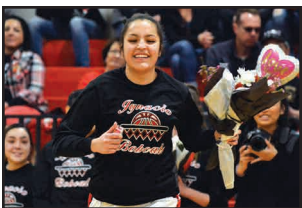




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WILDLIFE

Ospreys arrive at Lake Capote for 2020 nesting season


New webcam location gives viewers a better look at nest

Staff Report

SOUTHERN UTE WILDLIFE DIVISION

Just in time to provide another entertainment option for those sheltering at home, a pair of ospreys arrived at Lake Capote in late March. The birds have begun rebuilding their nest, and all the activity can be seen via the Osprey Webcam at www.lakecapote.com/osprey-cam/

Wildlife Division staff and Osprey Cam fans were happy to see the pair and are hoping to see a successful nesting season. Last year was in some ways a disappointment: a nesting attempt began in early April 2019, and a single egg was laid. However, due to a fatal injury to the female, this nesting effort failed. A new osprey pair took over the nest shortly thereafter, and two eggs were laid, but incubation and hatching failed. As a result, no osprey chicks



courtesy Southern Ute Wildlife Division

Aran Johnson and Jon Broholm of the Southern Ute Wildlife Division adjust the microphone on the osprey nest pole in February, before the birds' arrival from their migration. The webcam has been moved to a new, second pole, seen in the background.

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COVID-19 RELIEF

Can'd Aid and Oskar Blues Brewery team up to fill water need in the Southwest

Sending over 98,000 cans of water to local communities

Staff report

CAN'D AID


As underserved and rural communities across the country prepare for necessity shortages and income losses, Can'd Aid and friends distribute water to families and communities in need.

In an effort to offer immediate assistance to areas in need during the COVID-19 outbreak, Can'd Aid and partners Oskar Blues Brewery, Ball Corporation and Coyote Logistics sent 48,000 cans of water to the Food Bank of the Rockies and another 50,400 cans to the Navajo & Hopi COVID-19 relief initiative.

"The communities that are especially susceptible at this time have a high number of people with underlying health issues caused by abandoned uranium mines," says Jessica Stago, Director of Native America Economic Initiatives at the Grand Canyon Trust.

"They live in very rural areas making it difficult to access healthcare and basic necessities and they rely on water resources that are used community wide, increasing the risk of exposure. We are trying to deliver food and water to these families to reduce these risk factors and stop the spread of COVID-19."

The Navajo Nation and Hopi Reservation are extreme food deserts with only ten grocery stores on Navajo land to serve approximately 180,000 people



courtesy Can'd Aid Canned Water

Can'd Aid and partners Oskar Blues Brewery, Ball Corporation and Coyote Logistics sent 48,000 cans of water to the Food Bank of the Rockies and another 50,400 cans to the Navajo & Hopi COVID-19 relief initiative.

and only one grocery store on Hopi land to serve 3,000 people. These communities also have high numbers of elderly, diabetic, and cancer-afflicted high-risk individuals. (Navajo & Hopi COVID-19 Relief Fund)

Furthermore, the Navajo Nation reported its first two coronavirus cases on March 17. As of March 26, there have been 69 reported cases. The reservation is under shelter-in-place orders, but

thousands of people must regularly leave their houses for necessities such as water. (NPR)

"We believe there's never been a better time to practice and demonstrate empathy. Can'd Aid is adjusting to this new normal by finding impactful and authentic ways to do people-powered good and increase connection, even if it is virtual,"

Can'd Aid page 10

CORONAVIRUS

Southern Ute Tribe recommends face coverage for health safety

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, in collaboration with the San Juan Basin Public Health collaborative response to COVID-19 and recommends covering one's nose and mouth when leaving home for essential travel to the grocery store, doctor, or pharmacy. Individuals could practice extra precaution by using a bandana or homemade facemask coverings. It is important to reserve healthcare grade personal protective equipment (PPE) for the healthcare professionals.

Individuals who need to leave their homes are able to use a face covering over their nose and mouth as a precaution. Symptoms of COVID-19 have a long incubation period and individuals who leave their home for necessary reasons could contact the virus or unknowingly spread COVID-19 to others. "The spread of the virus occurs primarily through droplets from an infected individual, which fabrics can filter. A face covering helps lessen the risk for a healthy individual to breathe in droplets as well as spread from one who may not realize they are sick, or their symptoms are mild," stated the SJBPH press release New San Juan Basin Public Health Recommendation: Cover Your Face.

Face coverings convey the seriousness of this pandemic, as well as serving as a reminder to practice safe hygiene including washing your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20

seconds, restricting touching your eyes, nose, and mouth, and sneezing or coughing into your elbow or a tissue then throwing the tissue away.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe issued a 'Stay at Home' Order on Wednesday, March 25, 2020 and encourages the tribal membership to stay home and practice social distancing, through these best practices we can flatten the curve and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

The San Juan Basin Public Health has shared the following tips:

How to safely adhere a face covering

- Tie long hair back.
- Wash your hands well.
- Secure the face covering over your nose and mouth.
- DO NOT touch your face or the face covering. If you do, sanitize your hands thoroughly.
- Leave the covering on until you can safely remove it.

How to safely remove a face covering

- Wash your hands.
- Grab the face covering by the area that goes over your ears.
- Take the covering off, keeping the outside of it away from your face, and place directly in the washing machine or a site where you will appropriately sanitize.
- Wash your hands with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.

To find updates from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on COVID-19, please observe the tribal social media accounts. Tribal websites, and by calling the Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-10 Call Center at 970-563-0214 which will operate from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m., 7 days a week.

CORONAVIRUS

Southern Ute Tribe confirms two positive cases of COVID-19

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Two employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal government have tested positive for COVID-19. They are in self-quarantine and we wish them the best in their recovery. All appropriate steps are being taken to identify anyone who may have been exposed for notification to self-quarantine and self-monitor for symptoms of the disease.

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (DCPHE) are providing assistance during this investigation. Anyone who is contacted by SJBPH and CDPHE are encouraged to cooperate to assist them in protecting the health and welfare of our Southern Ute tribal membership and government.

It is important to know that, by definition of the Centers for Disease Control, you have not been "exposed" unless you have had close contact with a person who has tested positive.

The definition of close contact is: "being about six (6) feet (approximately two (2) meters) from an infected person or within the room or care area of an infected patient for a prolonged period while not wearing recommended PPE.

Close contact also includes instances where there is direct contact with infectious secretions while not wearing recommended PPE. Close contact generally does not include brief interactions, such as walking past a person."

All previous advisories about how to protect yourself, self-monitor and avoid exposing others to any illness you may have

are doubly important now. In addition to all precautions already in effect being maintained the following new procedure will take effect immediately:

Any staff reporting to work at any tribal facility in Ignacio must report to the screening facility at the SunUte Community Center before proceeding to their work location. Employees will be screened and cleared to work that day by Health Center staff if they have no fever or other symptoms of COVID-19.

The only exception to this rule is law enforcement personnel who will be screened upon arrival at the Justice Center.

Please remain calm and vigilant. Protect yourself and protect others by staying at home if you are ill. We knew this day would come, but we will overcome this in due time.

Southern Ute Indian Health Center COVID-19 Testing Tent Procedures

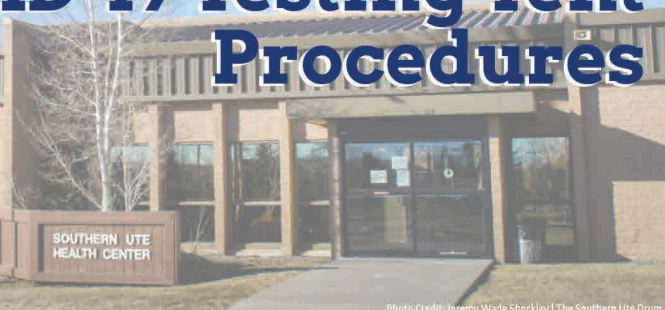


Photo Credit: Jeremy Wade Shockley / The Southern Ute Drum

COVID-19 Symptoms

Symptoms can develop 2-14 days after exposure



Fever

Cough

Shortness
of Breath

Seek medical
care if your
symptoms are
severe.

All patients who have any type of respiratory illness will be seen in the tent erected behind the health clinic. This is not a drive-thru facility.

There will be no walk-in appointments. Call for an appointment at 970.563.4581. Clinic hours are 7:30 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Respiratory Appointments

All respiratory appointments will be conducted in the tent behind the Southern Ute Health Center. When you arrive, please park in the designated parking area. Spaces will be partitioned off with placed traffic cones. Follow these next steps.



STEP 1

Call into the clinic, to inform them you have arrived
970.563.4581

STEP 2

Stay in your car, staff will escort you to the tent to be seen by a RN & Dr.

STEP 3

Answer questions on symptoms and travel. Exam conducted

STEP 4

Provider will discuss diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up

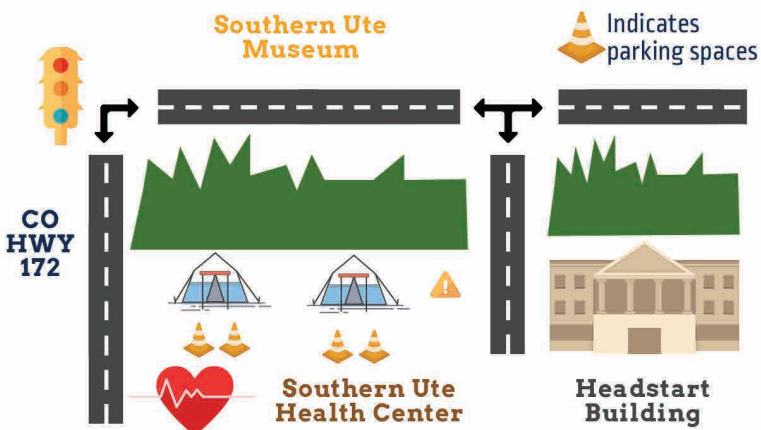
STEP 5

You will be asked to return to your car & wait to be discharged

STEP 6

Nurse will bring out any ordered medications. Please be patient

SUHC Tent Protocol Illustration



Respiratory Appointment Protocol

01. Make an Appt

Call SUHC at 970.563.4581 to make an appointment

02. Park behind SUHC

Park in designated spaces and call upon your arrival.

03. Stay in your vehicle

Stay in your vehicle until staff instructs you to exit

Aerial View Behind SU Health Center



Photo Credit: Jeremiah B. Valdez

If you are exhibiting symptoms



01. Isolate yourself

02. Call your primary health care provider or call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970.563.4581

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., 7 days a week.

For updated information please follow the Tribe's social media; visit the Tribe's website and the Southern Ute Drum website & social media.



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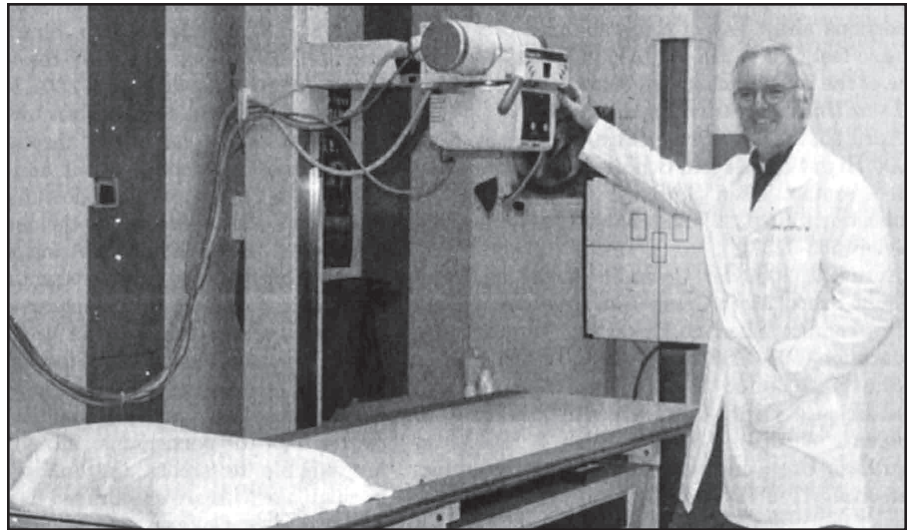


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Alaskan Native Jennifer Bennis was crowned Miss Hozhoni 2010-2011 on March 27 during the 46th annual Hozhoni Days PowWow, a two-day event capping off a week of cultural celebrations at Fort Lewis College in Durango. Emotions ran high as the reigning Miss Hozhoni, Seratha Largie, passed on her title and gave a welcoming embrace to Bennis, her successor. Bennis is a Fort Lewis college student from Dillingham, Alaska, and an Alaskan Native of the Curyung Tribe.

This photo first appeared in the April 9, 2010, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

X-ray Technician John Schiffl stands next to the Clinic's new x-ray machine. This machine replaced the 1976 model. It is dedicated to the health of the members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, funded by the Southern Ute Tribal Gaming Commission and approved under the administration of Tribal Chairman Clement J. Frost in Nov. 1999.

This photo appeared in the April 7, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

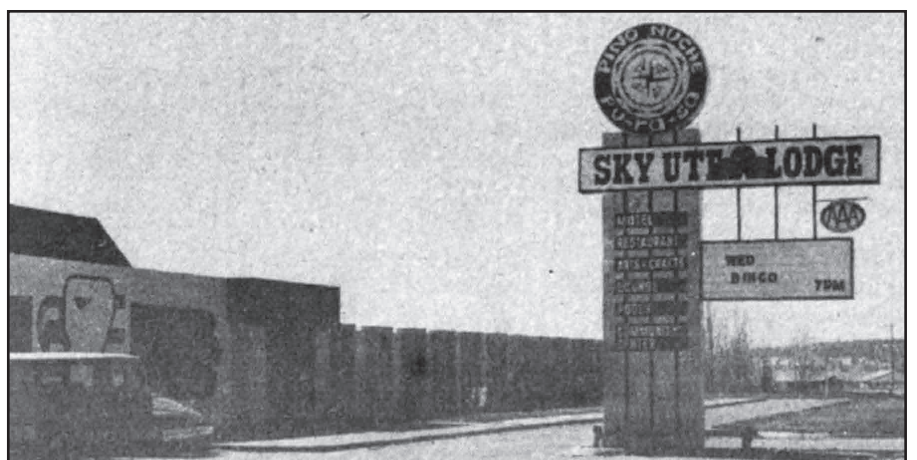


SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) hosted their annual powwow on May 5, 1990, and invited everyone to attend. Pictured left-right, front row: Sky Baker, Lori Valdez, Laurene Burch, Ronald Baker, Sophilla Ashley, Dorena Wing, JoGenia Red, Sheila Ryder, Michael Santistevan; second row, Lynette Burch, JoGenia Thompson, Bo Watts, Thomas Weaver, Carlos Herrera, Sophia Wilson and Charlene Whyte; standing, Conrad Thompson, Erica Howe, Richard Hudson, Robert Howe and Cleone Pinnecoose.

This photo was published in the April 13, 1990, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

For those who haven't seen the new "Sky Ute Lodge" sign, this is how it looked 30 years ago. The motel enterprise is still under "Pino Nuche Purasa" which opened in May 1980.

This photo was published in the April 11, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

Making history every day




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Official statement regarding the cancellation of the 2020 Gathering of Nations Powwow

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive




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Southern Ute
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For more information contact Event Coordinator,
Tara Vigil at (970)563-2985

HEALTHY RECIPES

Healthy snacking at home

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Do you find yourself wandering around your kitchen looking for something to eat more often now that we are staying at home?

Try making these healthy snacks and employ the kids to either help or prepare on their own.

Yogurt Parfaits

Layer the following in a clear cup and repeat:

- 2-4 T yogurt: Try plain Greek or Greek vanilla
- 1 T Granola
- 2 T fruit: Try frozen berry mixture, bananas, raisins or any desired fruit
- 1 T nuts and/or seeds: Try pumpkin or sesame seeds, pistachios or walnuts or any desired nut



courtesy Simply Home Cooked

Rainbow Wraps

Layer the following and roll up:

- 1 Whole wheat tortilla
- 1 tsp. mustard, mayo or cream cheese
- 2-4 slices of deli turkey, ham or roast beef (without added nitrates or nitrites) Add a variety of veggies: pepper slices (red/yellow/orange), shredded carrots, spinach, other lettuce, shredded red cabbage, chopped tomatoes, black beans or garbanzo beans



courtesy Yummly

No-Bake Energy Bites

Place all ingredients together and mix to combine.

- 1 1/4 cup oats
- 1/2 cup nut butter (peanut or almond)
- 1/4 -1/3 cup honey or maple syrup
- 2 T ground flaxseed (optional)
- 1 tsp. vanilla
- 1/2 cup mix-ins (chocolate chips, peanuts, raisins, coconut. Be creative, use one or combination, add your own ideas)

- If dough is too wet, add oats, if too dry, add honey or maple syrup. Refrigerate for 20-30 minutes and then roll into balls. Keep in an airtight container:



courtesy Divas Can Cook

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bee Heard: How to help someone who is suicidal

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE
BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



Mental Health First Aid: Suicide Prevention. If you suspect someone you know is considering suicide, Mental Health First Aid teaches you to follow the ALGEE action steps.

1. ASSESS for risk of suicide or harm: The best way to find out if someone is considering suicide and determining the urgency of the situation is to ask them:

- Are you having thoughts of suicide?
- Do you have a plan to kill yourself?
- Have you decided when you'd do it?
- Do you have everything you need to carry out your plan?

IMPORTANT NOTE: Some people believe that mentioning suicide might cause someone to consider suicide for the first time. This is not true, so do not be afraid of this outcome. You're much more likely to help someone feel less alone if they were considering it.

If they have a plan and are ready to carry out that plan, call 911 immediately. How you respond to other answers will depend on the situation, but always call 911 if you're unsure. It's better to be safe than for someone to lose their life.

Additionally, not having a plan doesn't mean they're not in danger. All thoughts of suicide must be treated

seriously.

If you think the person is in danger, you need to keep the person safe. Stay with them for as long as you can, because an actively suicidal person shouldn't be left alone. If you can't stay, find someone who can until help arrives.

If you determine the person is having suicidal thoughts but there's no immediate danger, engage in conversation with them if possible.

2. LISTEN nonjudgmentally: If the person does not appear to be in a crisis, encourage them to talk about what they're thinking and how they're feeling. It can be hard to hear someone you know is experiencing distress, but when you listen and genuinely care, you can have a calming, positive impact on them, and you can start to learn more about what is at the root of their suicidal thinking.

You may not fully understand what they're going through, and that's OK. What's important is that you're accepting of what they're saying, acknowledge it and genuinely try to imagine what it might be like for them. Staying patient and respectful can make a world of difference. If, while you're listening,

you discover they may in fact be in crisis, return to the ASSESS step in No. 1.

3. GIVE reassurance and information: Reassurance is crucial, as people having suicidal ideation may not have much hope. Clearly state to them that suicidal thoughts are often associated with a treatable mental illness, and if you feel comfortable, you can also offer to help them get the appropriate treatment. You can also tell them that thoughts of suicide are common, and that you don't have to act on them.

4. ENCOURAGE appropriate professional help: If you are concerned for the person's immediate safety, call 911.

If you're concerned, but it's not an immediately urgent situation, make sure the person has a safety contact available at all times; whether it's a loved one or mental health professional. Another great resource is the National Suicide Prevention Hotline: 1-800-273-TALK. 1-844-493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. If you're in La Plata County, you can also call 970-247-5245.

If the crisis has passed, or the person wasn't actively suicidal but has suicidal thoughts, encourage the appropriate psychological or medical help. If you want to provide further assistance, offer to call medical professionals if they don't already have one to schedule an appointment, or do any of the other legwork required to get them help. Remind them that recovery is possible with treatment.





5. ENCOURAGE self-help and other support strategies: Ask the person to think about what has helped them in the past. Perhaps a particular therapist, family member, friend or spiritual leader has given them support, or maybe a particular community, like a church or club, has been there for them. They should tap into their support system as much as possible during this time.

These steps don't have to necessarily go in order. Apply them in whichever way makes sense for you and the person you're addressing. To learn more support strategies, take Men-

Bee Heard page 5

How YOU can help STOP the spread of the COVID-19 Virus

SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

	STAY HOME	By staying home and removing exposure for yourself and to the public, the virus is denied the ability to spread.
	WASH HANDS	The virus can live on surfaces for varying amounts of time. PROPERLY WASHING HANDS FOR 20 FULL SECONDS WITH SOAP AND WATER helps to protect you and those around you.
	KEEP DISTANCE	Keeping at least a 6 FOOT DISTANCE from all people reduces the risk of transmission.
	COVER NOSE AND MOUTH	SURGICAL MASKS TO BE SAVED FOR USE ONLY BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE SICK If you MUST go out, a homemade cloth mask combined with a 6 foot distance can further reduce the risk of transmission to and from you. Ensure you SAFELY place and remove the mask and WASH IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH USE.

It is possible to carry and transmit the virus without knowing and without having any symptoms. By consistently engaging in the behaviors above, you will help to prevent the virus from being transmitted to you, as well as preventing the virus from being transmitted from you to other family and community members.

Credit: Raj Chaudhuri

Local Resources

- So. Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO, 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule a counseling appointment.
- So. Ute Social Services:** 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO, 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- St. Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave., Ignacio, CO (currently located inside ELHI), 970-759-3633.
- Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 State & National Resources

- Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. You'll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.
- The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- The Trevor Project:** Seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

Southern Ute Social Services



Child Abuse is paramount during this time, if you need to make a child abuse report please call Southern Ute Social Services at **970-563-KIDS** (5437). You can also reach Social Services through Southern Ute Dispatch at 970-563-4401.

We also understand mental health is important, if you need to speak to a licensed therapist, please call social services main line 970-563-2339.

As advised by the CDC, the Southern Ute Tribal Council encourages

SOCIAL DISTANCING

Stay Home

Only leave home for essential needs.

Avoid Contact

Stay at least 6 feet away from others.

If you have questions, please call the SUIT COVID-19 Call Center at 970.563.0214





Feeding friends, with food



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Pine Rivers Shares group, Friends with Food, hand out fresh veggies and toothbrushes to Ignacio community members at Ignacio High School Tuesday, April 7. Pine River Shares hands out available food to the Ignacio Community on Tuesdays from 11 am - 12 pm in an effort to ease potential shortages in the community due to COVID-19.

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tal Health First Aid. The course will teach you how to identify, understand and respond to signs of mental health or substance use issues. For more information about Mental Health First Aid, please contact Precious Collins at 970-563-2487 or email at pcollins@southernute-nsn.gov

Always remember to practice self-care after a crisis situation. These types of encounters won't be easy for you, but your confidence and support can make a

huge difference in someone's life.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

Looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma and start the discussion around suicide and prevention. Contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meeting: Until further notice no meetings are being scheduled.

Upcoming Trainings: Until further notice no trainings are being scheduled.



Southern Ute Health Center Notice

Due to the evolving **Covid 19 Outbreak** and the Potential for Transmission in the Four Corners Region

The SUIT Health Center, including Dental and Optometry will be operating on reduced hours beginning on March 16, 2020, until further notice.

Only **Scheduled Urgent Care Type appointments** will be accepted from 7:30 am – 11:30 am ONLY

Nursing Visits from 12:30 – 4:30 pm ONLY

No Walk ins Accepted

All PATIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENTS

****All Suspected Covid 19 patients will be evaluated in the Back-Parking Lot as currently required****

For all other patent care visits, call your provider for alternate arrangements

All Specialty Medicine (psychiatry, rheumatology and nephrology) Visits will Occur in the **Mouache Capote Bldg.** – check in with the receptionist as required

Pharmacy Hours will be from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm – **Only Window** service will be offered, there will be no pharmacy access in the clinic building

All Behavioral Health Patients remain on the same schedule – **No Sick Patients to Behavioral Health**, please call your therapist for a phone consultation

PUBLIC SAFETY

How seniors can protect health, finances during the pandemic

By **Chris Orestis**
LIFECARE XCHANGE

Throughout the coronavirus pandemic, health officials have been clear and consistent in their message to seniors: While anyone can fall victim to COVID-19, those who are 65 and older are in an especially high-risk group.

That's why older Americans need to be especially careful and – in the case of the very elderly – family members may need to step in to make sure they are taking the right precautions, says Chris Orestis, the president of LifeCare Xchange who is known as the "Retirement Genius."

"As with just about everyone, coronavirus is touching all areas of the lives of seniors, from health to finances to how they socialize," Orestis says.

He offers a few tips on things seniors and their families can do:

Prioritize healthy practices. Follow health guidelines. Wash your hands, avoid touching your face, and sanitize surfaces. "Social distancing and staying in place have become important new additions to our lifestyle because avoiding contact with infected people is the surest way to prevent contracting the virus," Orestis says. "Grocery stores and retailers have set up senior-only shopping hours, and seniors should take advantage of those. In addition, food delivery services can bring take-out meals or groceries to your home."

Trust nursing homes. "Despite the tragic deaths that occurred at Life Care Center's nursing home in

Kirkland, Wash., the nursing home industry has been working around the clock in every community to protect their residents," Orestis says. Nursing homes are always vigilant for influenza, pneumonia, and other viral outbreaks. "If you have a loved one in a nursing home, do not go visit," Orestis says. "Stay in touch remotely through a cell phone, computer, or the staff to help the nursing home avoid contamination."

Know what financial resources are available. "We've experienced a stock market drop, but it is important at times like this to not 'panic sell' and lock in your losses," Orestis says. He points out there are still safety nets and even financial opportunities that can help seniors. For example, the passage of the CARES Act will pump \$2 trillion into the economy. Social Security income, Medicare, and Medicaid payments remain unchanged. Income from annuities remains guaranteed.

For owners of permanent life insurance policies, Orestis says, there are a couple of options to get liquidity from this asset. If the owner wants to keep the policy in force, they can take out a policy loan for upwards of 90 percent of the cash surrender value. If the policy owner wants to stop paying premiums, they could use a life settlement to sell the policy under tax-favorable conditions to receive a percentage of their death benefit as a lump-sum today.

Beware of scams. Seniors often are prime targets of scams, and with their heightened level of distress, could be even more sus-

ceptible than usual, Orestis says. "Be on the lookout for such things as emails from imposters of the CDC asking you to open a link or download a list telling you where positive cases are in your area," he says.

Vet your news sources. The coronavirus is getting round-the-clock news coverage. But mixed into the information coming from reliable sources is a flood of misinformation. "Fact-check information by reading statistics from the websites of reliable medical resources and verified news organizations," Orestis says. "Don't fall for conflicting statistics or attempts to minimize the severity of the outbreak by comparing it to car accidents, the flu, or other outbreaks. The danger is people can be lulled into underestimating the danger and let their guard down."

"No one is sure how long this crisis will last or what the outcome could be," Orestis says. "But the most vulnerable members of our population can protect themselves by following smart health practices, avoiding unwise financial decisions, taking advantage of financial safety-nets, and being on the lookout for scams and bad information."

About Chris Orestis

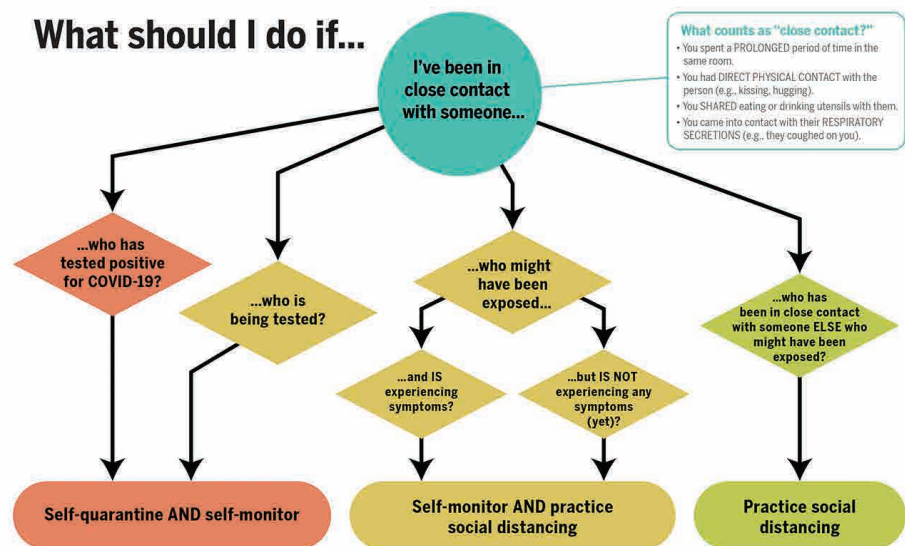
Chris Orestis, known as the "Retirement Genius," is President of LifeCare Xchange and a nationally recognized healthcare expert and senior advocate. He has 25 years experience in the insurance and long-term care industries, and is credited with pioneering the Long-Term Care Life Settlement over a decade ago.

La Plata County Dept. of Human Services in need of foster home/parent(s)

La Plata County Department of Human Services is in need of a local foster home/parent(s) for a 14-year-old male.

You would be responsible for meeting this teen's basic needs, transportation to school and necessary appointments, as well as providing close supervision for him. As a foster parent, you will be compensated \$1,105.95 per month to provide for the needs of this youth, who is on Medicaid. For more information about helping this teen, or becoming a DHS foster parent for other children in need, please contact Charmaine Summers at 970-382-6157.

What should I do if...



How do I...

...self-quarantine?

STAY HOME for 14 days. **AVOID CONTACT** with other people. **DON'T SHARE** household items. Learn more at medical.mit.edu/HowTo/self-quarantine

...self-monitor?

BE ALERT for symptoms of COVID-19, especially a dry cough or shortness of breath. **TAKE YOUR TEMPERATURE** every morning and night, and write it down. **CALL** your doctor if you have trouble breathing or a fever (temperature of 100.4°F or 38°C). **DON'T** seek medical treatment without calling first! Learn more at medical.mit.edu/HowTo/self-monitor

...practice social distancing?

STAY HOME as much as possible. **DON'T** physically get close to people; try to stay at least 6 feet away. **DON'T** hug or shake hands. **AVOID** groups of people and frequently touched surfaces. Learn more at medical.mit.edu/HowTo/distance

And practice great hygiene!

WASH your hands frequently • **AVOID TOUCHING** your face • **WIPE DOWN** frequently touched surfaces regularly

Learn more at medical.mit.edu/HowTo/hand-hygiene

What if I have symptoms?

If you experience symptoms, such as fever, dry cough, or difficulty breathing, call MIT Medical's COVID-19 hotline: 617-253-4865.



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Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Information Update

Tribal Health (Dental & Optometry)

Due to the COVID-19 outbreak, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has closed the Dental Clinic and the optometry healthcare services provided by the Southern Ute Health Center. All regular, non-emergent appointments have been rescheduled for a later date when the risk of exposure has dissipated.

For Tribal Members and other local natives who are patients of the Southern Ute Health Center and have dental or eye emergencies, the Southern Ute Health Center will be collaborating with two Durango healthcare providers to address emergent needs while the closures are in place. For all dental emergencies, patients will be referred to Comfort Dental in Durango and for eye emergencies, referrals will be made to the emergency department at the local hospitals. Referrals and payments will be managed using the existing tribal process.

Prior to arriving to the office, please call the provider office first. Providers might ask to conduct a self-screening in order to protect the health and safety of the staff and other patients who are in these offices. Both providers are only seeing true emergencies, all routine work has been rescheduled for a later date. Below are the office numbers for both dental and eye emergencies:

Optometry

Mercy Medical Center
1010 Three Springs Blvd.
Durango, CO 81301
970.247.4311



Dental

Comfort Dental
1125 S. Camino del Rio, #300C
Durango, CO 81301
970.259.4324

Tribal Member Health Benefits Information

Tribal Members should take their Tribal Member Health Benefits card with them to the appointment for payment of health services provided. For questions related to Tribal Member Health Benefits, please contact the staff below:

Erika Atencio
970.563.2211
eatencio@southernute-nsn.gov

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IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Ignacio School District is actively monitoring the impact of COVID-19

By Rocco Fuschetto, Ed. D. IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Ignacio School District is actively monitoring the impact of COVID-19 in Colorado. We have been in regular communication with county and state agencies. As you may know there are active cases in La Plata County including Durango and Ignacio.

Our goal is to keep students and staff health and safety as one of our highest priorities. As of now as per the mandate “Stay at Home” by Governor Polis schools are closed until April 17, 2020. This date could change any time.

I would like to show my appreciation to all staff members that are being very flexible with our students and parents by keep providing our educational programs for all students.

Many teachers are dedicating many extra hours to keep looking for different ways to provide instruction that is easier to follow in this uncharted territory of online teaching. Every building had virtual staff meetings to share many different ideas on how to support our students and themselves during these uncertain times.

Kudos go to the Food Service Department and the Transportation Department



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

Ignacio School District Superintendent, Rocco Fuschetto, Ed.D. addresses attendees at a Back to School BBQ.

for making sure our students get lunch and breakfast every day. They are serving more and more meals every day. Please visit our website for a sign up form at www.ignacioschools.org

Many students that need a Chromebook will be issued one this week. The building principal will send details on when and how the Technology Department will distribute the devices.

Students that do not have access to internet at home, the district will continue providing packets with assignments. The Transportation Department will deliver packets at four different locations: High School by the Library, Allison Community Church, Oxford Grange and Fire Station #3 on Road 318. These locations will have packets available or students can return their packets at the

same time of meal distribution 11 – 11:30 a.m. as follows: Tuesday – Ignacio Elementary School; Wednesday – Ignacio High School and Thursday – Ignacio Middle School.

All extra curricula are cancelled until April 17, 2020 as per CHSAA directive. They will evaluate the Spring sports season in the near future.

All buildings are closed to outside entities for practices or meetings until further notice. Our maintenance and custodial staff have done a great job cleaning every building.

Please continue practicing good hygiene and follow the recommendations by state and local health agencies.

I ask that you be patient and flexible during this period. The health and safety of our students and staff is our number one priority.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Supporting students by providing remote lessons

Staff report SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

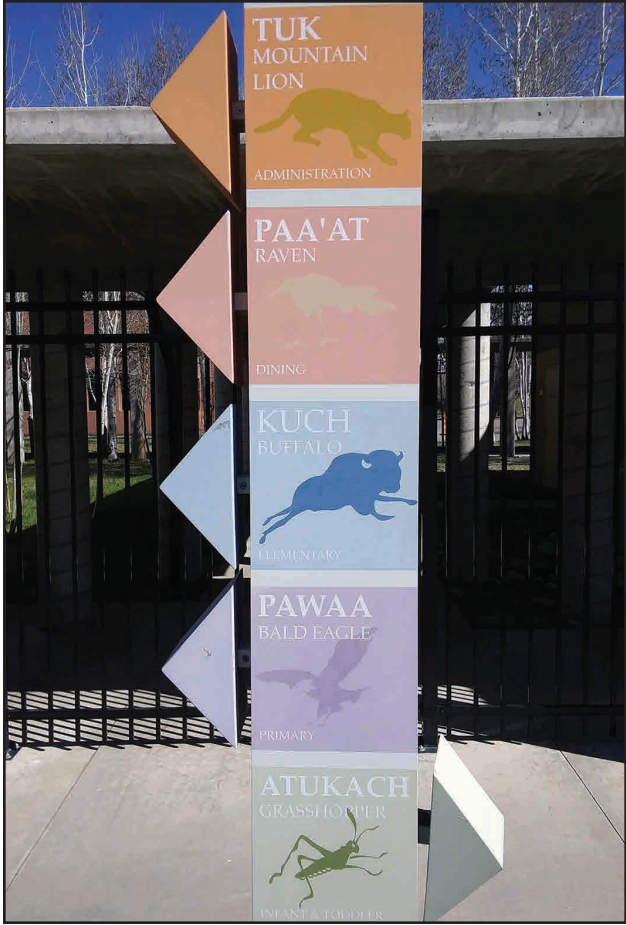
Education should no longer be mostly imparting of knowledge, but must take a new path, seeking the release of human potentialities.

— Maria Montessori, Education for a New World

While SUIMA may be closed at this time due to the COVID-19 crisis, the staff is still hard at work. They are all supporting the students by providing remote lessons, doing Zoom meetings, making phone calls, sending home-learning packets home, and checking in with the parents. Everyone is adjusting to this new [temporary] normal.

In this time of uncertainty and fear of the unknown, enjoy your family. Get out a board game. Bake a delicious batch of cookies. Run some laps outside around your house. Throw a ball of frisbee in your yard. Dig a hole just for fun. Plant a garden. Climb a tree. Play hide-and-seek!

Thank you to the many people who make up the schools in our community: from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, and the SUIT Education Center, and to the Ignacio School



courtesy SU Indian Montessori Academy

Ute and English signage points the way on the campus of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy.

District – THANK YOU!

Thank you to those who are the first line of defense in this fight. To the staff who are manning the COVID checkpoints, to the First Responders and EMT’s at Los Pinos Fire and to the doctors and nurs-

es who make up Ignacio Family Medicine and the SUIT Health Clinic.

We are all in this together and together, we will all come out stronger.

All events and activities are currently suspended until further notice.

CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 in rural communities

Staff Report U.S. SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

In early March, many rural Coloradans initially assumed they would be safe from COVID-19; the television coverage showed crowded cities, huge, overflowing hospitals and long lines at the grocery store. We wanted to be immune.

We wanted to just continue with our daily lives.

Then we couldn’t ignore it anymore.

Gunnison County now has one of the highest per-capita incidences of COVID-19 in the state. It has affected people living in Crested Butte and Gunnison, the small towns of Pitkin and Parlin, and those living miles from anyone.

The county has closed itself off, limiting entrance to only those with essential needs, like groceries or gas. The virus does not care if they are rural or not.

It has taken a while for nearby areas to feel the effect, but now every county in Colorado has someone who is either being tested or

COVID-19 page 14

Ignacio schools feed students



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Ignacio School Resource Officer, Preston Rea hands sack lunches through a car window to community members. The Ignacio School District provided the takeout lunches, Tuesday, April 7. They are serving more and more meals every day. Please visit the IHS website for a sign up form at www.ignacioschools.org

The Southern Ute Education Department Scholarship Program website is now available.

<https://sites.google.com/view/scholarship-program/home>

- Updates and Resources for students in higher education
- including links to news, academic resources and higher education department programming information.
- The site will be updated as new information and resources become available.



did you know?



The earth rotates on a tilted axis around the sun which gives us different seasons.

Source: <https://www.weather.gov/lmk/seasons>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Alexandra Ratcliff at 970-563-2256 or aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.



April 2020

Southern Ute Education Department

The Southern Ute Education Department has compiled an abundance of online education resources for you, the membership! We have organized a variety of resources for adult learners, youth, parents and even wellness. Resources will be updated and added every Wednesday.

Please use this resource to learn while you and your family are at home. Take the opportunity to strengthen your knowledge in financial literacy, business writing, GED math, or resume writing. Use this resource to connect your student to educational games, literacy, math and social studies resources. Or, look at the wellness resources to manage stress during an uncertain time.

You can access these resources on our website under “Online Resources” here:

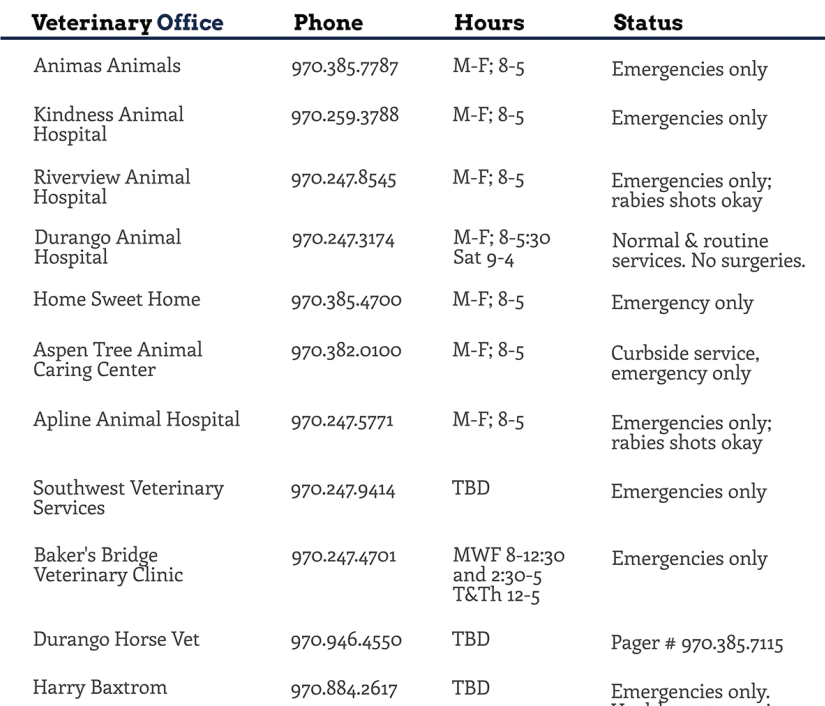
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/>

Thank you, and we hope this supports your education at a distance.

Sales Tax deadline extension for businesses

The Humane Society: Coronavirus (COVID-19) FAQ

Humane Society page 1.



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TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES NOTICE VITAL STATISTICS OFFICE

Tribal Membership – I hope you are all staying safe, healthy, and in good spirits. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Ute Vital Statistics office has modified how services are provided to the membership. Office hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. I will also be available on Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and Monday through Friday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. **via email and voicemail only.** Information contained in this letter will provide you with a list of available services you may request by calling my direct line, via email, or mail.

Please include your full name, census number and birthdate with all requests.

Address Changes be sure to include all tribal dependents and Tribal Members residing at the address and indicate whether you would like to receive Tribal Council minutes. Please take this time to update your physical, mailing, and email address as well as your emergency contact and phone numbers.

Verification Letters please include your current physical and mailing address.

Vehicle Tax Forms when requesting tax forms please include your current physical and mailing address, the year, make, model, and Vehicle Identification Number (VIN).

- Tax forms are not required for mobile home purchases.

Certificate of Indian Blood (CIB)

Sales Tax Exemption Form/Letter are available for large purchases delivered to the reservation.

Descendancy Letters will be issued after receiving birth certificate(s) proving lineal descendancy of Tribal Member parents or grandparents.

Enrollment Requests applications will be made available via email and mail. You may return original notarized applications to the Central Shipping & Receiving building, mailbox #17, during designated business hours or through regular mail. Please complete entire application, incomplete applications will be returned. Applications requiring DNA

testing will be processed based on the availability of the testing facility.

Notary Public Services please call prior to your arrival and wait in your vehicle, notary services are available during designated business hours.

Tribal Identification Cards Tribal IDs **will not** be issued in person and all fees **must** be paid prior to issuing a new ID. If you do not have a photo on file or need to update an existing photo, please email a photo with your request. All requests will be processed, and IDs issued and mailed during designated business hours. The first Tribal ID card is free with each replacement card increasing in \$10 increments. Please leave a number to be notified of your fee. Payments may be made by cashier's check, money order or by calling 970-563-0110, the cashier is available to assist you from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m., Wednesday and Friday.

Copies of Birth Certificates/Social Security cards all requests will be emailed, faxed, or mailed during designated business hours.

Please include your full name, census number and birthdate with all requests.

The safety of the Tribal Membership is our highest priority and we strive to maintain and provide necessary services during this time. We ask that you please take all necessary precautions to further prevent exposure to our members and communities. Please take care of each other during these times and may creator continue to protect and bless you in the coming days.

Additional info: Heather Frost, Vital Statistics Clerk, P.O. Box 737 #17, 398 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137
Ph: 970-563-2248; Fax: 970-563-4823
hefrost@southernute-nsn.gov



MAKING HISTORY EVERY DAY • FROM PAGE 3

Wherever you are, we hope you can settle in with some good reading, unwind with a podcast, or put the kids in front of a Hands on History @ Home broadcast and, as Westword says, “Feel the indoor hours melting away.”

HISTORY IS WHAT YOU MAKE IT

You’re making history. You. Right now. And we want to hear about it.

How is the pandemic changing your daily life? What will you and your kids remember about this moment? Once you’re done binge-watching TV and are happily back to the grind, what will you want the next generation, and the next and the next, to know about life (and love) in the time of coronavirus? We have simple ways for you to share your story for the good of the future.

Leave us a message, send us a video, keep a journal, or request a call from one of our volunteer oral historians, and help us capture this history in the making.

ON THE MOVE WITH LOST HIGHWAYS

We’re all feeling the pinch of our limited freedom. But what was it like for the mobility impaired before Denver’s “Gang of 19” took to the streets to make public transportation and other places accessible to all?

Be among the very first to give a listen to the first episode in Season 2 of our Lost Highways podcast, which just garnered a “Best of Denver” nod from Westword, no big deal just a #humblebrag. See the whole “Best of” issue right here. Page 20 says we’re the best way to enjoy Colorado history while cooped up at home – but you already knew that.

SOUND SMART AT YOUR NEXT VIRTUAL GATHERING

Suddenly everyone’s an expert on the 1918 “Spanish Flu” pandemic, right? Make sure you have your facts straight when it comes up at

your next virtual happy hour or coffee klatch. Check out The Denver Post’s Sunday cover story, featuring our own Sam Bock alongside some of our other favorite historians sharing perspectives on what lessons the 1918 pandemic might have for us today. Pair it with this in-depth look from the Colorado Sun at how Colorado confronted that pandemic a century ago.

NEED SOME INSPIRATION?

We all need a little reminder that hope and hard work pay off. And there’s nothing more inspiring than the tiny town of Yampa rallying around an old mercantile building and transforming it back into the heart and soul of a community. From bake sales and burritos to Big Head Todd concerts and preservation grants, Yampans rolled up their sleeves and never looked back. Watch the story right here, along with four more Colorado success stories.

CAN’T LEAVE YOUR CAVE?

Feeling a little low? Try getting underground. The latest episode of Rocky Mountain PBS’s “Colorado Experience” takes you down into some actual caves, namely the Fairy Caves outside Glenwood Springs with some of their earliest explorers. Then on Thursday Hands on History @ Home takes you into the mines with Angel Vigil, Colorado’s official State Storyteller (the best title anywhere), to tell the kids about “The Legend of the Tommy-knockers.” Somewhere down there you might glimpse the light at the end of the tunnel.

LOVE THY NEIGHBOR

The Great Sand Dunes in New Mexico instead of Colorado? It almost happened. Read about a turf battle of the 1870s, then be glad we’re living in a time when people never disagree and nothing ever goes wrong. Jake Swisher’s “Were They Mexicans or Coloradans?”

is the Best Overall Essay in our inaugural Emerging Historians Award contest. If you’re a graduate or undergraduate student and a top-notch writer like Jake (and you like the sound of winning a thousand bucks), show us your stuff! This year’s deadline is June 1.

ICYMI (IN CASE YOU MISSED IT)

The Colorado Symphony performed Beethoven’s Ode to Joy in true stay-at-home fashion. We dare you to watch without tearing up. “Beethoven’s Ninth Symphony is a true hymn to humanity expressing universal ideals of brotherhood, peace, and freedom for all,” says concertmaster Yumi-Hwang Williams. “This crisis has made it all the more important to hold dear to these values.” (If you do tear up, it’s OK: You’re at home where no one will judge you.)

WE CAN’T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

We always love our members, but we’re especially grateful these days for their support. This week, we celebrate Patricia Hueni, who recently enjoyed her first anniversary as a History Colorado member. Join Patricia as a member. You complete us.

STAYING CLOSE WHILE SOCIALLY DISTANT

This week, give your loved ones a call (or set up a virtual happy hour). It’s important to stay close even as we remain socially distant. We’d love to hear from you too. Let us know how you’re liking all these international ideas! If you have any feedback, suggestions, or questions we might be able to answer, Tweet us, send us a DM on social, or email us at ublications@state.co.us.

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You made it to the end! You know you love us. Please consider showing us a little of that love.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

Tribe’s Water Quality Program status under stay at home order

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE WATER
QUALITY PROGRAM

In a continued effort to monitor and improve the water quality on the Reservation, the Water Quality Program has developed a plan to track nutrient loading in the Pine River during storm and high runoff events. This will involve the use of specialized monitoring equipment to accurately measure the flow in the Pine River and its major tributaries and allow us to correlate concentrations of nutrients like Nitrogen and Phosphorus with changes in river flows.

Administering this project will provide many benefits to the Tribe. It will allow the Water Quality Program to more closely monitor the amount nutrients in the Pine River system, this is important because excessive nutrient in a river essentially acts like a fertilizer. This can lead to unsightly blooms of algae

(mucky green rivers aren’t very pleasant to look at or smell), suffocation of native vegetation, and suffocation of native fish.

Understanding nutrient flow will allow the water quality program to implement effective remediation projects to help reduce nutrient flow into the Pine River. This project will also give the Water Quality Program a chance to develop an accurate system for measuring water flow in the tributaries (small streams) of the Pine River and develop a stage discharge rate curve. A stage discharge rating curve will provide a better understanding of water flow in the tributaries, and potentially prove to be a useful tool in future high-water events, similar to what we experienced during the summer of 2019.

In addition to special projects, the Water Quality Program staff continue to track the overall health of surface waters within tribal boundaries by assessing water chemistry, metal concentrations, bacteria, and by collaborating with surrounding agencies and Tribes to create a large unified database of water quality across the nation. Water quality data continues to be uploaded for public access and can be found at <https://www.waterqualitydata.us>.

Unfortunately, due to COVID-19 pandemic, the Environmental Programs Division, Water Quality Program has temporarily suspended groundwater testing services to Southern Ute tribal members until social distancing guidelines are lifted and Tribal Council has lifted the stay at home order. The Water Quality Program continues to serve and inform the membership to the best of our ability from home.

For more information about the Tribe’s Water Quality Program visit: <https://www.southern-ute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/water-quality/>.



courtesy SU Water Resources

Dr. Morrison Canal trench with pipe bedding and geotextile fabric.

WATER RESOURCES

Dr. Morrison Canal rehabilitation project update

By Pete Nylander
SOUTHERN UTE WATER
RESOURCES DIVISION

The Southern Ute Water Resources Division’s (WRD) contractor WCA Construction has completed the first phase of work to address the current failure and to rehabilitate a historically problematic section of the Dr. Morrison Canal with a long-term permanent fix.

The long-term fix is to pipe approximately 4,100 feet of the Dr. Morrison Canal with two 48-inch pipes to eliminate canal blowouts and seepage issues. The initial 800 feet of failed ditch has been repaired and the Dr. Morrison Canal can now



courtesy SU Water Resources

Dr. Morrison Canal pipe being backfilled.

carry water for the 2020 irrigation season.

The remaining 3,300 feet of the project will be completed at the end of the irrigation season around September 30th. If any irrigators or the public have any questions, please feel free to contact the Southern Ute Water Resources Division at 970-563-9482.

OSPREYS ARRIVE AT CAPOTE • FROM PAGE 1

were produced in 2019.

Wildlife Technician Jon Broholm said the staff and the birds got a little extra help this year. “Tribal members Sam Maez and Alyas Maez met us at the base of the nest pole earlier this year, and performed a blessing to ask the Creator to watch over the birds and our staff who are working on the project,” Broholm said. “We were very grateful for that, and we are off to a good start this Spring.”

Other assistance this year came from La Plata Electric association, in the form of a new pole for the camera, about 30 feet away from the pole the nest is on. “This allowed us to get a much wider view of the nest, while greatly simplifying the camera installation,” Broholm said.



courtesy Southern Ute Wildlife Division

A pair of osprey are seen in this April 2 image from the livestream, working on rebuilding their nest for the season.

“We kept the microphone on the nest pole, though. Ospreys are pretty talkative birds, so having the sound on the livestream adds a lot.”

The ospreys will have less competition for fish – at least for the moment. As part of the Tribe’s response to COVID-19, Lake Capote is open to Southern Ute tribal members only until further notice. “Ospreys don’t keep up with the news,” Broholm joked, “so we hope they’ll just do their thing and not worry about anything else that’s going on.”



Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Dept. of Natural Resources

Tribal Turkey Hunting Tags and Bison Meat are available to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members through Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. Tribal Members will need to provide their tribal identification card

Call for appointment - 970.563.0130

Office Hours
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

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Dr. Morrison Canal pipe being installed,



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Completed Dr. Morrison Canal inlet structure.

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Closure

Due to COVID-19, access to Lake Capote at this time is open only to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and their immediate family.

All visitors must check-in at the Baitshop window for permitting. Please continue to practice social distancing while visiting Lake Capote and stay 6 feet away from others. Also, please note the following:

- Fishing has been restricted to shoreline and docks. No boating allowed at this time.
- Camping is permitted but restrooms/showers are not available, but lakeside outhouses are open.
- The Baitshop is closed to foot traffic, but limited sales are available through the window.

Modified Schedule Until Further Notice
Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday
Baitshop Service Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

If you have questions, please call the Lake Manager at 970.883.2273 or the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970.563.0130. Thank you for understanding.

STATE OF COLORADO

Gov. Polis requests extension of work permits for DACA recipients

Staff report
COLORADO GOVERNOR'S OFFICE

Gov. Jared Polis today urged the Acting Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security requesting automatic extensions of work authorizations for all Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) recipients whose grants expire in 2020.

"Coloradans face unprecedented challenges to their economic and social lives, and this extension would provide some needed stability to our businesses and residents who benefit from opportunities that DACA provides," the Governor wrote to Acting Secretary Wolf.

Since DACA was established in 2012, nearly 15,000 Dreamers living in



Colorado have been able to continue their studies, work, and contribute to the country they call home.

"About 15,000 DACA recipients call Colorado home, and many of them are employed in key industries

and critical occupations, such as health care practitioners and support occu-

pations, that help Colorado face our current challenges. Facing a global pandemic takes all Americans, and all Coloradans, and this includes those residents who currently are able to contribute to help us in our shared challenges because of their ability to apply their education and training to our workforce in these unprecedented times through the DACA program," the letter continued.

Governor Polis signed legislation ensuring DACA recipients could qualify for financial aid in Colorado and appointed the first DACA recipient to serve on a state board or commission. While serving in Congress, then-Congressman Polis was a cosponsor of the DREAM Act.

CORONAVIRUS

Gardner requests COVID-19 testing for Colorado tribes

Staff report
U.S. STATE SENATE

U.S. Senator Cory Gardner (R-CO) is requesting the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provide additional COVID-19 testing kits to the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribes in Colorado and ensure they have the testing capabilities necessary to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

"There have already been two confirmed positive cases on the Southern Ute Indian reservation, and the Indian Health Service expects an increase in positive cases amongst all tribes in the coming weeks. The federal government needs to fulfill its trust responsibility to tribal governments and ensure they have access to the resources they need," wrote Senator Gardner. "It is crucial that FEMA provides a sufficient amount of testing kits both to the state of Colorado and to our tribal communities in order to ensure that they are able to respond to the grave threat that COVID-19 poses."

The full text of the letter is available here:

Dear Administrator Gaynor,

I am writing to express my concerns about the



availability of COVID-19 testing kits for Colorado's two federally recognized tribes, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe in Towaoc, Colo. and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in Ignacio, Colo. I urgently request that the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) work with the state of Colorado to provide additional testing kits to the Ute Mountain Ute and Southern Ute Indian Tribes in Colorado in order to ensure that our tribes have the robust testing capabilities they need to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The total number of enrolled members in these two tribes exceeds 3,600 in Colorado, and the public health threat remains high in these communities. There have already been two confirmed positive cases on the Southern Ute Indian reservation, and the Indian Health Ser-

vice expects an increase in positive cases amongst all tribes in the coming weeks. The federal government needs to fulfill its trust responsibility to tribal governments and ensure they have access to the resources they need.

It is crucial that FEMA provides a sufficient amount of testing kits both to the state of Colorado and to our tribal communities in order to ensure that they are able to respond to the grave threat that COVID-19 poses. Supporting these tribal communities in the midst of this global pandemic is essential in order to provide a path back to prosperity after this national emergency is behind us.

I request your urgent consideration to this matter and a response with an update on the availability of testing kits. Thank you for your continued work, and I look forward to continuing to serve as a collaborative partner on this effort.

Cory Gardner is a member of the U.S. Senate serving Colorado. He sits on the Energy & Natural Resources Committee, the Foreign Relations Committee, the Commerce, Science, & Transportation Committee, and is the Chairman of the Subcommittee on East Asia, the Pacific, and International Cybersecurity Policy.

FEDERAL FUNDING

President approves major disaster declaration for Colo.

Staff report
FEMA

FEMA announced that federal emergency aid has been made available for the state of Colorado to supplement the state, tribes and local recovery efforts in the areas affected by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic be-

ginning on Jan. 20, 2020 and continuing.

Federal funding is available to the state, tribal and eligible local governments and certain private nonprofit organizations on a cost-sharing basis for emergency protective measures (Category B), including direct federal assistance under Public Assistance, for all areas affected

by COVID-19 at a federal cost share of 75 percent.

Lee dePalo has been named as the Federal Coordinating Officer for federal recovery operations in the affected area. Additional designations may be made at a later date if requested by the state and warranted by the results of further assessments.



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CAN'D AID • FROM PAGE 1



courtesy Can'd Aid

Can'd Aid and Oskar Blues Brewery team up to help provide water to the southwest.

says Diana Ralston, Can'd Aid Executive Director. "By remaining true to our roots during these unprecedented times, we are able to quickly and effectively aid those in need of basic life securities, while, at the same time, lessening the impact of single-use plastics on our already taxed environment."

Food Bank of the Rockies expects food and water insecurities to increase in the coming weeks, as many more people in the community go without wages.

One truckload of Can'd Aid canned water was delivered to the Food Bank of the Rockies last week. The other was delivered to the Navajo & Hopi communities today.

Thank you to Oskar Blues Brewery, CANarchy Craft Brewery Collective and Coy-

ote Logistics for donating supplies, time and services.

ABOUT CAN'D AID

Can'd Aid spreads people powered do goodery through towns, tunes, treads & trails and love yur mama efforts nationwide. Core programs develop healthy and whole humans capable and inspired to nurture a healthy and whole planet. Since its inception in 2013, more than 1.7 million cans of water have been shipped post-disaster, over 4,000 bikes and 600 skateboards have been built for underprivileged youth, 2,100 instruments have been donated and the equivalent of 66 million cans recycled. To donate, join the do-goodery or find out more, please visit candaaid.org.

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CENSUS 2020

Census Day is here: It's time to respond

Staff report
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

Responding to the 2020 Census is easy, safe, and important. It has never been easier to respond without having to meet a census taker. Help Shape Your Future and Your Community's Future – April 1 was Census Day, the day that determines who is counted in the 2020 Census and where they are counted. But you can still go online and be counted!

When completing the census, include everyone living in your home on April 1, 2020. You can respond online in one of 13 languages and find assistance in many more.

RESPOND NOW, SHAPE YOUR FUTURE:

Responding to the census is important because it helps inform funding for key public services for your community like education programs and schools, hospitals and healthcare, roads and bridges, and emergency and disaster response. 38.4 percent of households across the nation have responded to the 2020 Census since invitations began arriving in mailboxes

last month.

Here are some key resources to get started:

- Quick Guide to Responding Online
- Who to Count
- See a List of Questions Asked
- Language Support
- Gray Divider

Make It Count! Help us spread the word about the 2020 Census. We have made it easy to tell everyone – your friends and family, your neighbors, and your co-workers – that you will complete the 2020 Census and why it's important that they respond too.

Share This – 2020 Census Operational Updates:
Based on continuing assessments of guidance from federal, state and local health authorities, the U.S. Census Bureau is suspend-

ing 2020 Census field operations for two additional weeks to April 15, 2020.

About the 2020 Census:
The U.S. Constitution mandates a census of the population every 10 years. The 2020 Census will count everyone who lives in the U.S. as of April 1, 2020. Census statistics help determine the number of seats each state holds in the U.S. House of Representatives and how billions of dollars in federal funds will be allocated by state, local, and federal lawmakers every year for the next 10 years.

If you've already responded or no longer want to receive 2020 Census response reminders, click here and we'll remove you from future reminders.

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For more information go to www.2020census.gov

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Notice from The Southern Ute Drum

NOTE, DUE TO COVID-19: The print edition of the newspaper will be temporarily suspended due to closures and circumstances surrounding public safety, and the welfare of our staff. The newspaper will continue to be published electronically, and will be available as an e-Edition (PDF <https://www.sudrum.com/eEditions/>) and online: www.sudrum.com. The Southern Ute Drum will adhere to the publication schedules and deadlines for 2020, in order to get relevant news and information out to the Southern Ute tribal membership, tribal departments and community in the best, and most efficient, way possible going forward!

Thank you,
Jeremy Wade Shockley,
Editor/Media Manager, The Southern Ute Drum

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PAYROLL PROTECTION

Support resources for Colorado businesses during COVID-19

By Jena M. Griswold
SECRETARY OF STATE

My Fellow Coloradans, COVID-19's impact on Colorado has been widespread and its effects on the Colorado business community have been particularly profound. Many businesses are faced with finding ways to pay employees and expenses in the face of this major economic interruption.

Last week, the U.S. Congress passed a \$2 trillion economic stimulus package called the CARES Act. It includes resources to help Colorado's small businesses experiencing economic harm. A key portion of this Act is the Paycheck Protection Program, which allocates \$349 billion in forgivable loans to help small businesses, independent contractors, and non-profits meet payroll and rent needs. Businesses can begin applying for the loans on Friday, which will be given on a first-come, first-served basis. I strongly encourage you to review this federal program to see how this important economic resource can help your business.

The first step in accessing these forgivable loans is to prepare the materials necessary to apply. That includes confirming your eligibility, gathering the necessary records (payroll, rent, utilities, tax and bank records), and estimating the eligible amount

of your forgivable loan. For more resources, including information on SBA Economic Injury Disaster Loans, SBA Express Bridge Loans, Small Business Emergency EIDL Grants, Small Business Debt Relief, and much more, please visit: choosecolorado.com/covid19

To access the Paycheck Protection Program application, click here. Small Business Development Center representatives are available to answer your questions through the COVID Economic Hotline at 303-860-5881.

Everyone at the Colorado's Secretary of State's Office is committed to keeping you informed and connected as we face this shared challenge.



INDIAN LEADERSHIP
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2020 CENSUS
SELF RESPONSE RATES

Area	Self Response
Denver, CO	49.6%
Colorado Springs, CO	54%
Salt Lake City, UT	51.3%
Dallas, TX	40.2%
Southern Ute Indian Tribe (CO)	20.5%
Ute Mountain Ute Tribe (CO)	5.7%
Paiute Tribe (UT)	19.4%
Goshute Tribe (UT)	5.1%
Uintah/Ouray (UT)	8.2%
Wind River (WY)	19.3%
Colorado State	50.2%
Utah State	52%
Texas State	42.2%
Wyoming State	37.5%
National Response	46.7%

*Only able to track AIAN response via Tribal Land Tracts, so Urban /State rates are for Total population.

HAVE YOUR COUSINS AND AUNTIES
COMPLETED THEIR CENSUS?

WWW.2020CENSUS.GOV

2020 Census delivered a census packet to about 10 percent of households in Update Leave (UL) before we had to stop due to pandemic concerns.

- Began UL March 15.
- Originally scheduled through April 17.
- Stopped all fieldwork March 18.
- In 3 days, we delivered 730,000+ addresses, or about 10 percent of the workload.

2020 Census is consulting with public health officials to determine when it is safe to resume UL.

CLICK HERE for map to view UL areas.

Shadana.M.Sultan@2020Census.gov
720-891-2415

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.

95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.

Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).

Less than 1% of households will be counted in person by a census taker, instead of being invited to respond on their own. We do this in very remote areas like parts of northern Maine, remote Alaska, and in select American Indian areas that ask to be counted in person. (This is separate from our follow-up efforts; census takers will visit all households that were invited to respond on their own and haven't.)

Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.

What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire (or to respond by phone).
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL

On or between

You'll receive:

March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)
March 16-24	A reminder letter.
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.

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52nd Annual Los Piños Spring Classic

May 23rd & 24th

Open Men's, Women's & Coed Softball To 18+
Teams will hit their own softballs Classic In the Grass
Only USSSA Thumbprize & USSSA Softballs
Entry fee \$100 in full before 1st game**
Awards 1st-3rd Place
All-Tourney & MVP
CHAMPIONS WILL RECEIVE FREE ENTRY NEXT YEAR!

POSTPONED





For more information call SunUte Recreation Department 970-563-0214
Kelsey x2660 Deja x2655 Virgil x2652



OBITUARIES



WILLIAM – Vonestine J. William passed away Tuesday, April 7, 2020, at Mercy Medical Center. She was 79 years old. Vonestine was born May 20, 1940, to Roy William and Mary Bean William. She was a lifelong resident of Ignacio.

She attended schools in Ignacio and Santa Fe, NM and college in Albuquerque, NM. She eventually returned to Ignacio to work and raise her family. Vonestine enjoyed playing slots at the casinos and taking small trips to other casinos in the area. Her family was paramount in her life, she loved and cherished her grandchild Adren and great-grandchildren. She enjoyed listening to country music and especially music by Elvis. One of her fondest memories was visiting Graceland in Memphis, TN.

She is survived by her children: Chandler, Kelly and Val Herrera; Stepchildren: Alan, Stewart, Melva and Monica Herrera; sister: Mary Santistevan; and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren and extended family. She is preceded in death by her parents; and siblings: Eileen Weaver, Mary Suazo and Kenneth Burch, Sr.

A Graveside Service was held Friday, April 10, 2020, at 11 a.m., at Ouray Memorial Cemetery, Ignacio. Guests are limited in number, extended guests are encouraged to distance, but may attend at their discretion.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #18, 149 CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-0041-CV-PR
Roberta Scott, 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 **APRIL 28, 2020 at 4:00 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 17th of March, 2020.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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resenting more than 200,000 veterinarians – also states that the evidence strongly indicates that COVID-19 cannot be contracted from pets. The association does, however, caution that there is still much we don't know and updates will be provided as new information becomes available.

Dr. Gail Hansen, DVM, MPH of our affiliate, the Humane Society Veterinary Medical Association, said, "At this time there is nothing that shows pets can spread COVID-19 and there's no reason to think pets might be a source of infection. It is always good for people to practice careful hand washing after handling a pet and after picking up and disposing pet waste. When possible, have another member of your household care for your animals while you are sick, so you and your pet can get the best care. Our pets provide a very important and positive role in our lives."

The coronavirus has introduced a good deal of uncertainty into our lives, but being prepared can make a world of difference. Watch this video to hear a veterinarian answer questions about pets and the coronavirus.

How can I keep my home clean AND safe for my pets?

Some cleaners that help prevent COVID-19 aren't safe for your pets.

Keep pets out of rooms where you're using cleaners that contain bleach, alcohol and other powerful chemicals.

Don't leave cleaners out where your pets could stick their paws into them.

Follow the product instructions – some cleaners need to sit for a bit to be effective, but surfaces can then be rinsed to avoid burning tender paws.

If your pet needs a bath, only use products intended for bathing pets. Other cleaners can hurt them.

What can I do to help animals and shelters during this crisis?

Now is a great time to adopt a pet to reduce the potential strain on shelters and to offer to foster in case shelters start receiving an increase in requests for foster care of pets for seriously ill or hospitalized people. Please reach out to shelters and rescue groups in your area for more information.

Fosters can also be lifesavers for pets who can't adapt to shelter life, those who need to be nursed back to health and orphaned animals who need someone to step in for their mom (or whose needs are beyond what busy shelter staff can often provide).

This uncertain and stressful time is also a wonderful opportunity to unify behind a common love of animals. COVID-19 does not discriminate; people from all backgrounds and communities will be impacted. A deep connection to animals transcends socio-economic, racial, ethnic and geographic boundaries and honoring that bond with compassion, not judgement, is a very simple yet impactful way to contribute positively in your community during this crisis.

Offer support and supplies

Check with your local shelter or rescue to see how you can support them during this crisis. Your generosity will be gratefully accepted, particularly during this stressful time. Consider donating supplies, both through your local animal shelter and other agencies like human food banks.

TIP: Amazon recently announced that they will "temporarily prioritize household staples, medical supplies and other high-demand products." While placing orders, shop on AmazonSmile and select the Humane Society of the United States as your preferred charity so a portion of your purchase supports

our work at this critical time!

For people living in poverty and underserved communities, pet support services are more important than ever during this crisis. Low wage families and people working hourly wage jobs are being hit hard with loss of income and no paid time off from work. Currently, and in the coming months, there will be additional financial struggles and barriers for large numbers of people in accessing resources and affordable care and supplies for pets, and therefore a huge demand on these service agencies. Check in with your local animal shelter and ask how you can become involved in supporting the community.

Other Ways to Help Your Local Shelter or Rescue

We also encourage suspension of fees and fines (return-to-owner, licensing, etc.) similar to the way companies and municipalities are suspending late fees and utility turn-offs. With kindness, compassion and flexibility, we can work toward all pets and the people that love them staying together during this crisis.

What about small businesses that serve the needs of pet owners?

If necessary, we will work with state governments to encourage authorities to define veterinary services, animal control and access to pet food and supplies as essential services that must remain open if additional business closures are ordered.

Check out "Coronavirus and your pets" on our podcast.

The Humane Society of the United States is registered as a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization. Contributions to the HSUS are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law. The HSUS's tax identification number is 53-0225390.

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Watch for shoulder work on US 160 south of Cortez

Highway improvements to be completed near Towaoc

Staff report

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TRANSPORTATION

work areas. Work is expected to be completed by the end of the month.

TRAVEL ADVISORY

CDOT to complete final phase of U.S. 160 improvement project south of Cortez, near Towaoc. Final work items include: shoulder work, earth work, seeding and mulching

The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Oldcastle SW Group resumed work this week, to complete final earth work, soft shoulder work, seeding and mulching along U.S. Highway 160 south of Cortez, near Towaoc. Through April, weather permitting, motorists can expect some intermittent, single-lane closures and/or shoulder closures where roadside work areas are present, from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. Travel delays are anticipated to be very minimal. Motorists are urged to go "Slow for the Cone Zone," and avoid all distractions while driving through the

Project Details

Major reconstruction of U.S. 160/U.S. 491 began in the spring of 2019, to provide safety features and widen the highway north of Towaoc, adding two passing lanes, shoulder improvements, vehicle turnouts and access improvements. In March 2018, the U.S. Department of Transportation awarded the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe a \$2 million TIGER grant to help pay for the \$11.2 million project.

Project Contacts

Those with questions or comments can write to us160.491passinglanes@gmail.com or call 970-749-3579. The project web site is www.codot.gov/admin/projects/us-160-491-passing-lanes.

Connect With CDOT

Sign up for CDOT project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COalerts. See CDOT's scheduled lane closures: codot.gov/travel/sched-

uled-lane-closures.html

Connect with CDOT on Twitter (@coloradodot) and Facebook (facebook.com/coloradodot)

COVID-19

Safe transportation infrastructure is essential for emergency first responders and freight drivers as Colorado navigates the COVID-19 pandemic.

With that in mind, construction continues on CDOT projects with social distancing and other measures to reduce COVID-19 exposure on the worksite.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment announced guidelines for construction activities.

Gov. Polis issued an emergency, temporary stay-at-home order for all of Colorado, which went into effect Thursday, March 26. With this order, the public is urged to join the campaign for #DoingMyPartCO and avoid all non-essential travel. With fewer vehicles on the roads, CDOT crews will be able to work more efficiently and safely.

A Request: Los Pinos Fire Dept. Chief Tony Harwig

The Los Pinos Fire Department requests that if the public has any questions or concerns about the Corona Virus, that they contact San Juan Basin Public Health. Their website is www.sjbpublichealth.org. Phone numbers for updated information include: 303-389-1687 and 877-462-2911. If you believe you have symptoms, call your doctor to receive further instruction and to see if you meet the criteria for testing. If you do not have a doctor, call San Juan Basin Public Health's front desk at 970-247-5702, option 1. Los Pinos Fire is here to serve for emergency medical and fire protection calls.

SunUte: About NAIG 2020

Attention Team Colorado athletes, parents, and coaches, due to the recent COVID-19 situation and how it changes by the hour. The decision was made by the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Council and the NAIG 2020 Host Society to postpone the game set for July 12-18, 2020.

We will host a meeting as soon as the COVID-19 restrictions are lifted to go over what is going to happen next. As always if you have any questions, please free to contact SunUte's Recreation Coordinator Kelsey Frost at 970-563-2660.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU IN 2021



Drum Deadline

Next issue April 24

Deadline April 20

Articles, photos, advertisements, public notices, letters and greetings may be submitted in person, by mail, or by email to: jsheckley@southernmute-nsn.gov

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Payroll & Tribal Distribution Checks Notice

With the closure of the Sky Ute Casino Resort due to COVID-19, the tribal membership and tribal staff will be unable to utilize the Casino's Cashier Window to cash checks. The Tribe has confirmed that the local **Wells Fargo bank will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m.** to provide this services to tribal members and tribal staff, even if they do not bank with this financial institution. Wells Fargo has modified their operation to **drive-thru banking only**. Staff will need to provide two forms of identification to perform these types of transactions. **Please make appropriate plans for payroll and dividend distributions.** The Sky Ute Casino Resort management would like to offer their apologies for this inconvenience, but believes the health and safety of the tribal membership and tribal staff is best served by this decision.



Before The Southern Ute Ethics Commission Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Case No. 01-2019
Notice:
IN THE MATTER OF THE ETHICS
COMPLAINT FILED AGAINST:
Esther Rima
PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137

This matter came before the Ethics Commission for a hearing on October 30, 2019. A quorum of the Commission was present. The Commission's legal counsel, Steven Boos, was present. Hearing Officer David Gomez presided over the hearing and ruled on matters within his authority. The Ethics Office was present through its acting Director, Phil Drake, and its attorney, Michael Santo. The complaining party, David Smith, was present and gave testimony. The Respondent, Esther Rima, and her legal counsel, Lisa Shellenberger, did not appear at the hearing and provided no testimony or other evidence to the Commission. Consequently, the decision in this matter was based solely on the testimony and evidence submitted by the Ethics Office. The Commissioners who were present at the hearing met on November 5, 2019 for the purpose of full deliberation and unanimously adopted the Decision of November 7, 2019, which is incorporated by reference in this Order. The Decision found that at the time of the acts that are the subject of the complaint in this case, the Respondent was an official of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and her acts as an official of the Tribe were subject to review and sanction pursuant to the Ethics Code, notwithstanding her later resignation. The Decision also found that there was clear and convincing evidence that the acts described in the Findings constituted a violation of § 19-2-101 of the Ethics Code (Abuse of Authority) by the Respondent. As sanctions for these violations, the Decision then ordered that the Respondent be disqualified from seeking or holding appointed tribal office for a period of three years from the date of the Decision, pursuant to § 19-7-101(l)(a)(iv) of the Ethics Code. This disqualification was ordered to run consecutively with, and following, the two-year disqualification agreed to in the settlement of Case No. 06-2018 so that the Respondent would be disqualified for a total of five years. The Decision further ordered that within 30 days of the date of the Decision, as a corrective action pursuant to § 19-7-101(5) of the Ethics Code, the Respondent send written letters of apology to Lorelyn Hall and to the Legal Department. Copies of these letters were ordered to be provided by the Respondent to the Ethics Office and to the Commission.

The Respondent subsequently appealed the *Decision* to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court. *Esther Rima v. Southern Ute Indian Tribe Ethics Office and David Smith*, No. 19-AP-171. On March 6, 2020, the Court entered its *Findings and Order on Appeal from the Southern Ute Indian Ethics Commission (Findings and Order)*. The *Findings and Order* upheld the *Decision* of the Commission in all but one respect: The Court determined that the sanctions ordered by the Commission were in excess of the authority of the Commission. When a case concerns an Executive Officer, such as the Respondent, the Commission may only recommend sanctions to the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and it is within the exclusive authority of the Chairman to impose those sanctions. The *Findings and Order* therefore reversed the *Decision* insofar as the sanctions and remanded that sole issue to the Commission. The *Findings and Order* are incorporated by reference in this *Order*. The Commission met on March 10, 2020 to consider the issue of sanctions, as remanded to the Commission by the Tribal Court. A quorum of the Commission was present. The Commission agreed to recommend the following sanctions to the Chairman: Esther Rima be disqualified from seeking or holding appointed tribal office for a period of three years, pursuant to § 19-7-101(l)(a)(iv) of the Ethics Code. This disqualification shall run consecutively with, and following, the two-year disqualification agreed to in the settlement of Case No. 06-2018 so that the Respondent is disqualified for a total of five years. Within 30 days, as a corrective action pursuant to § 19-7-101(5) of the Ethics Code, the Respondent shall send written letters of apology to Lorelyn Hall and to the Legal Department. Copies of these letters shall be provided by the Respondent to the Ethics Office and to the Commission. The sanctions recommended by the Commission were forwarded to the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on March 11, 2020. The Chairman approved the sanctions recommended by the Commission on the same day and sent a copy of the signed Order back to the Commission. On March 13, 2020, the Ethics Commission met and made a final order in this case entering the sanctions approved by the Chairman into the record of this case. Because of the extensive nature of the documents referenced in the Order of March 11, 2020, any person wishing to see the original *Decision* of the Ethics Commission or the *Findings and Order* of the Tribal Court may obtain copies at the J&R administration building upon request.

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diagnosed. Per capita, the impact on rural Colorado is just as dramatic as it is elsewhere. Rural issues are different than the urban versions. Our hospitals are stretched thin even during healthier times. Many do not have ICU rooms or have a limited number of ventilators. Their staffs are capable, but small. Bed space is scarce, and additional resources, such as more staffing and more personal protection equipment, are difficult to find. When people in Hinsdale County get sick, they can be seen at their Lake City Area Medical Center, but if their symptoms are serious, they are taken to Grand Junction, 160 miles away, or to the Gunnison Valley Health Hospital, which is at capacity. The Public Health Departments in Southwest Colorado are utterly remarkable. Not only are they doing everything they can to organize, treat patients, and advocate for more testing, supplies and medical professionals, they also communicate regularly with their communities about the current situation. Communication in the rural areas can be difficult, at best. In Durango, many homes receive only New Mexico news, unless they are on DISH or DirectTV;

getting any information from Denver about what's going on in Colorado is necessary, but challenging. We are told to get our information and testing locations online, but we can only do that if we are equipped with broadband. The testing, of course, like all of Colorado, is not sufficient. Most of us suspect there are a lot of people who have COVID-19, and anyone with symptoms should self-isolate. Everyone in Colorado is being asked to wear facemasks out in public, whether they feel well or not. Some people, particularly ranchers and farmers, do not have the luxury of staying inside, away from others. They need to be working constantly outside, meeting people when they go in to town for supplies, but are facing a dwindling demand from farmer's markets, restaurants, schools and universities. Prices are falling. So many consumers are losing their jobs, and may be buying less when the markets open again. The mountain counties have lost their tourism base, affecting every aspect of their economy, while also having a high number of coronavirus cases, likely brought in by their international visitors. The Colorado Tourism Board is ramp-

ing up promoting resort areas this fall, where people can drive, but with a slowing economy, the recovery could be more sluggish than in urban areas. What happens if you live in a rural area, and your grocery store runs out of food? Or toilet paper? We just suffer a little. Many of us do not have an alternative store to visit but, because we live in smaller towns, we generously share our resources with others. We make do. Since all students are now out of school, the rural districts are emailing work, mailing packets to students, having students pick up work outside the schools or, in some cases, teachers are driving miles to personally drop materials off at front doors. The federal and state governments have taken special note of rural Colorado, offering help with housing, rent, small business loans, utilities, some debt retirement, and financial assistance to individuals, counties and cities. Visit <http://www.sba.gov> or <http://www.covid19.colorado.gov> for updated information. Rural Colorado is alive and mostly well, and though we face different struggles than other parts of Colorado, we haven't lost our sense of neighborhood or endurance.

ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBERS 45-Day Notice of Availability

Under Section 29-2-105 of the Land Assignment Code, public notice is being given that the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Department of Natural Resources is accepting applications from Southern Ute tribal members eligible for a tribal-land homesite assignment. The land is described as a tract of land located n near the La Plata County Airport in Sec 20, T. 33 N., R. 8 W., New Mexico Principal Meridian, La Plata County Colorado, containing 2.27 acres, more or less.



Posting Period: Start: March 17, 2020; End: May 1, 2020
Eligibility Requirements: Tribal Members who 1) are eligible under the Land Assignment Code and 2) submit an application with a home-site development plan. Selection Process: The selectee for this tract of tribal land will be determined by a "Drawing". Cards will be provided at the department, which will include the name, address, and contact number of the Tribal member. Applications shall be reviewed by the Lands Division to ensure that the Tribal members requesting an assignment meet the eligibility requirements. After the 45-Day Posting period has expired, a date for the drawing will be requested and scheduled, before Tribal Council, as soon as possible. A "primary name" and a secondary name will be drawn. The secondary name will be drawn in the event the "primary" Tribal member declines the land at any time after the drawing. The "primary's" documents formalizing the assignment will be presented to Tribal Council as soon as possible to approve the resolution granting the assignment. Tribal members submitting comments or an objection over this land being made available for assignment may do so by mail to the Dept. of Natural Resources - Lands Division at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. All comments or objections must include your name and a date. Staff is available by appointment to accompany interested applicants who wish to view the land. For further information related to the posting or the land, please call the Lands Division at 970-563-0126. The Tribal Housing Dept. is available for assistance in drafting a homesite development plan at 970-563-2720.



2020 Annual Spring Clean-up

Southern Ute Utilities and Facilities
Tyson Thompson, Director
970-563-2945
April 13-17, 2020

Cancelled

Tribal Departments, Tribal Members and tenants of the Southern Ute Housing Authority only. We will not provide clean-up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pick-up requests must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.
ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP**. No Pickups will be made without prior contact with the homeowner or department.
If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS**.
We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.
Tribal Elders. If you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash, please contact the **TERO Department at 970-563-2291**.
All vehicle disposals please call **Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265**
HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you **cannot identify** the waste, please call **Environmental Programs at 970-563-0135** prior to your request being made.
**** Large site or dangerous HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the homeowner's expense**
Motor Pool, 970-563-0280, Tribal Member homes west of the Pine River except those listed below.
Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes on CR 314, CR 315, CR 316 & CR 311. ALL VEHICLES.
Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272, Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak & the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas apartments.
Construction Services, 970-563-0260, Tribal members in Ignacio city limits & Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.
Southern Ute Housing Authority, 970-563-4575, Southern Ute Housing Authority renters & Senior Center occupants are to contact the Southern Ute Housing Authority.



SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

March 30, 2020

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
& UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
THE PAYMENT WINDOW IS CLOSED
AT THE UTILITIES OFFICE.**

Utilities will continue to bill customers and expect payment, however, there will be NO SHUT-OFF's or LATE FEES during billing periods of April & May 2020.

Please pay utility bills using one of the following methods:

1. Pay over the phone with a credit card, call (970) 563-5500. 8AM—Noon.
2. Mail check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to *Southern Ute Utilities Division* to PO Box 1137, Ignacio CO 81137
3. Tribal Finance Automatic Deduction. Call Utilities Office to have an application mailed to you.
4. Wells Fargo Bank—Ignacio Branch (Drive-up only). Have your account number and/or utility bill readily available.

Thank you for understanding the priority and protection our customers and front-office employees during the coronavirus pandemic.

Questions? Call the Utilities Division Office at (970) 563-5500.

Stay Healthy and Safe — The Utilities Division Staff



100th Annual Southern Ute Fair Theme and Logo Contest

Due to the COVID 19 social distancing enactment the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department will not be able to accept any Southern Ute Fair Theme and Logo submissions in person. The submission date will be extended to April 30, 2020.

Please mail your submissions to:
Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department
PO Box 737 #88
Attention: Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.
 If you have any questions, please feel free to contact the Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-2985.

REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Powwow Committee

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee are accepting bids for the upcoming 2020 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dona Frost at 970-553-9291 or at donafrost331@gmail.com

Tribal Fair weekend: September 18 – 20
 Porta Pots • Security staff • Cleaning staff • Sound system

House for Sale • Asking \$174,000

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, Cedar Point, Sagebrush Ave., Ignacio, CO. Living room has laminate wood floor, carpet in bedrooms, back yard fenced, one shed with electric hook up, sprinkler system works for front yard. Serious inquires only, leave message 970-563-3161.

UTILITIES

Temporary suspension of utility disconnections, late fees

Staff report
 SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES

Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Southern Ute Utilities Division Management has decided that, effective immediately, there will be a temporary suspension of utility disconnections, including a waiver of late fees for the following utility services provided, which include:

- Solid Waste (Trash Collection)
- Sewer
- Water
- Natural Gas

We will NOT shut off any utility services for residential utility accounts with balances considered past due during the billing periods of April and May 2020. This timeframe may be extended dependent on COVID-19 circumstances in the near future – official

notification will be released at a later date.

Customers that are able to make payments on their accounts on time are strongly encouraged to do so. Payment methods include and are accepted Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. – Noon:

- **Payment over the phone:** Call 970-563-5500, pay with credit card (highly recommended)
- **Payment at Wells Fargo Bank (Ignacio Branch):** Have your account number and/or your utility bill readily available
- **Payment by mail:** Please mail statement stub with your check or money order (made payable to Southern Ute Utilities Division) to PO Box 1137, Ignacio, CO 81137
- **Credit card, money order, cashier's check, or cash** – Walk-in or Drive-up at Utilities Office.

As a reminder for tribal member customers, you can arrange monthly payments to your utility account directly from Tribal Finance. We strongly encouraged this automatic payment arrangement to remain current on your account.

Please contact Utilities Office 970-563-5500 to arrange for an application to set up voluntary deductions to avoid large arrears in payment balances. You may call Mon-Fri, 8 a.m. – Noon.

It is our highest priority to provide and maintain critical services to the Southern Ute Tribal membership and community during this pandemic.

Safety is our number one priority for our employees and our customers.

Contacts: Hayes Briskey, Utilities Manager 970-563-5502; Julian Baker, Assistant Manager, 970-563-5515; or Emergency – SUPD, 970-563-4401.



SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

March 23, 2020

Friendly Reminder from Wastewater Operations:

**PLEASE FLUSH ONLY
TOILET PAPER!**



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DO NOT FLUSH THE FOLLOWING:



Tissue or Kleenex



"Flushable" Wipes & Baby Wipes



Paper Towels



Facial Wipes



Rubber Gloves or Cotton Gloves

These items do not breakdown and dissolve correctly!

Flushing anything but TOILET PAPER can result in sewage problems like BLOCKAGES and lead to EXPENSIVE HOME REPAIR.

Questions? Call the Utilities Division Office at (970) 563-5500. ~ Thank you!



SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

March 25, 2020

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY,
THE TRANSFER STATION HOURS ARE
MONDAY – FRIDAY
8 AM TO NOON**

CLOSED SATURDAY & SUNDAY

Note: This notice is for use of the Transfer Station located at the Utilities Division. Those tribal members who utilize Transit Waste trash services, will continue to have their trash picked up according to their normal trash schedule. Please have your polycarts out by **6 AM** on your designated pick up day.

In response to COVID-19 prevention efforts:

- Utilities Staff appreciates your understanding of the necessity to modify hours of operation.
- It is our highest priority to provide and maintain critical services to the Southern Ute Tribal membership and community during this pandemic.
- Safety is our number one priority for our employees and our customers.

Questions? Call the Utilities Division Office at (970) 563-5500.

Be Safe – The Utilities Division Staff

Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

To order detector contact

Randi Rock
 Tribal Housing
 970.563.4710
 285 Lakin St.

To schedule installation contact

Polly Blakenship
 Construction Services
 970.563.2500
 270 Hwy 151

Tribal Housing is currently working in collaboration with the Executive Office to ensure the health and well-being of the Southern Ute Tribal Elders by purchasing a home carbon-monoxide detector for the primary residence of the Tribal Elder.

Tribal Elders (both on and off-reservation) who wish to participate in this program should contact Tribal Housing. Tribal Elders who reside on the reservation have the choice to install the carbon monoxide detector on their own or contact Construction Services to schedule an install date. Tribal Elders who reside off-reservation should contact Tribal Housing to verify their address for the carbon monoxide detector to be mailed directly to their residence.

Safety Tips

Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

Headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, confusion, drowsiness, increased heart rate, unconsciousness, convulsions, cardio-respiratory failure, and death.



Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak



Yellow or orange flames, rather than blue.



Dark stains on/around appliances.



Increase condensation around windows.



Pilot lights that frequently blow out.

In the event of an Emergency

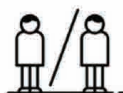
Immediately leave the home and dial 911 for assistance. Do not return to the home until emergency responders have authorized you to do so.

SUPD - 970.564.4401

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Stay at Home Order



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



STAY HOME



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

If you are sick, call ahead to your healthcare provider. Tribal Members & Southern Ute Health Center patients can call the Health Center at 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center is available daily from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by dialing 970.563.0124.

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FLY FISHING

It’s a serious mess

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

This is certainly not the column I had planned on writing. I was suppose to be in Tennessee fly fishing for bass. And, for the price of ice cream cones have three-quarters of the Wild Bunch tell me what a great person I am. The other quarter is in Montana, but he is already learning that Grumps is the best.

With the Covid-19 establishing itself in the South-west, and our governor, along with other governors, issuing stay-at-home directives, many of us are now hunkered down at home. That includes fly shop owners, sales staff, and guides. I know many people are trying to figure out how to adhere to the new rules, but legally go fly fishing. To buy gear or licenses you can go online. If you are gong to buy gear online, first check if your favorite fly shop has online shopping. Many do, and I know they’ll appreciate the extra effort on your part. These are going to be challenging times, but not forever.

The stay-at-home rules do not preclude anyone from going fly fishing. People are still allowed to go outside, go for walks, and go fly fishing. Just be in groups fewer than ten, and stay six feet apart. Not a problem for anyone that fly fishes. However, some areas are closed, to just about everything. I checked with the Southern Ute tribe,



and the reservation is closed to all non-tribal members. So their great streams and rivers cannot be fished. San Juan County, Colorado is on record that all non-county residences should stay away. The New Mexico side of Navajo Lake, along with much of the San Juan River are closed. Since many of the rivers in National Forests are still snowed-in, even if legal to fish you can’t get to them. I suggest you call the National Forests offices to see what is and isn’t accessible for fishing.

So, what is open?
To start with, grocery stores, liquor stores, and my favorite cigar shop are open. Therefore, once you find a location to fly fish, your basic needs can be meet. I checked with the Colorado Department of Wildlife, and was told the waters owned by the state are open, sort of. Many of the Colorado rivers flow through state parks that may be closed. The best way to find which parks are open or closed is go to the Colo-

rado Department of Wildlife’s website. I checked with the DOW and they told me, in our area, wherever you can legally access the Animas, Pine, and Florida Rivers, are open for fly fishing. Other fishing also, I just don’t like to talk about that. I have been on both the Animas and Florida Rivers, and can happily say, they are fishing great. And frankly as it gets warmer there will be more dry fly activity. I’m already seeing big moths around my house. Also, as the ice comes off the area reservoirs fly fishing from the shoreline can produce lots of fun and excitement.

Since many of us are home, use this time as an opportunity to take a friend or family member fly fishing. Time on a river or lake with a family member or friend is wonderful. The rivers are at a great flow, and shouldn’t be intimidating. Once the runoff starts head for area ponds and lakes. Who knows, you might find a new secret place. But, be sure and follow he suggested separation guidelines.

When you take the time to get out please keep our area retailers in mind. They can’t open their doors to be of assistance to you. Once they can, be the first through their doors. I’ve never meet a retailer, working in the fly fishing business, that wasn’t more than happy to help someone out.

Be positive; this mess will pass.

HOWELL, NANAETO TOP PICKS • FROM PAGE 12

ished 18-6 overall.

“They’re the best basketball ... program in the SJBL,” stated Kaminsky. “Coach Whitt, and the Coaches Seibel (Trae, Shane) before. They run great programs and have great kids.”

Topping everything off, Howell and Nanaeto were two of 37 CHSAANow.com/ColoradoPreps.com/MaxPreps.com Honorable Mention All-2A recipients. Which was a fitting achievement considering the Lady ‘Cats held their own against not only All-1A Honorable Mentions Hatfield, Audrey Gibbs (junior, OHS) and Emme Rushing (junior, Nucla) in regular-season SJBL action, but ten total First Team, Second Team or HM All-2A or All-1A talents – including the five First Team All-2A picks, one being POY Kendra Parra of non-league Del Norte – from inside Colorado’s borders.

And for a second consecutive season, IHS threatened to stun powerhouse Limon and ’19-20 Class 2A Coach-of-the-Year Bart O’Dwyer inside the non-league Lady Badgers’ den.

“With the run they made to State,” said Kaminsky, referring to IHS’ undefeated regular-season romp through the league, followed by 2A-District 3 and Re-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Ebonee Gomez (23) leads a Lady Bobcat rush towards the offensive end after recording a steal against Dolores during regular-season action inside IHS Gymnasium. Gomez was recently named Second Team All-SJBL after helping the team qualify for the CHSAA Class 2A Girls’ Basketball State Championships.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Charlize Valdez (12) disrupts a pass from Mancos sophomore Rhiley Montoya (13) to junior Tia Imel (5) during this season’s 2A-District 3 Tournament action at neutral Montezuma-Cortez. Valdez was recently named Second Team All-SJBL for her contributions to the State-qualifying Lady Bobcats.

gion VIII Tournament titles breaking that they couldn’t – resulting in the trip to the get a chance to finish it off Budweiser Events Center in ... before all the start of the Loveland, Colo., “It’s heart- pandemic ‘adjustments.’”

CATS COLLECT ALL-LEAGUE • FROM PAGE 12

processes.

Another was First Team All-SJBL junior Bryce Finn. A forward/center feared for his ability to shoot the three-pointer as well as sneakily operate in the paint, Finn logged 13 double-digit efforts (he, too, was blanked just once) and racked up 239 points, averaging 10.4 per contest.

That figure rose to 12.5 versus MHS, as he and McCaw each totaled 50

points – including separate season-high outputs of 24 points – against the talented Jays, who finished 19-4.

“They brung confidence to everybody,” observed junior guard Triston Thompson, a Second Team All-SJBL choice who, despite missing five games, still registered 159 points (8.8 ppg) and was never held scoreless while recording six efforts of 10-plus points. “Bryce, sometimes, isn’t

that strong so that’s why we’ve gone with Ocean (senior center/forward Hunter; 9.4 ppg in 19 games played) in the high post and Bryce hitting from in the corners,” Valdez noted. “Speed will outlast post play as long as you utilize it properly – we tried to open the floor up, penetrate the gaps and kick, so that it would negate (opponents’) big guys and make them have to jump out and help.”

SJBL Girls Basketball
All-League Teams

FIRST TEAM ALL-SJBL GIRLS:
IGNACIO – HOWELL, NANAETO; Telluride – Morgan Watkinson, Margaux Lovely; Dolores – McKenzy Howerton; Ouray – Gibbs; Dove Creek – Hatfield, Cassie Gatlin; Nucla – Rushing, Lilli Parrino. **SECOND TEAM: IHS – VALDEZ, GOMEZ;** THS – Kyra Levan; DHS – Samantha Castillo; RHS – Lily Harrington; OHS – Haley Kunz; DCHS – Kobie Beanland; NHS – Jessica Barkemeyer. **HONORABLE MENTION:** DHS – Allie Kibel; MHS – Madi Hale; RHS – Anza Connaughton; OHS – River Manley. **FIRST TEAM ALL-2A:** Sidney Hines, Limon; Toni Lopez, Limon; Kendra Parra, Del Norte; Abi Snyder, Rocky Ford; Kristin Vieselmeyer, Holyoke. **POY – Parra; COY – O’Dwyer.**

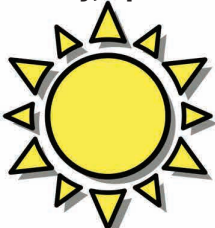
SJBL Boys Basketball
All-League Teams

FIRST TEAM ALL-SJBL BOYS:
IGNACIO – FINN, MCCAW; Telluride – Kaden Katz; Mancos – Caden Showalter, Connor Showalter; Ouray – Green, Liam Miller; Dove Creek – Hayden Gray, Kade Hankins; Nucla – Wytulka. **SECOND TEAM: IHS – THOMPSON;** THS – Tommy Wells; MHS – Christian Cova, Evan Sehnert; RHS – Robert Beserra; OHS – Judah Preston, Stuart Owens; DCHS – Chorbin Cressler; NHS – Cael Spangler. **HONORABLE MENTION:** THS – Dillon Sheehan; DHS – Will Swagerty; RHS – Kaden Forrest. **FIRST TEAM ALL-2A:** Tate Bessire, Ault Highland; Jase Bessire, Ault Highland; Val Leone, Fowler; Clay Robinson, Yuma; Camden Smithburg, Limon. **POY – Tate Bessire; COY – Pete Freeman, Ault Highland.**

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

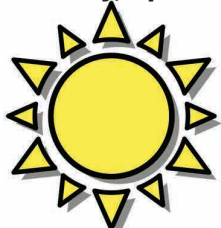
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65°F mostly clear

Light variable afternoon winds

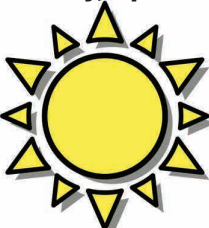
Saturday, April 11



62°F sunny

Light variable afternoon winds

Sunday, April 12



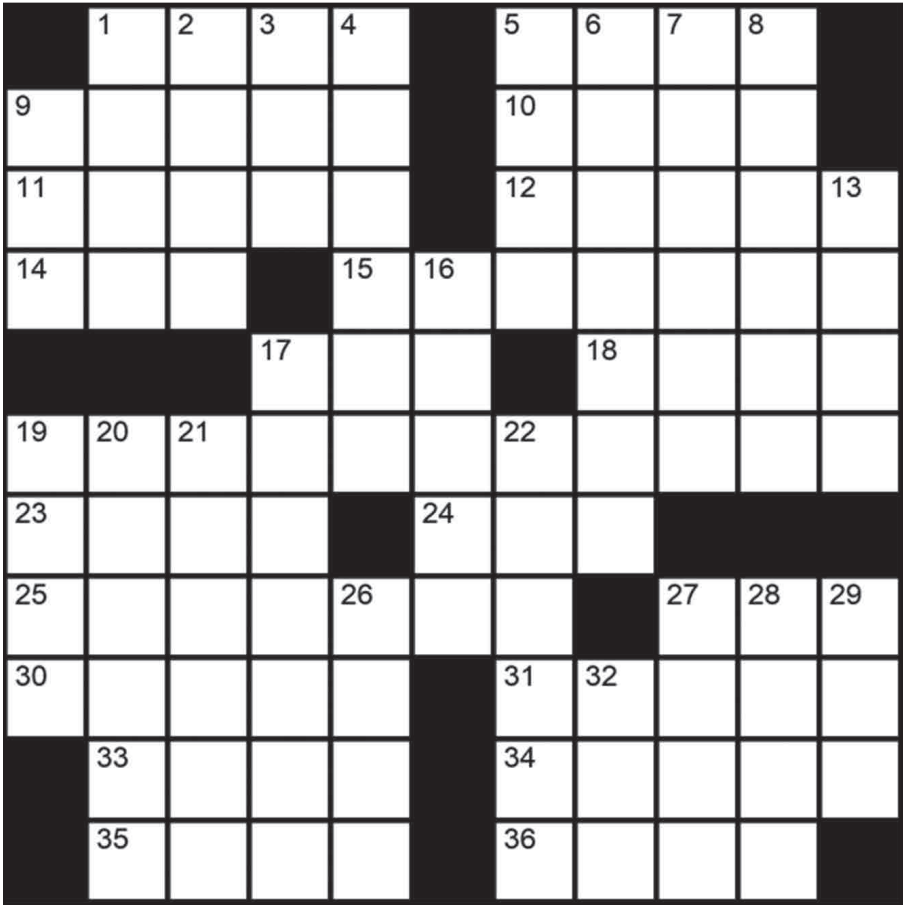
54°F sunny

Slight chance morning rain/snow

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



The Southern Ute Drum’s
Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Suicidal African queen
- 5 Theater award since 1956
- 9 General who formed good relations with Chief Ouray
- 10 Outer covering
- 11 Old Japanese-made Plymouth auto
- 12 King lives round about
- 14 Inquire of
- 15 Sidespin at pool
- 17 Turkish title of respect
- 18 “--- , Brutel!”
- 19 Explain
- 23 Cinderella’s horses, after midnight
- 24 Document duplicates
- 25 Silliest
- 27 Fellow
- 30 Battery type
- 31 Clement ---, former Chairman
- 33 Goddess on 2012 Olympic medals
- 34 Lubricated
- 35 Secure
- 36 Staffs

Down

- 1 USN officers
- 2 Action taken impetuously
- 3 Comic --- Philips
- 4 --- Speedway, Race of Champions home
- 5 “Fifty-four Forty or Fight” state
- 6 Assigned quarters
- 7 Ask over
- 8 --- Natchez-Kusso tribe of South Carolina
- 9 Baseball league below the Majors
- 13 “ ... --- the frumious Bandersnatch!” (Lewis Carroll)
- 16 DEA agents
- 17 People of the Dawn Land
- 19 “New World” Symphony key
- 20 A cloud’s might be silver
- 21 Gum arabic
- 22 Represent
- 26 Paradise
- 27 San Juan Mountain find which led to the loss of Ute land
- 28 Employs
- 29 January 1st to now, financially
- 32 City overlooked by Christ the Redeemer

Answers for this crossword will appear in April 24 issue of the Drum.

Answers for March 27, 2020 crossword puzzle:

Across: 1 ABCs, 5 Apt, 8 Zoot, 9 Shinny, 13 Tune, 14 Topees, 15 Egged, 17 Spall, 18 Chorus girl, 20 Tue, 21 Aniyunwiya, 28 Scarf, 29 Ergot, 30 Umpire, 32 Ills, 33 Vessel, 34 Toke, 35 Hey, 36 Soya.
Down: 1 Aztec, 2 Bough, 3 Congo, 4 Steer, 5 AST, 6 Phosgene, 7 Tippi, 10 Near, 11 Nell, 12 YSL, 16 Duty-free, 19 Suu, 21 Acme, 22 Naps, 23 Irish, 24 Writs, 25 Igloo, 26 Yolk, 27 At sea, 28 SUV, 31 Ely.