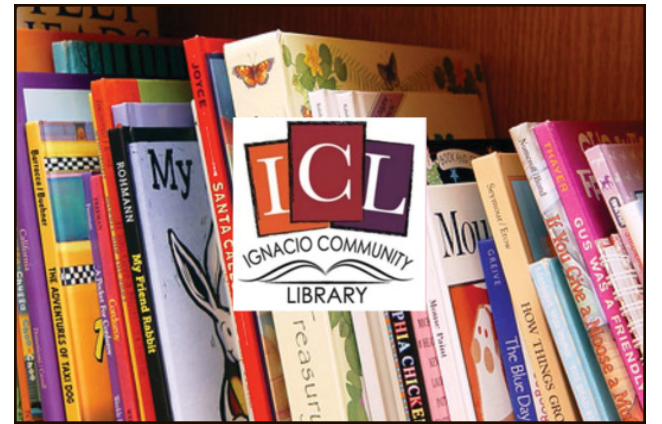
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Together We Can Make a Difference!

**IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY**

# ICL hosting Virtual Reality Travel programs

*By Liz vonTaufkirchen*  
 ASSISTANT DIRECTOR/  
 LIBRARIAN



Here at Ignacio Community Library, we've started hosting Virtual Reality Travel programs and we are thrilled with the engagement from our patrons and other community members! Our first event was VR Travel: Italy and we made pasta from scratch as an activity, ate an Italian dinner together, and traveled to Italy by means of our Meta Quest Pro VR Headsets and the program Wander. The patron feedback was overwhelmingly positive!

For the following month, we decided to visit India for our VR travel program and the response was even bigger! We ended up with five wonderful patron volunteers who were either from India, had traveled there extensively, or whose families were from there. When we did our India program, we were so grateful for our patron volunteers who made and brought authentic Indian dishes to share. One of the patron volunteers brought saris for everyone to learn to share, that same volunteer set up a "guess what it is" table of interesting Indian items, and the anecdotes and stories

our volunteers shared with participants made the whole program more layered and fascinating! We learned that when we host a virtual travel program with the involvement of engaged patrons, the program is so much richer, more interesting, more engaging, and also better attended!

So far, we have tentative plans with patron volunteers to do Slovakia, Mexico, and Czechia in 2025. We will most likely repeat our India program next year, since India was so popular, we even had a waiting list to participate in September. We may also repeat Italy and Egypt, especially if we find we have patron volunteers who have stories and information to share about those countries.

Depending on interest, we may eventually open this virtual travel idea up to in-

clude places within the United States, particularly if they are unique or interesting; but, for now we are sticking to foreign locales.

Our Virtual Travel team is meeting over the next two months to flesh out the VR Travel Program schedule for early 2025. If you or someone you know in the community is from an interesting place anywhere in the world, and you are willing to share and participate in this type of a program, please reach out and let us know! You can call the library at 970-563-9287, send an email to Liz at [lvontaufkirchen@ignaciolibrary.org](mailto:lvontaufkirchen@ignaciolibrary.org), call Liz's desk directly at 970-442-6240, or stop in and tell us in person. We would love to feature your favorite world destination while we continue to learn more about other places and cultures!

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB AND THE IGNACIO CREATIVE DISTRICT PRESENT

# IGNACIO'S TASTE OF CHRISTMAS LIGHT PARADE

6TH DEC 2024

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### Southern Ute Tribal Member Hunters

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

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

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

# IGNACIO'S ANNUAL TASTE OF CHRISTMAS

DECEMBER 6, 2024  
5PM-8PM

Light Parade | Gingerbread House Contest  
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This class is VIRTUAL Please call Social Service to sign up Each participant needs the following to attend: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>➤ A working email</li> <li>➤ A solid internet connection</li> <li>➤ A smart phone, tablet or laptop with a mic</li> <li>➤ Download the Microsoft Teams App</li> </ul>	NOVEMBER 2024  Mondays & Wednesdays 12:00 – 2:00 PM  <del>Nov. 4, 2024</del> <del>Nov. 6, 2024</del> Nov. 11, 2024 Nov. 13, 2024 Nov. 18, 2024 Nov. 20, 2024 Nov. 25, 2025 Nov. 27, 2024	<p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES</p> <p style="text-align: center; font-size: x-small;">FOR MORE INFORMATION CALL OR EMAIL KELLIE (970) 563-2337 <a href="mailto:kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov">kyazzie@southernute-nsn.gov</a></p>
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## A Spooktacular Tribal Halloween!



The Southern Ute Health Center took visitors on a train ride to Hogwarts School of Witchcraft and Wizardry, the boarding school of magic for young wizards.



Robert L. Ortiz with The Southern Ute Drum is the zombie, wandering the halls of the LCB Building.



This year the Annex featured a "Beetlejuice" theme, employees dressed as different characters throughout the building.

**The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Permanent Fund celebrates Halloween, wearing their best costumes to welcome staff and students of SUIMA throughout the day on Thursday, Oct. 31 throughout Tribal Campus. Tribal employees decorated their spaces, participated in a Costume Contest sponsored by Tribal Council, and enjoyed a Pumpkin Carving contest sponsored by Tribal Information Services. Each year various departments go all out for the holiday, making the day special for students and fellow employees alike.**



MariaEliza Trujillo is Winifred "Winnie" Sanderson from the film "Hocus Pocus," Trujillo is on the hunt for her book!



Chola Lola strolls into Council Chambers during the Costume Contest, Sonja Silva is "Chola Lola," and she went on to take first place in the funniest costume category.

**Photos by Divine Windy Boy**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Patrons of SunUte Community Center got into the Halloween spirit, playing pickleball in 80's theme.



Maria Rivera goes to infinity and beyond! Rivera is Buzz Lightyear from the kids' film "Toy Story", she flies into Tribal Council Chambers during the annual Costume Contest hosted by Tribal Council.



The Cultural Preservation Department is "Far Far Away" from the film "Shrek," the group went on to take third place in the Costume Contest hosted by Tribal Council.



## Sky Ute Casino hosts Halloween Carnival



Eddie and Betty Box provided the music for this year's Community Halloween Carnival event, keeping families moving on the dance floor and around the booths, the duo kept the event running smoothly.



Roman Seibel competes in the adult division of the Costume Contest during the Community Halloween Carnival, "Master Chief" from the video game Halo went on to take first place in the contest.



The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division hosts a corn hole game booth at the Community Halloween Carnival, Behavioral Health staff – Rebecca Gale, James Wilson, and Preston Barry hand out goodie bags to children and their families.

Photos by Divine Windy Boy  
The Southern Ute Drum

**The Southern Ute Police Department and Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the Community Halloween Carnival at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, Oct. 31. Featuring game booths, prizes, music and costume contests for all ages, this event had lots of trick or treaters ready for a spooktacular evening. Kids and their families dressed up in their best themed costumes hoping for a chance to win some prizes during the event.**

## Halloween After Party & Pumpkin Contest



Marvin Pinnecoose dressed as Jack Skellington, strikes a pose with the Corpse Bride characters during the after party in the Hall of Warriors.

Photos by Rosaleigh Cloud  
The Southern Ute Drum



Chairman Melvin J. Baker looks over Councilman Andrew Gallegos' shoulder while announcing the winners of the Southern Ute Tribe Staff costume contest. Gallegos dressed as Fred Jones from "Scooby Doo" for the Halloween festivities!



After the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's staff costume contest, Acie Patterson came to collect his Michael Jackson pumpkin with his side kick Michelangelo!



Southern Ute tribal member, Sapphire Ortiz won the Ninja Sizzle Grill from the Pumkin Contest on Thursday, Oct. 31 with her pumpkin entry in the Most Unique Pumpkin category.



TRIBAL SOVEREIGNTY

# Honoring Native American Heritage Month

Staff report  
NATIONAL NATIVE AMERICAN BOARDING SCHOOL HEALING COALITION

As we commemorate Native American Heritage Month this November, we reflect on the resilience and contributions of Native American communities across the nation. This month serves as a powerful reminder of the deep history and rich cultures of Indigenous peoples, as well as the ongoing impact of historical injustices, including the legacy of Indian boarding schools.

In a recent pivotal moment, President Biden issued a formal apology for the United States' role in the Indian boarding school system, which aimed to erase Indigenous identities and cultures. This acknowledgment marks a crucial step toward healing the wounds inflicted by these policies. We recognize that true healing requires both recognition and action.

This month, we call attention to S.1723/H.R. 7727 –

the Truth and Healing Commission on Indian Boarding School Policies Act that is currently under consideration. The time is now to take action to ensure its passage, allowing us to preserve the voices of survivors and their descendants to support their healing journey. Join us in advocating for future generations by contacting your Congressional representatives in Washington, D.C., to urge them to pass the Truth and Healing Bill this year, <https://boardingschoolhealing.org/advocacy/takeaction/>.

We also advocate for clemency for Leonard Peltier, a member of the Turtle Mountain Chippewa Tribe and a survivor of the Indian boarding school system, having attended Wahpeton Indian School from 1952 to 1955. Mr. Peltier, an Indigenous rights activist, has come to represent broader injustices experienced by Native American communities. Granting him clemency would be a meaningful step toward justice and a com-

mitment to addressing historical wrongs.

As we celebrate the rich traditions, languages, and histories of Native American peoples this month, we must also confront the realities of our shared past. By honoring the voices of Indigenous communities and advocating for truth, justice, and healing, we can advance towards a future built on respect, understanding, and equity.

Let us use this month as a catalyst for change, uniting in our commitment to support Indigenous rights and ensure that the lessons of the past inform a more just and equitable future for all.

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](http://boardingschoolhealing.org).

## Frost takes Oath of Office



Krista Richards/SU Drum

Swearing In Ceremony/Oath of Office for Gaming Commissioner Byron Frost took place on Tuesday, Nov. 5 in the Tribal Courtroom before Judge Paul Whistler.

### ELDER SERVICES NOVEMBER ACTIVITIES LIST

#### NOVEMBER 16, 2024

Annual Tribal Thanksgiving Dinner  
Sky Ute Casino Event Center  
11:30a.m. - 2:00p.m.

#### NOVEMBER 26, 2024

Shopping (Durango)  
Van will depart Elder Services @ 10:00 a.m.

#### NOVEMBER 28-29, 2024

##### HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Tribal offices will be closed in observance of the Thanksgiving holiday.

Call Elder Services @563-2309 to have your name added to the activities list or if you have any questions. Activities are subject to change due to inclement weather.

## Family Fall Crafts

Friday, November 22 at 1:00 p.m.

This program is perfect for the whole family and we'll provide all the supplies! Don't miss out on this creative experience!



Ignacio Community Library | 470 Goddard Ave. | (970)563-9287



SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY

## BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

The Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Ute Agency's Main Phone Number has been updated to

# 970-200-8613



SKY UTE ENTERTAINMENT PRESENTS

# TATANKA & FRIENDS COMEDY SHOW



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DOORS OPEN 4:30PM | SHOW STARTS 5PM  
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## Ignacio High School hosts Veterans Powwow



The Southern Ute Veterans Association and visiting veterans bring in the colors during the first Grand Entry on Saturday, this Grand Entry was exclusive to veterans and dancers would later have a separate entrance.



Southern Ute Brave, Theoden Greany is honored during a special organized by his family. Greany is recognized for his contributions to the community, his role as a young ambassador, and his passion for fancy dancing.



Members of the Southern Ute Royalty join visiting royalty for a photo following their introductions during the first session of the Community Veterans Powwow.

**The Community Veterans Powwow took place on Saturday, Nov. 9 and Sunday, Nov. 10 at Ignacio High School, honoring local veterans from all eras and branches of the military. This powwow featured many specials, veterans special dance contest, hand drum contest, and this year the Southern Ute Veterans Association and powwow committee held a princess contest hoping to find an ambassador for this event. Kicking off the event with a gourd dance session, this powwow filled the IHS Gymnasium with dancers, singers, and spectators. This event was sponsored by the Southern Ute Veterans Association, Ignacio High School, the Ignacio Community, MPF & the Volunteers to Honor Our Veterans.**



Visiting veterans join Grand Entry as honorary guests during the Community Veterans Powwow, each session all veterans in attendance are asked to join Grand Entry both in regalia and not.



Young Paisley Frost takes to the dance floor during intertribal sessions at the Community Veterans Powwow, she showcases the jingle dress style.

**Photos by Divine Windy Boy**  
The Southern Ute Drum



The Southern Ute Veterans Association held a special recognition ceremony for the family of the late Edward Lee Brown, his wife Wilma is honored with an embroidered Pendleton blanket. Brown served in the U.S. Army from 1970-1972 as a Combat Engineer with the 101st Airborne in Vietnam, he is remembered as a proud Vietnam Veteran and loving father, grandfather, and friend.



Traditional dancer Alyiah Jacket dances during the second session of Grand Entry on Saturday, Jacket later competed in the Southern Ute Veteran's Association Princess Contest, and she was selected as the new ambassador for the organization and this powwow. Jacket will serve one year in this position traveling the powwow circuit promoting the event.



## KSUT highlights veterans



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Sheila Nanaeto, KSUT Station Manager for Southern Ute Tribal Radio, hosts a special radio segment highlighting the annual Veterans Powwow, which took place in Ignacio ahead of Veterans Day this year.



Southern Ute Veterans Association member and Vietnam combat veteran, Rod Grove goes "On Air" speaking to his experience serving in the Vietnam War as a Native American in the 1960s. Grove is joined by Southern Ute elder, Ramona Eagle who serves with the Volunteers to Honor Veterans.

### Veterans Day Powwow Raffle Winners

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| \$50 McDonalds Gift Card – Claressa Valdez       | Bucket hat – Ella Maria Ramos          |
| \$100 Cash – Larenz Wilbourn                     | \$50 Subway Gift Card – NO.1163        |
| Bifold Wallet – M. Overright                     | Crossover Ribbon Bag – Deanna Cruz     |
| \$50 McDonalds Card – Bradley Hight              | AirPods – Salma Lang                   |
| Earring Set – Katheren Lenny                     | Throw /Small Quilt – Laura Richards    |
| Pendleton Tote – Amelia Howe                     | Earring Bracelet Set – Dominika Joy    |
| \$50 Sonic Card – Geneva Gomez                   | Earring Set – Misty Navanick           |
| Ribbon Skirt – Marlene Peabody                   | Indigenous jacket – Teresa Bagdol      |
| Earring Set – S. Fasano                          | Air Compressor – Des Vazquez           |
| \$50 Subway Card – Valentine Santistevan         | AirPods – Tanya Ruybal                 |
| \$50 Sonic Gift Card – Justin Munns              | Star Quilt – Tommy Weaver              |
| NexPow Jump Kit – Barbara Valdez                 | Earring Set – Alyssa – Ticket No. 1651 |
| Car Jump /Compressor – Dayna                     | \$50 Sonic Card – Lou Ticket No. 5499  |
| Earring Set – Barbara Valdez                     | Earring Set – DJ Hendren               |
| Earring Set – Leslie McGown                      | Earrings – Natasha Wilmer              |
| Earring Bracelet Set – Kimberly Armstrong        | Beaded Phone Case – Preston Abeyta     |
| Earring Set – Brianna Goodtracks-Alires          | \$50 McDonalds Card – Amanda Jacket    |
| Pendleton Luggage – Raquel Perkins               | \$250 Cash – Gloria Frost              |
| Rawhide Beaded Necklace- Emeline Root            | Earrings – Joyce Guzman                |
| Indigenous Jacket – Jerna Weaver                 | Beaded Barrette – Michelle Taylor      |
| \$20 VISA Gift Card – Winter Rose Garcia         | Bi-Fold Wallet – Amelia Howe           |
| Earring/Bracelet set – Brianna GoodTracks-Alires | Fishing Bag – Feather Ticket No. 6234  |
| Bucket Hat – Lori Herrera                        | Fishing Bag – Jacobs Ticket No 3883    |
| Beaded Wallet – Lyric Herrera – Thompson         | \$50 Subway Card – Ray Price           |
| Earring Set – Russell Blackbird                  | Earring Set – Kayla Armstrong          |
| Ribbon Skirt – Stella Cox                        | Earring Set – Mac Ader                 |

### 2024/2025 Southern Ute Firewood Season

The 2024/2025 firewood season begins Tuesday October 1, 2024 and runs through April 30, 2025. You may place firewood orders with Forestry Division at (970) 563-4780 Monday through Friday 8am – 5:00pm.

Firewood may be picked up from the Forestry Fuels Yard Mondays and Wednesdays from 8:30 AM – 12:00 PM and 12:30 PM – 4:00 PM. Firewood deliveries for Tribal member elders residing within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Reservation occur on Tuesdays and Thursdays in the order in which they are received. No firewood pickups or deliveries will occur on Fridays.

To be eligible for the firewood program you must be a Southern Ute Tribal member 18 years and older and have a functioning firewood place or wood stove at your primary residence.



## Tribal Council honors Veterans



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Tribal Council invited all veterans to enjoy coffee and burritos in the Hall of Warriors, Friday, Nov. 8, as a token of appreciation for their service, duty, and honor. The event was open to all community veterans, Tribal member veterans and Tribal employees who served in the Armed Forces.



Chairman Baker and Tribal Council express their deepest gratitude to all veterans for their selfless service during the appreciation event in the Hall of Warriors, Friday, Nov. 8. Councilwoman Vanessa Torres speaks with Southern Ute Tribal member, Marvin Cook, who served in the Korean War.



Nathan Strong Elk gives his thanks to Southern Ute Tribal member and Vietnam Veteran, Pete "Casper" Vigil during the recognition event in the Hall of Warriors, Friday, Nov. 8.

### Taste of Christmas & Fill Your Bowls for Arts

Dancing Spirit Center for the Arts and Rise & Shine Coffee and Burritos are teaming up to offer hot soup, fresh bread and a gourmet cocoa bar at our annual Fill Your Bowl 2024 fundraiser on Dec. 6 during Taste of Christmas. Make sure to stop by after the parade and pick out a unique handmade bowl and fill it with hot soup. Finish it off with cocoa topped with mini candy canes, whipped cream, marshmallows, sprinkles and more! We'll have live music, and an art show too! Can't wait to see you at our new building! 465 Goddard Ave, Ignacio, Colo.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
RUN-OFF ELECTION  
DECEMBER 13, 2024

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

Notice - Vote for Two (2)

- Vanessa Torres
- Lorelei Cloud
- James M. Olguin
- Linda K. Baker

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
2024 Run-Off 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 Run-Off Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

Notice of Election- Wednesday, November 13, 2024  
Run-Off Election- Friday, December 13, 2024, from 7:00 AM to 7:00 PM  
(New) Voter Registration Deadline- Wednesday, December 4, 2024, by 5:00 PM  
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline- Wednesday, December 4, 2024, by 5:00 PM  
Emergency Ballot Request Deadline- Thursday, December 12, 2024, by 5:00 PM

The 2024 Run-Off Election will be held at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO  
Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303/2305/2729  
Off-Reservation Tribal Members call 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
or email: election@southernute-nsn.gov



**James M. Olguin**

December 13, 2024  
Run Off Election

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SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

**VOTE** 

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**SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL**

**INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY**

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Election Board Vacancy**

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) 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.

**VOTE**

**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
RUN-OFF ELECTION**

Friday, December 13, 2024  
7 a.m. – 7 p.m.  
285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO



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**Friday November 22, 2024**  
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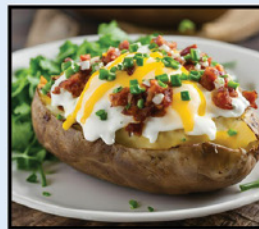
*The Dinner is open to members of the 3 Ute Tribes, and their families, all ages are welcome.*

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**Wednesday November 20, 2024**  
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- Baked Potato—\$5.00
- Add your own toppings, Butter, Sour Cream, Cheese, Chives, Bacon
- Desserts—\$5.00
- You can call in your order and schedule a pick-up time.
- Beverages & Snacks
- Soda— Bottled Water \$1 Red Bull \$3.50 Sun Tea—16 oz. \$1
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**Wednesday November 27, 2024**  
**10:00 AM-3:30 PM**



This is a hands on workshop—you will make pie crust from scratch.

You may bring your own pie pan. (Aluminum pie tins are used)

You can take home and bake or bake it here.

If you have a pastry cutter, and rolling pin —bring it



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**Multi - Purpose Facility**  
**November 2024 Events**

**Monthly Event Calendar**

Sip, Chat & Chew—Friday November 22, 11:30 AM –1:30 PM

Pie Class Wednesday November 27, 10:00 AM—3:00 PM

Traditional Beading & Sewing –Tues.— Thurs., November 19—21

Day Session—10:00 AM—3:00 PM Evening Session—5:30 –7:30 PM

**Special Events**

Craft Fair in the Park—November 16, 10:00 AM—3:30 PM

Cooking with Bill—Monday November 18, 10:30 AM—1:30 PM

Youth Crafting November 23, 10:30 AM—2:00 PM

• Events are subject to change—watch for announcements



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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Thunder Windy Boy (70) runs with a pack early in the third mile of the 2024 CHSAA Cross-Country State Championships' Class 2A Boys' race Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2, in Colorado Springs.

## BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

# Ignacio boys finish 14th at 2A meet

*Crane places 30th to pace Bobcats*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Elevated to being the only 'Receiving Votes' team in the Colorado High School Coaches Association's last bi-weekly Class 2A Boys' Cross-Country poll of 2024, released prior to the imminent CHSAA State Championships, Ignacio also ended up just outside the top ten teams at the season's grand finale.

Running shortly after the lunch hour Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2, the Bobcats were led by junior Trace Crane, who clocked a strong time of 17 minutes, 50.6 seconds (17:50.57, to be exact) and placing 30th out of 144 crossing the finish line inside the equestrian arena at Norris-Penrose Event Center.

Classmate James Martin, who'd completed the first mile in 21st place, right behind 20th-place Crane, ended up 58th with his 18:38.7 (18:38.64) as IHS accumulated an adjusted score-4 total of 221 points, landing them 14th overall. Ranked No. 1 in the aforementioned poll, Golden View Classical Academy copped the State Championship with a winning low of 47 points – bettering No. 2 Crested Butte Community School (66) as well as Colorado Springs-based No. 3 Thomas MacLaren School (68) in the 20-team standings.

Led by Colorado Springs



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With a safe lead over a small group of pursuers, Ignacio sophomore Judah Ashley (67) works on fighting fatigue while running within the last 400 meters of the 2024 CHSAA Cross-Country State Championships' 2A Boys' race Saturday afternoon, Nov. 2, in Colorado Springs.

Christian senior Andrew Bel (15:57.7), upperclassmen claimed the top five spots in the 2A Boys' feature and eight of the top ten. Senior Biruk Begashaw (16:16.3) of Aurora-based Lotus School for Excellence finished second, 1.1 ticks ahead of Colorado Springs

Monument Academy senior Matthew Start. Additionally for Ignacio, sophomore Thunder Windy Boy placed 94th in 19:17.5 (19:17.44), sophomore Judah Ashley 116th in 20:05.7 (20:05.60) and senior Li Zhenghui 142nd in 24:04.7 (24:04.60).



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With junior Juliann Avila (15) alongside, Ignacio senior Ollyvia Howe (8) successfully blocks Simla's Haylee Easler (2) during the 2A-Region I championship match Sunday night, Nov. 10, at SHS.

## BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

# Volleycats' State hopes fade in Simla

*Season ends with loss to top-seeded SHS*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Resolutely resisting perhaps the biggest guns in Class 2A volleyball, Ignacio nevertheless succumbed to fully loaded Simla's constant barrage as the Volleycats' season ended with a 16-25, 10-25, 15-25 loss out on the high Eastern Plains.

"Big hitters ... they get in your head a lot: 'Oh my God, they're going to crank it down our throats!'" IHS senior Ollyvia Howe said. "So I think that was somewhat of an intimidation factor that our girls fought."

"They didn't give up," said head coach Jennifer Seibel. "We had the next-play mentality; we knew (the Lady Cubs) were going to hit the heck out of the ball, and so our goal was just to be tenacious on defense ... and use this as a chance to grow. Personally, mentally – mentally first – and on the court."

Hoping to earn a trip to the 2024 CHSAA State Championships at the 2A-Region I tournament, delayed by 30 hours – to Sunday evening, Nov. 10 – due to the approaching winter's first true snowstorm, which had covered just about everywhere east of Interstate 25 and south of Interstate 76 the previ-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Maliyah Martinez (10) prepares to tip a shot over Colorado Springs St. Mary's senior Allison Montague (1) and sophomore Anna Collins (14) during IHS' sweep of the Lady Pirates in 2A-Region I action Sunday evening, Nov. 10, at event-hosting Simla.

ous two days, the 'Cats began well against Colorado Springs St. Mary's.

Seeded 36th in the State Tournament's opening Round-of-36, the Lady Pirates – beaten 9-25, 8-25, 13-25 by event-hosting

SHS in the regional's 4 p.m. opener – had little to offer No. 24 Ignacio, which went wire-to-wire in the first and third sets of a 25-19, 25-20, 25-12 sweep.

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12PM

**Where:**  
SunUte Community Center

**Join us as we FIGHT Diabetes, Run or Walk with us and enjoy this Free Community Event**

**\*Snacks and giveaways provided\***

For more information contact Heather Sorensen 970-563-2349



**OBITUARY**



**PINNECOOSE** – Sharon K. Pinnecoose, age 86, passed away on Tuesday, November 12, 2024. She passed in the comfort of her home in Ignacio, CO. Sharon was born in Clinton, OK to Thelma Stoneroad and George Howell. Sharon was a proud member of the Pawnee Nation of Oklahoma. She grew up and attended school in Pawnee, OK where she graduated and earned her high school diploma. Sharon lived most of her life in Oklahoma before moving to Ignacio, CO, where she met and married Barney. She worked as a secretary for many different companies before retiring and becoming a homemaker. In her retirement Sharon

enjoyed making Native American outfits for her family, taking long rides which sometimes led her to visit family in Oklahoma. She loved celebrating birthdays and holidays with her family. She enjoyed shopping for herself as well as family, her favorite store was Dillard's, her style couldn't be matched. Sharon loved talking on the phone with her niece Candace Dan, and extended family members including Alpha Kent and Charlie Foster. Towards the end of her life Sharon enjoyed going out to eat, watching her stories, cheering for her beloved Oklahoma Sooners on Saturdays and the Dallas Cowboys on Sundays, and sitting on the porch with her husband Barney and their 3 dogs admiring the beautiful sunsets every evening. Sharon was a proud member of the War Mothers Society.

Sharon is survived by her husband Barney Pinnecoose, fur babies Kootit, Cici and Baby boy of Ignacio, her little girls Krista Richards and Shiri Howell, her baby boys, Scott Prairie Chief, Dewayne Richards, Joseph Howell and Aeden Richards, daughter in-law Venerita Valdez, 3 children, sons, Jack Frost Jr., Andrew Frost and daughter, Jaqueline Frost all of Ignacio. And many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Sharon is preceded in death by her mother Thelma Stoneroad, father George Howell, brother George E. Howell Sr., sisters Hazel Howell, Barbara Chevarillo, and Sarah Howell, daughters, Tyner Prairie Chief, Andrea Richards, and Suzette Frost, sons, Chief Prairie Chief and William Frost.

**EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS**

**CHAVEZ CLOSING STATEMENT**

Maykh Pinunuuchi,  
I hope this message finds you well and in the best of spirits!

It is with sincere gratitude that I take the time to thank every one of you for your support in our recent election, it has truly been an honor and a privilege to receive the blessings you offered during our election process.

Your opinions and beliefs in the Tribe's ability to provide responsible, fair, and equitable governance are of the utmost importance and I encourage you to keep voicing those opinions, not only in the upcoming election, but moving forward by becoming more acquainted with your government and empowering the people with the knowledge you gain to provide for better avenues of understanding between the membership and their elected officials.

One without the other makes room for speculation and distrust putting the level ground of accountability out of reach, bridging the gaps of the "Have's and Have Nots" are tough to define but when we work towards our overall accountability to one another, we all win.

What part do I play, as a member, in the advancement of our people? Do I hunt? Do I gather? Do I pass along cultural values? Do I protect and serve? Do I learn?

Where do I fit in, in the fight for my people? Much room for great collaboration and understanding to strengthen our ties and enrich our people and our Tribal way.

Your continued participation in the election process is greatly appreciated and while my candidacy has come to an end, I continue to encourage you and yours to actively become or stay involved in the process to elect the candidates who you believe will work in the best interest of the Tribe and its membership with greatest amount of respect for the position as possible.

Again, I thank you for your support and consideration. Many blessings for you and yours and good luck to the continuing candidates and a job well done for the rest of our exiting candidates and everyone who helped in this election. Your efforts are truly beyond measure.

*Tuvuchi Tog'oiak!  
Cedric J. Chavez*

**COMMUNITY VETERANS POWWOW**

The Volunteers to Honor Veterans thank everyone who came out to pay tribute to our Veterans, at the Community Powwow. Everyone who donated time, food, help and assistance whether monetary or physical work, we appreciate all you do to help make the Community Veterans Powwow a success. Collaborating with the Southern Ute Veterans Association, the Ignacio High School and the Multi-Purpose Facility staff has been a pleasure.

During the Powwow the volunteers sponsored two dance contests just for Veterans. The first contest was held on Saturday and was for the Veterans in their traditional clothing.

The winners of the contest: 1st Place – Cecilia Price, US Army of Chinle, Ariz., 2nd Place – Jack Frost – USMC, Ignacio, Colo. 3rd Place – Terry Knight, USAF, Towaoc, Colo., 4th Place – Gracious Jacket, Army, Towaoc, Colo.

On Sunday there was a veterans contest for those in Street Clothes or in their uniforms, the winner of the contest: 1st Place – Russell Blackbird, Army, Ignacio, Colo., 2nd Place – Robert Farris, USMC, 3rd Place – Melanie Farris, Army.

There was a Winner-Take-All Hand Drum Contest, the winner of the contest: Kenny Brown Jr., Ft. Defiance, Ariz.

The Southern Ute Veterans Association and the Volunteers to Honor Our Veterans hosted a brunch for all Veterans on Monday. There were seventy-five people attending, the floor was open for any of the Veterans who came to share their experiences about their time served, they told what influenced them to serve in the military, and how it affected their families.

The Volunteers held a drawing for the veterans who attended, the winners: Army Quilt – Farren Webb, US Air Force Quilt – Ron Austin, US Marine Corps quilt winner – Zack Rock, US Navy quilt winner – Skip Fischer.

*Volunteers to Honor Our Veterans*

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

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

**Correction**

In a article published in the Nov. 1 issue of the Drum. The championship game was played between Escalante and Miller middle school. Miller is their rival school in Durango. The article stated that they played Montrose, who aren't in our division, but only a scrimmage game.

**FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE  
Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions**

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

Distribution 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.*



**Wildlife on the Move!**



Wildlife migrations are on the increase to wintering habitats .... unfortunately leading to higher incidents of Wildlife-Vehicle Collisions.

Be aware, drive with caution, and slow down, especially at night, when the majority of WVCs occur.

Wildlife-vehicle collisions happen year-round and 24/7.

There is always an increase during migration season and particularly during the hours between dusk and dawn.

As Colorado has an abundance of deer and elk, as well as other wildlife, that live near our urban and rural areas, motorists need to be aware that they can cross our roads without warning at most any time of day or night.

- ❖ **Slow down and stay alert when you see a highway wildlife warning sign especially between dusk and dawn.**
- ❖ **If you see one deer or elk, expect others...its "rutting season".**
- ❖ **Remember to scan ahead on the sides of the road for signs of movement and to watch for the shining eyes of animals that reflect car headlights at night.**
- ❖ **Most importantly, slow down and concentrate on retaining control of your vehicle.**
- ❖ **It is important to maintain control before, during and after a collision with an animal should one occur."**
- ❖ **Turn Emergency Flashers on, call for assistance and if you go outside, your vehicle, put on reflective vests and use flashlight.**
- ❖ **Be aware of oncoming traffic.**



**In The Southern Ute Tribal Court**

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

**ORDER TO RESET  
Xispas Root, Plaintiff v.  
Brandon E. Baker, Defendant.  
Case: 23-CV-122**

Findings Of The Court: 1. This matter was filed by the Plaintiff on December 6, 2023, and it has been reset several times to attempt to serve the Defendant. In spite of several attempts, there is still no service or notice served on the Defendant. The Court set this case for a hearing on October 22, 2024, and the Court allowed for the Plaintiff to serve the Defendant by publication. No party appeared for the October 22, 2024, hearing and it appeared there was no publication of the notice of hearing. 2. The Court shall reset this case for the 7th DAY of JANUARY, 2025 at 11:00 AM. The Plaintiff may provide service to the Defendant by causing the notice to be published in the Southern Ute Drum three (3) times prior to the hearing.

It Is So Ordered This 23rd Day Of October, 2024.  
M. Scott Moore, Tribal Court Judge

**NOTICE OF PROBATE  
In the Estate Of,  
Phillip Martinez, Deceased  
Case No.:2024-0114-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **DECEMBER 23, 2024 at 2:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of

said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 12th of November, 2024  
Elizabeth Benally, Deputy Court Clerk

**NOTICE OF PROBATE  
In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2024-0037-CV-PR  
Carletta Ann Nez, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **DECEMBER 17, 2024 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 28th of October, 2024.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

**Drum Deadline**

Next issue:  
**Nov. 27**

**EARLY Deadline: Nov. 22**

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

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**  
**SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS & RV PARK**

## Winter Break for our Ice Vending Kiosk

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

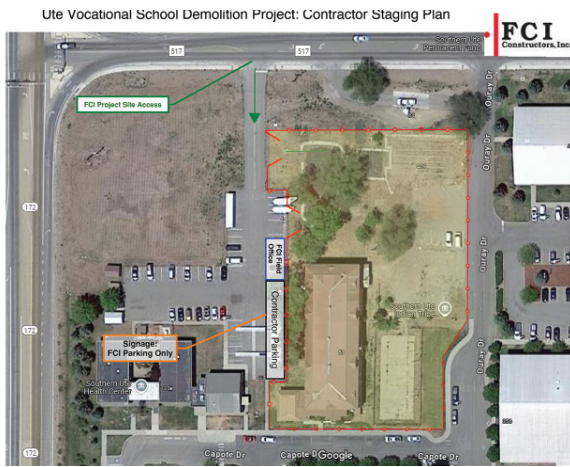
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe/State of Colorado Environmental Commission (Commission) will meet on Wednesday, November 20, 2024 at 1:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building- EPD Large Conference Room located at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137. The draft agenda 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/>

### HUD Annual Performance Report now Available

The HUD Annual Performance Report (APR) is available for review, at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority.

### 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.



**Southern Ute Utilities Division**  
 SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 11/01/24

### NOVEMBER UPDATES & ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### TRANSFER STATION 2024 HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

- NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY — CLOSED
- NOV. 28<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING — CLOSED
- NOV. 29<sup>TH</sup> DAY AFTER THANKSGIVING — OPEN
- DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>/10<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY — CLOSED
- DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY — CLOSED

#### TRANSFER STATION HOURS OF OPERATION

**MON.—SAT. 8 AM TO 5 PM / CLOSED SUNDAY**

#### OFFICE HOURS

**Monday—Friday 8 AM to 5 PM**  
*Lobby closed 12p -1p on Fridays*  
**Reach a staff member by phone at (970) 563-5500**

**Friendly Reminders**

- Questions on your bill? Need help setting up your online payments? Call us.
- Monthly Shut-offs are the first Wednesday of each month:  
*Nov. 6th / Dec. 4th / Jan. 8th*

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

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Shut-Off Day is November 6th Pay bill before 10am on 11/06/24 to avoid late fees. Questions? Call Utilities.
- Very Important: All household chemicals need to be clearly labeled in a tightly sealed container. No mixed chemicals accepted.
- Do not dispose of any items that can obstruct the sewer collection system, including but not limited to wipes, rags, and other non-flushable materials. These items can cause sewage backups and damage sewer lines and equipment at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- Winter Preparation: Please keep access clear to your Water & Gas Meters—do not pile snow or debris on it. Utilities Staff needs 24/7 access in case of an Emergency
- Utilities Offices & Transfer Station CLOSED on Monday, Nov. 11th in honor of Veteran's Day and Thursday Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 28th.

**VETERANS DAY**  
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED

#### PAYMENT OPTIONS

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

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

**REMINDER**

## Driving in Winter Weather

**COMING AND GOING**

**Slow down** - It's harder to control or stop your vehicle on a slick or snow-covered surface. Increase your following distance enough so that you'll have plenty of time to stop for vehicles ahead of you.

**What to Do in an Emergency** - If you are stopped or stalled in wintry weather, stay focused on yourself and your passengers, your car, and your surroundings. Stay with your car and don't overexert yourself. Turn on your emergency warning lights.

**Tires** - As the outside temperature drops, so does tire inflation pressure. Make sure each tire is filled to the vehicle manufacturer's recommended inflation pressure.

**Stock Your Vehicle** - Increase carry items in your vehicle to handle common winter driving-related tasks and supplies/blankets you might need in an emergency.

**Plan Your Route** - Check your local weather and traffic reports before heading out. If your roads are not in good shape, consider postponing non-essential travel until the roads are cleared. If making a long road trip when winter weather is forecasted, consider leaving early or changing your departure to avoid being on the roads during the worst of the storm.

Plan and let Family/Friends know of your intended travel route. Use a location app as you travel, i.e., "Glimpse".

**Your Safety on the road is essential for you and yours. Adhering to precautions you will be safer for it!**

Risk Management/National Safety Council- 11/2024

**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.**

**Southern Ute Shared Services**

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

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

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



## FOR RENT: SOUTHERN UTE MEMBERSHIP ONLY 60 Shadow Spirit East, Ignacio, Colorado 81137

Tribal Housing Department has the following units available for rent:

- (1) single-story, 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom ADA unit for \$875/mo. Security Deposit \$875
- (1) single-story, 2-bedroom, 2-bathroom unit for \$875/mo. Security Deposit \$875

Please visit our website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes) to complete an application or stop by our office to pick up an application. Paper applications can be emailed to: [tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov) or hand-delivered to our drop box at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO 81137. If you have any questions, please call our office at 970-563-4710 or visit our office at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO 81137. \*PLACEMENT SUBJECT TO BACKGROUND CHECK AND RENTAL HISTORY VERIFICATION.\* Applications will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Dec. 6, 2024.

## PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe Proposed Revisions to Water Quality Standards

A 50-day public comment period on proposed revisions to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's water quality standards will be held from Nov. 12, 2024, to Jan. 2, 2025. These revisions have been proposed as a result of a triennial review of the Tribe's water quality standards and reflect updates as necessary to comply with applicable federal regulation or to meet Tribal water quality goals. For all interested individuals, a public hearing regarding the Tribe's water quality standards proposed revisions will be held on: Thursday, Jan. 16, 2025 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. To attend in person: Large Conference Room, Southern Ute Environmental Programs Dept., 71 Mike Frost Way Ignacio, CO 81137. To attend the hearing online, please register at: <http://bit.ly/3NXTng7> before the event. After the event, the live online hearing will be recorded and posted to the Tribe's website. The proposed water quality standards revisions can be found on the Tribe's website at: [https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/department\\_s/epd/public-comments/](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/department_s/epd/public-comments/). You can submit your comments two ways: On the Tribe's website at: [https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/department\\_s/epd/public-comments/](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/department_s/epd/public-comments/). Or via email: [wqs@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:wqs@southernute-nsn.gov) (preferred)

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

### COMMITTEE OF ELDERS

To All Southern Ute Elders: Tribal Council has reestablished the Committee of Elders and seeks Letters of Interest from eligible Southern Ute Tribal Elders to serve on the Committee. The purpose of the Committee is to promote a continuing and growing heritage of language and traditional way of life through collaboration with the Cultural Preservation Department to maintain the Southern Ute language, heritage, and traditions of the Southern Ute people and to convey knowledge and experience. The Committee of Elders will act in a volunteer advisory capacity that does not intervene or interfere in the administration of the Tribal organization. Qualifications: Any enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member who is 55 years of age or older is eligible to serve, whether living on or off the reservation. The initial Committee comprised of seven (7) members will be selected by Tribal Council. An understanding of the Tribe's language and culture is preferred, but not required. Tribal Council welcomes a broad representation of the Tribal Elder membership both on and off reservation. If selected and appointed, members should attend all committee meetings and special meetings as scheduled and adhere to the Tribe's approved Code of Conduct and Ethics Code. Appointments will last 1-3 years. Letters of Interest: Must be submitted to the Tribal Council Affairs Office no later than November 29, 2024, using one of these options: Email: [swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:swhyte@southernute-nsn.gov). In-person: Tribal Council Affairs Receptionist located in the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Building: 356 Ouray Drive, Ignacio, CO. Mail to: Tribal Council Affairs, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Letter should include: Full name, contact information (i.e. Address, phone number, email address), and date; Suggested details to include in your letter are: Description of why you are a good fit for the position; Explanation of your motivation to join the Committee and list relevant experience; Outline your goals for this committee or how you plan to be involved; and Disclose any other boards/committees you currently serve on. If you have questions, please contact the Tribal Council Affairs Office at 970-563-2319 or Council Member Marjorie Barry at 970-563-2304.

est 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. These positions are open until filled. If you think you might be interested, please contact the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

### POWWOW COMMITTEE

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

### 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](http://www.bgcsu.org) website or by request and returned to Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov).

### ETHICS COMMISSION

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

### GAMING COMMISSION

The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking 1) Full time and 1) Alternate position 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 inter-

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)

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

The committee meets on the first Monday of every month!



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

## KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION!

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

KSUT was founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976. KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America.



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](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or by mail P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, Colo., 81137. Questions, call 970-563-0255.

## For Sale

Quonset Hut: New on crate 30"x60' open front \$24,000 new, \$12,500 OBO takes. Call 970-749-3075.



## Ignacio School District – Job announcements

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

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

- High School Head Soccer Coach
- Secondary Aide
- Route and Activity Bus Driver
- Secondary Social Studies Teacher



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

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

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

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

### Bison Herd Manager

Closes 11/15/24 – Under general supervision of the Wildlife Resource Division Head, is responsible for the overall management and conservation of the Tribal Bison Herd. Pay grade N13; Pay starts at \$28.60/hour.

### Custodial Team Leader

Closes 11/22/24 – Under the supervision of the Custodial Services Division Head, directs and leads assigned Custodians in their day-to-day activities and adjusts work assignments for the team as needed. Works with Division Head to develop team scheduling and assignments. Pay grade N9; Pay starts at \$20.26/hour.

### Custodian

Closes 11/21/24 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Pay grade N6; Pay starts at \$16.09/hour.

### Events/Heritage Coordinator

Closes 11/18/24 – Planning and organizing various traditional cultural events, develops heritage tourism activities, and coordinates cultural camp for youth. Pay grade N12; Pay starts at \$26/hour.

### Victim Advocate

Closes 11/15/24 – 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.

### Wildlife Biologist

Closes 11/15/24 – Development and administration of the Terrestrial Wildlife program addressing wildlife resources management and conservation for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on the Reservation. Pay grade E15; Pay starts at \$70,570/year.

### Animal Care Technician (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – 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)

Open Until Filled – Provides Bus driving services for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA). Pay grade N8; Pay starts at \$18.76/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. Will be eligible for wage increase based on performance evaluations and policies governing this position. Upon successful completion of the curriculum, will transition into the Chief Judge Lay position. 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.

### Controller

Open Until Filled – Responsible for the 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.

### Dentist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

### Detention Transport Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant and Lieutenant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade N13; pay starts at \$28.60/hour and includes a 5k sign-on bonus.

### Director of Strategic Planning

Open Until Filled – Working with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Council to define, plan, im-

plement, 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. 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 \$189,817.00/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. This 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.

### Economic Development Project Coordinator

Open Until Filled – Under general direction of the Economic Development Manager, will assist with projects to develop, plan, organize and implement economic development functions from conception to completion, involving programs related to Tribal Member small business development and entrepreneurship. Promoting the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. Pay grade E13; Pay starts at \$59,494/year.

### 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, 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 including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume system located in South-

## SoCoCAA Job Opportunities

Visit our website to apply at [www.sococaa.org](http://www.sococaa.org) or call 970-563-4517. Jobs open until filled.

### Road Runner Transit:

- Bus Cleaner/Building Maintenance (Part-time) \$18.94/hr.
- Transit Driver (Part-time) \$18.94/hr.

### SoCoCAA Central Administration:

- Executive/Development Director \$75,275 – \$82,638/yr., (Up to \$3,000 in relocation expenses available.)
- Program Developer (Part-time) \$32.97/hr.

### Ignacio Youth Services:

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

### Ignacio Early Learning Program:

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

### Ignacio Senior Center:

- Head Cook (Full-time) \$17.29/hr.
- Assistant Cook (Full-time) \$14.42/hr.

## BIA Irrigation System Operator Job Announcement

The BIA has an opening for an Irrigation Supervisor position for the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project which is open until November 18, 2024. The Job posting is on the USA Jobs website: USAJOBS – Job Announcement ([www.usajobs.gov/job/793432000](http://www.usajobs.gov/job/793432000)) If you have any questions, please contact Vickie Begay at 970- 236-4161.

**Cybersecurity and Internet Safety Basics Training**

**Date:** Monday, November 18, 2024  
Friday, November 22, 2024  
2 sessions each day

**Time:** 9am – 12pm & 1pm – 4pm

**Location:** Southern Ute Growth Fund  
First Floor Conference Room  
14929 HWY 172  
Ignacio, CO, 81137

Webex will be available for SUITMs who can't attend in person

For questions or to sign up for the training contact:  
Southern Ute Digital Equity (SUDEP)  
970-563-5555

Food will be provided

*\*Those in attendance in person or online for a full session will be eligible to win an iPad. A drawing will occur after each session.\**

**What You'll Learn:**

- Essential Cybersecurity Concepts
- Identifying Threats: Explore common cyber threats, including phishing, malware, and insider threats, through real-world examples and learn how to recognize and mitigate these risks.
- Practical Security Measures: Discover strategies to enhance your security practices, from creating strong passwords to implementing effective data protection techniques.
- Learn how to navigate the internet safely.
- Identify e-mail safety and security.

## Check out Southern Ute Drum's new multimedia features and videos on Vimeo.

<https://vimeo.com/1022663867>

## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Job Announcements, cont.

ern Ute Tribal Buildings. Pay grade N15; Pay starts at \$33.93/hour.

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

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

### Lifeguard (Full-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 Director. Pay grade N5; Pay starts at \$14.90/hour.

### Patrol Officer I

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

### Patrol Officer II

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade N14; Pay starts at \$30.84/hour 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, will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade N11; pay starts at \$23.63/hour.

### Project Aware Program Manager

Open Until Filled – The Project AWARE (Advancing Wellness and Resilience in Education) Manger 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). Open Until Filled – 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.

### Scorekeeper (Part-time)

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

### Security Officer

Open Until Filled – Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. Duties will include patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Moache-Capote building. Work involves assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgement in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade N10; Pay starts at \$21.89/hour.

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

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

### TERO Worker

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

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

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

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

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

### Umpire/Referee

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

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

**Assistant Controller – Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)**

Closes 11/22/24 – Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow’s accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required. Supervises the joint interest billing function in the accounting department.

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

Closes 11/22/24 – Performs assignments pertaining to the review and recording of transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow’s oil and gas exploration operations.

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

Closes 11/22/24 – Performing complex revenue accounting assignments, creates new revenue agreements, and responsible for knowledge of revenue accounting practices.

**Senior Landman – Red Willow Offshore (Houston, TX)**

Closes 11/22/24 – Obtains and maintains orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, both operated and non-operated, including leases, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, and title opinions. Negotiates leases and partnership documents. Works with Red Willow land personnel, partners, and others in the correct use of land data; responds to communications from interest owners; and prepares reports as needed.

**Landman III – Red Willow Offshore (Houston, TX)**

Closes 11/22/24 – Assisting with the prudent negotiation and preparation of various oil and gas contracts. Works with Land Administration to maintain orderly, accurate, and appropriate land records for all Red Willow interest properties, including leases, joint operating agreements, divisions of interest, and title opinions. Provides leadership to multi-function teams to analyze and recommend business level, recommendations for investment opportunities.

**Landman II – Red Willow Offshore (Houston, TX)**

Closes 11/22/24 – Developing, obtaining, and maintaining orderly and accurate land records for all Red Willow interest properties including partnership documents, leases, Joint Operating Agreements, Divisions of Interest, and title opinions and other Land contracts. Leads others in the preparation of reports and the correct use of land data; responds to communications from interest owners; Analyzes Red Willow and competitor data and makes recommendations and prepares reports as needed.

**Asset Manager – GF Properties Group, LLC (Durango, CO)**

Closes 11/29/24 – Effectively performing a variety of real estate functions for a regional portfolio of mixed-use, multi-family, and development projects. Will support the asset management, property management, and construction management functions including financial analysis, project management, contract negotiations, budgeting, and forecasting. Will also assist with special projects and ad hoc analyses and will have the opportunity to support the national portfolio team on an as-needed basis.

**Operations Technician II – Maintenance -Red Willow Production (Ignacio, CO)**

Closes 11/22/24 – Providing support to the Operations Department with administrative and technical support in the preparation of budgets, AFEs, KPIs and various reports. Maintains key Operations Department databases. Interfaces with Engineering, Gas Control and Land to ensure accuracy of data necessary to implement identified projects. Functions as an assistant to operations management team and supports all Operations personnel in maintaining accurate and timely records and an orderly and efficient office environment.

**Plant Process Operator II – Red Cedar Gathering (Durango, CO)**

Closes 11/15/24 – Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes.

**Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements**

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

**\*Café Cashier (Full-time)**

Providing friendly and courteous service to all guests in a fast-paced work environment. Responsibilities include taking guests food orders, accurately totaling food and beverage purchases and collecting payments. Assists in preparing and serving all foods necessary for the Café kitchen. Prepares coffee and pizza from the hot food line in the front area of the Café. Will balance the register at end of the shift, with proper report of discrepancies and complete paperwork.

**\*Cage Staff (Full-time)**

Provides fast, accurate, and friendly service to all internal and external customers while providing full compliance with all regulatory controls.

**\*Count Team Staff (Full-time)**

The Count Department retrieves, counts, and calculates the daily revenue produced by the gaming revenue departments. It is the job of the Count Team to pull the containers, and count or verify the funds according to the regulatory requirements and procedures set by the Southern Ute Division of Gaming’s Internal Control Minimum Procedures and the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

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

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

**\*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.

**\*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.

**\*Multi-Games Dealer (Full-time)**

Deals blackjack (Class 3), three card poker, roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous and efficient service. Reports to the Table Games Manager or as otherwise designated.

**\*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. 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.

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## VOLLEYCATS' STATE HOPES FADE • FROM PAGE 1



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Ignacio senior Marissa Olguin (5) tries for a kill over Colorado Springs St. Mary's senior Leah Flanigan (4) during IHS' sweep of the Lady Pirates in 2A-Region I action Sunday evening, Nov. 10, at event-hosting Simla.

Eliminated from contention, SMHS (12-13 overall) gained the upper hand only twice, but never again after IHS went up 8-7. St. Mary's came as close as 18-16 before the 'Cats went on a 6-1 run bringing up set point at 24-17. Fully hyped, Howe unluckily netted a serve and SMHS sophomore Kate Montague followed with back-to-back service aces, bringing the Lady Pirates back to 24-20 before IHS junior middle Juliann Avila won a joust ball against St. Mary's senior Ava McCabe.

SMHS senior Leah Flanigan started Set 3 but after Ignacio won the first point, the 'Cats – helped by sophomore setter Kelly Sirios' ten-point stay on serve, featuring three consecutive aces – also grabbed 13 of the next 14 in building a 14-1 lead. St. Mary's didn't reach double digits until trimming the deficit to 21-10, and IHS reached match point at 24-11. Howe was then called for a net violation while pounding down a SMHS over-pass, but then ended the match with a kill shot Flanigan couldn't stop.

"We had a rough warm-up, and so I said 'Good! We got that out of our system, and now it's go time!'" Seibel said. "And they started off on fire. Our goal's been consistency – be consistent throughout a match and not focus on highs and lows – and they stepped up. Especially in that third set; I kind of gave them a goal: Keep (St. Mary's at or) under 12 ... and we did."

There was no hope of doing so against top-seeded Simla, as junior Katie Gotschall smoked a kill through IHS sophomore Maliyah Martinez's hands to earn the very first point. Senior Kylie Maranville, however, then served long and Ignacio took what ended up being their only short-lived lead when Gotschall rocketed her next attack out of bounds. Hoping to capitalize, IHS senior Marissa Olguin then served out of play, re-tying the score at 2-2, and

SHS freshman Haylee Easler followed with a booming kill through the middle.

Sophomore Aubrey Layton then served consecutive aces and Easler tacked on a scoring tip shot, growing Simla's lead to 6-2 before increasing it to 12-6 and pressing Seibel to use a timeout. Unfortunately, the Volleyscats got no closer than 15-11, via a Howe ace, before the Lady Cubs took a one-set lead in the contest with Gotschall and senior Elle Leininger blocking Howe.

Olguin started Set 2 on serve, but Simla quickly swiped it from her as Maranville killed a set provided by senior Meadow Nusbaum. Maranville then followed with an ace, and Gotschall teamed with Nusbaum to then block IHS sophomore Laine Bradley. Sophomore Carlee Cox then blasted a kill shot, and Ignacio got no closer the rest of the way than at 5-3, via a Howe kill. A Gotschall bomb brought up set point at 24-10, and Maranville followed with an ace Sirios couldn't save along the far sideline.

"I'd say that we did what we ... do normally," Nusbaum said, who earlier this fall had eclipsed the 2,000-assist mark for her Simla career. "Just worked (at) our tempo ... every single one of us, focusing on what they need to be doing. Most of us have obviously played together for the last three or so years, and so ... we're here to win State. This year is our year."

The 'Cats kept scrapping early in Set 3, tying the score at 1-, 2-, and 4-all before an Easler kill and a Leininger tip got the Lady Cubs the breathing room they'd need. Ignacio did get back to 6-5, and later 11-8 via a surprising Sirios set dump, but Simla then strung together six points – the last being a Layton corner ace IHS sophomore libero Tarah Baker guessed might hook out of bounds.

Still, Ignacio (15-10 overall) wasn't finished and somehow got back to 19-14 after freshman Aubriella

Herrera saved a broken play with a scoring tip shot, but SHS reached match point, 24-15, when senior Morgan Swennes aced Herrera. Seibel used her second and final timeout, but Gotschall then concluded the match with an off-speed roll shot through the middle.

"Sometimes balls dropped in, and ... probably just our communication's the big thing," Easler said. "We had some mistakes, moments where we definitely had some improvements needed, but overall, I think we ... got business done."

"You know, I honestly feel so happy that we even got to play! With the weather that came upon us, like ... There was a question that we may even have to forfeit; we weren't even sure if we were going to be here," Seibel said. "And just being here, with my girls and our fans being safe ... Today was a great day, and we were blessed to be on the court."

"I'm really looking forward to next season, building upon the experience that St. Mary's gave us, Simla gave us ... on a bigger stage, out of our comfort zone," she added. "It's tremendous, the type of growth that we're going to see next year."

"The last couple sets, our energy was down ... which I didn't really like. But other than that ... it was good. Ten out of ten," Howe said, when asked how the 2024 season compared to '23, considering the talent claimed off that year's roster by graduation. "I love the girls – especially when I'm a senior and younger girls are stepping up to varsity – and I'll miss them."

"We just have to bring it like we always do," Easler said. "I've known these girls all my life; they're ... really talented and I think that makes us closer; we're all just amazing with each other and work really well together."

"It kind of blows my mind because I didn't think I'd be where I am today," Nusbaum said, "but it's pretty awesome."

## Bobcats show at State



photos courtesy Brian Crane

State qualifying Ignacio Team – Coach Stuart Struna, Thunder Windyboy (10th grade), James Martin (11th grade), Trace Crane (11th), Coach Kent Gillan, Li Zhenghui (12th), and Judah Ashley (10th).



Trace Crane (Ignacio's top finisher at 30th) Saturday, Nov. 2 at the State Cross Country meet in Colorado Springs.

Super proud of these athletes and coaches. The team qualified for State for the second year in a row. Results Crane-30th 17:50, Martin-59th 18:38, Thunder 94th-19:17, Judah 116th 20:05, and Li 142 (24:04). Team finish was 14th.



## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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### Across

- Deep cravings
- Pass over
- "Fiddler --- Roof"
- Mae Aquash, murdered Mi'kmaq activist
- Disrepute
- Pre-horse draft animals
- Tennessee dam
- Narcotic shrub
- Leave surreptitiously
- It's supposed to keep bugs out, or in
- White clerical garment
- Water retainer
- Rim, Arizona
- Portent
- Swamp or bog
- Representative organization founded by Nipo Strongheart and Jesse Milam
- Wasted time
- Strong pulls
- Place to testify
- Ham in a can
- Whets

### Down

- Bird that teaches us to follow our dreams
- Reverse, on a computer
- Pokey
- Bad day for turkeys
- Important
- Downcast
- Pan
- shape (Fit)
- Yaqui community named after Easter
- Markets
- Dough producer
- Destroy entirely
- British leaders
- Aims
- Breakfast table feature
- Mortal Kombat Dragon King
- Greet silently
- Polish lancer, once
- Characteristic carrier
- Some PC information holders
- Belief system

Answers will appear in the November 27 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for November 1, 2024 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Scrub, 6 DPI, 9 Pause, 10 Retta, 13 At law, 14 Urges, 15 Toe, 16 Arm, 18 Ins, 19 Mia, 20 Ursa, 21 Skull Valley, 25 Tank, 26 Edm, 27 Auk, 28 And, 29 HMO, 32 Ranch, 34 Alden, 36 Tioga, 37 Mimic, 38 Tis, 39 Spire.

Down: 1 Spat, 2 Cato, 3 Rule, 4 Us a, 5 Bewail, 6 Drum, 7 Per, 8 It Girl, 11 Tense, 12 Assay, 17 Raven, 19 MLK, 20 Ulm, 21 Start, 22 Kauai, 23 Unknot, 24 Addams, 28 Ahas, 29 HDMI, 30 Meir 31 Once, 33 CGI, 35 Lip.

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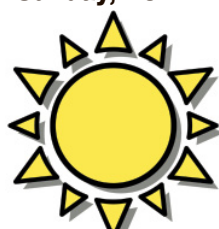
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Saturday, Nov. 16



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Sunday, Nov. 17



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