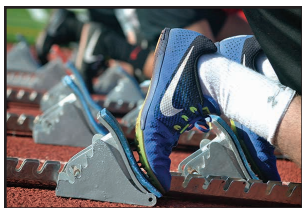




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COMMUNITY SERVICE

Heroic measures saves life

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member, Jakob Box helped save a woman’s life in Durango, Colo. on Wednesday, April 8. Box and his girlfriend, Mikayla Robinson, were running an errand when they noticed a woman walking in and out of traffic on South Camino Del Rio, clearly not in her right state of mind. Realizing that no one else was pulling over to help her, Box turned around to help. “We noticed her walking, and leaning on the bridge. We noticed that cars were just driving by, so we decided we needed to turn around, and see if she was safe.”

Once he arrived, it was clear that she intended to harm herself, positioning herself on the edge of the High Bridge, which crosses over the Animas River. Box began to speak with her in an effort to calm her down and offer reassurance. “When I was walking up her, I was trying to get her to focus on us, rather than jumping. She seemed encouraged to get closer to the edge, at one point she actually had her feet

over the bridge,” Box explained. “I was talking to her, reassuring her that I as there for her.” What was on my mind was not letting her do what she had come there to do.”

Another driver pulled over, coming over to assist; Sabastian Woodall of Farmington, N.M., who immediately restrained the woman to the ground with Box’s help. “I didn’t want to tackle her,” Box explained. “We just kinda held her down to keep her there.”

The Durango Police Department had already been notified, and officers arrived quickly on the scene. “The whole ordeal lasted five to six minutes,” noted Box.

“I hope that situation never has to come around in her in life again,” said Jakob Box. “I understand that it’s scary.”

The Durango Police Department applauded the two young individuals for their actions and bravery in the situation stating, “The Durango Police Department wants to thank these two men and an unknown female for acting. Especially because they risked their own safety and possible exposure to the coronavirus. Sometimes, we need to stop



Southern Ute tribal member, Jakob Box.

watching the world go by and act!”

Box and Woodall restrained the female on the ground, keeping her safe until police arrived. When officers did arrive, the 31-year-old female was taken into protective custody

and transported to a facility for help.

“I was glad that I could be there for her. It would be nice to know that she is doing better and is at a better point in her life than at that moment,” Box emphasized.

CARES ACT

Tribe demands investigation into unlawfully leaked info for CARES Act funds

Staff Report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

On March 27, 2020 the President signed the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act, also known as the CARES Act.

This act provided \$150 billion for governments, including \$8 billion to be allocated among the 574 federally recognized Indian Tribes and Alaska Native Villages. The funds were to be distributed within 30 days.

On Monday, April 13, all state, local and tribal governments were instructed to download information into a secure portal at the Department of Treasury so that they could receive their CARES Act funds. For Tribes and tribal businesses, the information to be provided included tribal membership, lands held in trust and in fee, expenditures, and bank account information in which the funds were to be deposited. The first portion of the funds were to be de-



Christine Sage
Southern Ute Chairman

posited into the Tribe’s bank account within approximately 24 hours of filing the certification.

Although the Southern Ute Indian Tribe filed its certification on Wednesday morning, no funds have been received. To make matters worse, on Friday evening we learned that the information provided to the Department of Treasury by every tribe in the country had been unlawfully released.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has taken steps to make sure that its bank account is secure. But more

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CORONAVIRUS

Tribe continues safety measures, reaffirms ‘Stay at Home’ order

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

On Wednesday, March 25, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council issued a “Stay at Home” order. To slow and/or stop the spread of COVID-19, it is crucial the Tribe continues to adhere to the order requiring tribal members to stay home unless it is for essential activities. The continuation of the order is based on Tribal Council’s continuous assessment of the rapidly changing and serious public health emergency.

The Southern Ute leadership is very aware that over the last few days the State of Colorado has announced a relaxation of some social distancing standards under the banner of a “Safer at Home” program. Having reviewed the basis of the State’s decision, and more importantly, considered the special needs, concerns and vulnerabilities of the Southern Ute people, it has been determined that any relaxation of social distancing standards or practices is premature.

It is our belief that this premature relaxation of standards poses a threat to the Tribe that is unwarranted given local circumstances and the near total lack of evidence regarding the degree to which the disease has entered this community.

In exercise of its sovereignty, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has chosen to



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

Leonard C. Burch Bulding, headquarters of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

maintain all current social distancing orders until further notice, particularly the “Stay at Home” order issued on March 25.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, Shared Services and the Sky Ute Casino and Resort, will continue to telework and modify programs and services to ensure the protection and safety of tribal members, tribal employees, and our community. Identified operations have been modified in accordance with the recommendations made by the Center for Disease Control (CDC) which includes guidelines for social distancing and restrictions on congregated groups no larger than five people, and at least six feet apart. Social distancing guidelines also include limitations for person-to-person contact, group meetings, and other social activities.

The non-essential func-

tions have been identified and a comprehensive list of modified services and hours of operations continue to be updated through the established Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center, KSUT Tribal Radio, Southern Ute DRUM E-Edition, social media, and tribal websites.

As initially recommended by the CDC, the Tribe recommends the use of face coverings when leaving your home for essential activities such as trips to the grocery store, visits to the doctor’s office or work as an essential employee. The coronavirus is spread by droplets in the air and individual contraction of COVID-19 by direct contact with someone who has tested positive or may have been exposed to the virus.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council has also directed the Southern Ute Incident Management Team

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham emphasizes the multitude of benefits that each aspect of KSUT’s new facility will provide, from updated broadcasting and recording equipment to climate-controlled workspaces. Southern Ute Tribal Council toured the new facility Tuesday, March 10 to see the Media Center first hand.

PUBLIC RADIO

KSUT quickly adapts to serve needs of the community

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

KSUT is beginning to make its self at home in the brand-new Eddie Box Jr. Media Center. KSUT Four Corners signal and Tribal Radio had their hearts set on a spring ribbon cutting ceremony for the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, and the opportunity to broadcast from a brand-new station after years of strategic planning and fundraising efforts. However, coronavirus has dashed those immediate plans, but the folks running KSUT Public Radio have gotten creative and moved ahead undeterred in these challenging times.

“We have been able

to quickly adapt and respond,” explained KSUT Director Tami Graham. “We have had to pivot.”

One thing that KSUT has heard over and over again, is that they are a lifeline to those without internet, providing relevant news stories to a community in need.

“Once we were in the new building, we had a plan to create more local content. KSUT [now] has two contract reporters covering COVID-19. Since March 26 we have done over 25 stories,” Graham said. “We ramped up our news reporting due to the crisis. We are putting a lot more content on our website. Donations are supporting this; we are crowdsourcing funds.”

Winning additional grants and getting funds from local donors, KSUT originally raised \$9K, matched by three donors. That number is now up to \$11K. The money was raised entirely through local donors, including Alpine Bank as a business sponsor. KDUR and The Point are also carrying the stories in an effort to reach the broadest audience possible.

“[The reporters] are reaching out and asking, ‘what are the important stories in our community?’ Tami has been instrumental in all of this,” explained Sheila Naneato, Director of Tribal Radio.

KSUT adapts page 7



TRIBE REAFFIRMS ‘STAY AT HOME’ • FROM PAGE 1

(IMT) to distribute face masks to Southern Ute tribal elders and the disabled/at-risk population of tribal members who reside on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. On Tuesday, April 14, the Southern Ute Community Health Representatives staff, caregivers (Visiting Angels and Comfort Keepers), and Southern Ute Elders Services began distributing face masks to Southern Ute tribal elders and high-risk elders who reside on the reservation. Please contact the Southern Ute Tribal Health CHR Division at 970-563-0154 or 970-563-2348 or the Southern Ute Elders Services Division at 970-563-2323 for more information. The remaining masks will be held in reserve to ensure adequate supplies remain on hand for health care professionals and first responders if the situation deteriorates and Personnel Protective Equipment (PPE) is required.

Tribal parks remain closed to gatherings of more than five people, but exercising is still encouraged while practicing social distancing.

We would like to applaud the Southern Ute Indian tribal membership for adhering to the “Stay at Home” order, promoting social distancing, unity within our tribal community, supporting one another, sharing information and taking opportunities to create solutions that benefit the safety and wellness of the Southern Ute people and community. As this health pandemic continues to evolve, we will continue to provide information in a timely and consistent manner.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council urges all tribal members to listen for radio announcements, continue to check the Tribe’s official social media and website or call the COVID-19 Call Center. The Tribe will continue to make every effort to keep the membership informed.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s COVID-19 Call Center will remain live through the duration of the modified government services being provided. In addition to fielding calls, the call center will be making proactive calls to all South-

ern Ute tribal members who have current addresses and phone numbers on file at TIS, Finance, Southern Ute Education and the Southern Ute Health Center.

For enrolled Southern Ute tribal members who have not received communication from a tribal department, they are encouraged to contact the Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center at 970-563-0214, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. to establish a communication stream going forward.

The Tribe would like to account for each tribal member’s safety and wellness through this pandemic. Beginning Monday, May 4, 2020, the Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center will operate Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

As stated previously, if you are a tribal member and are concerned about your health or any symptoms you may be experiencing, please contact your primary care provider or call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 to speak with a health care professional.

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importantly, the unlawful actions by one or more individuals at the federal government to leak this confidential information must be immediately investigated. We call upon the Department of Justice to immediately do so.

The history of relations between the United States and tribal nations is replete with broken promises. The unlawful release of information is evidence that those broken promises by the federal government continue to this day.



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

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.

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box

Many Moons Ago

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Lake Capote opened its gates for the season on Thursday, April 15. Eighty of the 4,500 trout stocked this month have been tagged with markers that can be redeemed for a combined \$3,000 in cash prizes. The freshly stocked fish arrived from Colorado’s Front Range, where they were transported to the Southern Ute Reservation by truck and released in batches under the supervision of Capote Lake Manager, Dusk Edwards

This photo first appeared in the April 23, 2010, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

SU Drum archive

20 years ago

The Three Feathers Blues Band; Kean Richards on drums, Calvin Richards on lead guitar, Richard Hudson on rhythm guitar and Matt Feinberg on bass, performed at the 2000 Census Party on April 15 at the Rolling Thunder Hall. Those attending enjoyed hot dogs and free prizes from the U.S. Census Bureau. The party was organized by Tribal Information Services Director, Edna Frost.

This photo was published in the April 21, 2000, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

SU Drum archive

30 years ago

A for the Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program (DARE) program took place at the Ignacio Intermediate School. The graduation was the second year for the event.

This photo was published in the April 27, 1990, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

SU Drum archive

40 years ago

The Ignacio High School Rodeo Team held a Combined High School Rodeo May 2-3 at the Sky Ute Downs and at Bayfield High School on May 4, 1980. They also held a rodeo dance and pancake breakfast at the Southern Ute Community Center. The rodeo also included a cutting contest.

This photo was published in the April 25, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



EMERGENCY RELIEF

Native American Bank bolsters Indian Country in COVID-19 crisis

Providing millions of dollars in small business loans

Staff report

DENVER'S NATIVE AMERICAN BANK

Denver-based Native American Bank, N.A. has supported applications for nearly \$16 million in Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) funding to alleviate the COVID-19 health and economic crisis in Indian Country, bank officials announced this week.

Dozens of Native American and Alaska Native businesses and nonprofits have secured crucial survival funding in the first round of funds allocated to the program, which provided \$349 billion in support through the CARES Act passed by Congress in March.

Native American Bank, the only national community development bank owned by a consortium of Tribes, Tribal Entities, and Alaska Native Corporations, will also participate in a second round of PPP funding currently being negotiated in Congress. Application submissions to the SBA are expected open later in April. The bank has facilitated PPP loans for Native and non-Native businesses across the nation, including a Denver-area child care center striving to remain open to help families of essential personnel.

"There's an enormous need to support Native American businesses and jobs during this unprecedented time, and we are honored our communities are turning to us for help in securing their future," said

Tom Ogaard, President and CEO of Native American Bank. "In the 14 days available for funding in the first round of PPP, we took applications for as much loan volume as we ordinarily see in an entire year. We are here to help."

PPP loans closed or approved through Native American Bank are preserving jobs in places like the Ute Indian Tribe on the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in northeastern Utah. Through Native American Bank, subsidiaries of the Ute Tribal Enterprises, LLC secured loans ranging from \$34,000 to \$970,000 to fund community-serving operations at grocery stores, C-stores, restaurants and service industries.

"Ute Tribal Enterprise wishes to express our appreciation to Native American Bank in processing the SBA Paycheck Protection Program applications for our eight businesses in such a timely, efficient and professional manner. This is enabling us to retain our employees and is blessing the lives of over 230 families," said Valentina Sireech, Chief Executive Officer for Ute Tribal Enterprises, LLC.

PPP loans closed or approved through Native American Bank will support over 2,100 jobs in the traditionally underserved communities in and around Tribal areas. Some Tribal areas are attempting to battle high COVID-19 caseloads over massive geographic areas with limited health care resources, including the Diné people of the



courtesy Bridget Dvorak/Native American Bank

Native American Bank headquarters located in Denver, Colo.

Navajo Nation located in Arizona, Utah and New Mexico. The Navajo Nation has reported some of the highest per-capita infection rates in the U.S.

Native American Bank has facilitated more than \$2.5 million in PPP loans to Tribal Enterprises and Navajo owned small businesses on the Navajo Nation, ranging from \$13,000 to \$920,000. "I want to personally thank Native American Bank for working hard, fast and diligently on this for so many. Ahéhe," said Honorable Navajo

Nation Vice President Myron Lizer.

CARES Act loans arranged through Native American Bank so far include multi-million-dollar loans to some as small as \$7,400, loans to the self-employed, and regions from Alaska to Washington, D.C. The bank facilitated multiple loans with customers of large institutional banks who were not able to serve them for their PPP loan requests. Any small busi-

Native American Bank page 11

POSTPONED

Southern Ute Bear Dance due to the COVID-19 Virus

June 12th - 15th, 2020

Ute Road & HYW 521 in Ignacio, CO



Bear Dance Chief-Matthew Box

Bear Dance Corral Blessing
10:30 A.M. Friday, June 12, 2020

Bear Dance Feast
12:00 P.M. Monday, June 15, 2020

Bear Dance Rules

- No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing
- Photography, video & audio recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes.
- The Southern Ute Tribe will not be held responsible for accidents, injuries, or theft.
- The Pine River is RESTRICTED.
- For information on vending, contact (970) 563-2983

Please be advised the Southern Ute Bear Dance is subject to cancellation.

For more information contact: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box at (970) 759-7038

2020 SOUTHERN UTE BEARDANCE POWWOW

Ignacio, CO
May 22nd & 23rd

Headstaff
Head Lady: So, Ute Royalty
Head Man: Picked daily
Arena Director: Henry Howell
MC: Chasen Coby
Host Drum: Buffalo Hill
Drum: White Sr.

Contest up to place
Men (18-54) Northern & Southern
Traditional, Grass, Fancy
Womens (18-54) Northern & Southern
Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
Teen Boys (13-17) Northern & Southern
Traditional, Grass, Fancy
Teen Girls (13-17) Northern & Southern
Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
Jr. Boys (6-12) Northern & Southern
Traditional, Grass, Fancy
Jr. Girls (6-12) Northern & Southern
Traditional, Fancy Shawl, Jingle
Tiny Tots 5 & under

Powwow Committee Members:
Frost 970.553.9291
Nar 970.567.1110
Schelle 970.422.1110
Ar 970.422.1110
Frost 970.553.9291

Registration begins 5pm-until end of powwow Friday night

SunUte Rec Center
Grand Entry 7pm Friday
1pm & 7pm Saturday

Cancelled

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will not be held responsible for any accidents, injuries, theft, or food borne illnesses.



UTE NATION DAY HONORING HEADS & HEADS MEN OF THE NATION



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

SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE WORKSHOP



**OPEN TO TRIBAL
GENERAL PUBLIC**

For more information contact:
Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box

CANCELLED



HEALTHY RECIPES

A quick and easy egg dish

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Here is an easy egg idea that can be made with your favorite ingredients and used for any meal or snack. They can be made ahead; children can help and elders will enjoy!

These muffin tin eggs can be made with multiple different ingredients and each one can be individualized for family preferences.

Ideas for serving at meals:

Breakfast: Pair with whole grain toast and avocado

Lunch: Serve a side salad with nuts and dressing

Dinner: Include a hearty soup, baked potato or whole grain like brown rice, wild rice or quinoa

Questions? Contact Lisa at lismith@southernute-nsn.gov or call 970-563-2344.



courtesy Cafe Delites

Muffin Tin Eggs

Ingredients:

- 12 eggs
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- ½ cup shredded cheese of choice*
- ½ cup chopped meat of choice*
- 1 cup chopped veggies of choice*

Variations*

- Try different cheeses: cheddar, pepper jack, swiss, mozzarella, feta.
- Try different meats: sausage, bacon, turkey sausage, ham, chorizo.
- Try different veggies: spinach, mushrooms, onions, green pepper, green chilies.

Nutrition per muffin: Calories 110; Carbs 2g; Protein 9g

These can be stored in the refrigerator for 3 days or frozen for a grab-and-go breakfast!

Top them with hot sauce, salsa or avocados or add different herbs/spices to the mix!

Directions:

1. Heat oven to 350 degrees. Spray muffin tin with cooking oil and set aside.
2. In a large bowl, mix all ingredients together (if making different ones, have items in a few separate bowls so people can add their own after the eggs are poured.)
3. Pour mixture evenly into 12 muffin cups (with individual cups, pour eggs/milk/salt/pepper mixture, then add ingredients as desired.)
4. Bake for 20 minutes. Let sit for 5 minutes before serving.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bee Heard: What is suicide prevention?

Staff report
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

First off, suicide is preventable and there are steps we can take to prevent it. How and when we help someone is considered suicide prevention. It can be through media campaigns, reaching out and checking on someone, going to counseling or maybe even taking medication prescribed by a physician or psychiatrist.

Taking a gatekeeper suicide prevention training is also suicide prevention. These pieces of training teach you what mental health, behavioral health or substance use-related crisis looks like and what risk factors and warning signs to look for. You also learn what steps to take if someone is experiencing a crisis and non-crisis situation.



What gatekeeper trainings are out there?

There are quite a few gatekeeper trainings out there. But it's important to find one that is evidence-based or at least "best practices" in the field of suicide prevention.

Here are some of the trainings that are available:

- Mental Health First Aid- MHFA or YMHA (adult or youth-specific)
- Collaborative Assessment and Management of Suicidality (CAMS)
- Question, Persuade and Refer (QPR)

These are just a few and they all differ depending on time, accessibility and content. Some are as quick as 60 minutes and online. Some are one-day in-person trainings and go more in-depth about mental health and behavioral health issues.

Is there training available right now? Yes.

The Native Connections Program has purchased online licenses for the QPR Online Gatekeeper Training and is offering training to employees of the Southern Ute Tribe and Southern Ute tribal members.

This training is free. It's online, self-paced and will take about 60 minutes to complete.

Sign up now. Contact Precious Collins at 970-306-8131 or prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up to take the free online suicide prevention training through the QPR Institute.

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.

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 Indian Tribe
Vocational Rehabilitation Program

We are here and available for support via phone, fax, or email!

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phone: 970-563-4730

Fax: 970-563-4840

Email: brosa@southernute-nsn.gov



Making Change
Work for You!



Southern Ute Health Center Update

Due to the evolving **Covid 19 Outbreak** the Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours.

The Southern Ute HEALTH CENTER, including DENTAL will be operating on reduced hours, until further notice.

DENTAL & HEALTH CENTER: Open from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
OPTOMETRY: Closed indefinitely.

The **HEALTH CENTER** is seeing patients in the outside tent area behind the Clinic for COVID-19 screening.

Urgent Care type appointments will be inside the Clinic.

Nursing Visits from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ONLY!

No Walk-ins Accepted!

All PATIENTS ARE REQUIRED TO CALL AHEAD FOR APPOINTMENTS, 970-563-4581.

DENTAL is seeing emergency appointments only and will pre-screen patients to determine urgency before scheduling and appointment.

PHARMACY hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm – **Only Window** service will be offered, there will be no pharmacy access inside the clinic.

PSYCHIATRY visits will occur in the **Mouache Capote Building;**

Patients will be called first to verify time of appointment;

All other Specialty Medicine (Rheumatology, Neurophology) are postponed.

All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

Native Connections
Program presents...

Free training for employees
and tribal members of the
Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

ONLINE
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
TRAINING

The Native Connections Program has purchased 200 online licenses. Get trained in how to recognize when someone is in a crisis and how to get them help and resources. Training will be offered through the QPR Institute online platform.

Self-paced training:

- ✓ How to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- ✓ How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide
 - ✓ The common causes of suicidal behavior
 - ✓ The warning signs of suicide
- ✓ How to get help for someone in crisis



TO SIGN UP, CONTACT
PRECIOUS COLLINS
970-306-8131 OR
prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov



Tips for Oral Health Providers: Talking COVID-19

You’re likely receiving a lot of questions from patients about why they can’t be seen for routine dental care during the COVID-19 response. To help your dental team to respond to these questions, we’ve developed a few talking points.

Why is the dental clinic only seeing urgent and emergency patients?

Like the common cold and flu viruses, the novel coronavirus can be spread through the air as well as contact with surfaces. When we work on teeth – especially cleaning teeth and preparing fillings with a drill – the virus can go from your mouth into the air, like when you sneeze or cough. Because the virus can stay in the air for several hours, this can put our dental staff as well as other patients that enter the room at risk.

I’m not feeling sick. Why can’t I be seen for non-emergency care?

Even when people don’t feel sick, experts say that they could still have a virus. In fact, about 1 in 4 people with the novel coronavirus don’t feel sick. To limit the spread of the virus to dental staff and other patients, we’re currently only treating urgent and emergency patients.

What is considered a dental emergency?

Emergencies are determined on a case-by-case basis. In general, swelling and pain that is not controlled with over the counter medications are considered emergencies. If you have any questions, you can talk with a dental provider on the phone to determine if you need to be seen.

Should I call the dental office first?

Yes, during the COVID-19 response period, it’s important to call the dental clinic first, instead of going directly to the dental clinic. This allows us to ask you questions about your dental concern and determine if it’s necessary for you to be seen. By limiting the number of patients in the waiting area and clinic, we can decrease the chances of spreading the virus.

When can I be seen for my regular dental appointment?

We are following the recommendations and guidance from the Indian Health Service and experts at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). We will let you know as soon as experts agree that it is safe to begin seeing non-emergency dental patients.

How safe is the dental clinic?

We are dedicated to making our clinic safe for our patients and staff. We follow CDC guidelines to ensure that dental tools and rooms are clean for each patient.

Can I bring my children with me to the office (they’re out of school)?

Instead of bringing family members with you to your dental appointment, we recommend

that you find alternative options for them. We are trying to limit the number of people in the dental clinic, to reduce the chances of spreading the virus.

Can I take care of my dental problems (chipped tooth, filling out, etc.) at home instead?

Each dental problem is unique. If you have a question about your mouth, we can review the best options for you over the phone.

Is my dental cleaning considered urgent?

Dental cleanings are not considered urgent. While we wait for guidance to begin dental cleanings again, it’s important to keep up with brushing twice a day and flossing at least once a day.

Does my dentist have N95 masks?

Some dental clinics may have N95 masks. These masks are in short supply and dental clinics are trying to use them only when needed.

Should I wear a mask to my appointment?

In general, you don’t need to wear a mask to the dental clinic. It’s very important to call your dental clinic to talk about your dental question, instead of going directly to the clinic. Over the phone, the staff will ask you about your concern as well as questions about your health (e.g. cough or fever). Most dental clinics are not designed to treat patients that may have coronavirus. If you have flu-like symptoms and a dental emergency, you will need to work with your dental provider to figure out the best place for emergency treatment.

How are things in the dental office disinfected?

We follow CDC guidelines to make sure our dental tools and rooms are clean for each patient.

I think I just have allergies. Can I still come to the dental clinic?

If you don’t have flu-like symptoms and have known seasonal allergies, you could potentially be seen in the dental clinic. Please call the dental clinic to talk about your question.

What kind of dental work can be done on me?

In general, we’re trying to avoid dental work that create aerosols (i.e. fine mist that can stay in the air for several hours). Temporary fillings - done with hand instruments instead of drills - and extractions are the least likely to create aerosols. Talk to your dental team about the emergency dental procedures they can offer.

Resources:

COVID-19 Materials Developed for Tribal Use: <http://caih.jhu.edu/news/covid19>
CDC: *Interim Infection Prevention and Control Guidance for Dental Settings During the COVID-19 Response* <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/dental-settings.html>
ADA: *Coronavirus Frequently Asked Questions* <https://success.ada.org/en/practice-management/patients/coronavirus-frequently-asked-questions>

PREVENTION

Healing from sexual violence in Indian Country

Staff Report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE
HELPLINE

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month. There is a broad spectrum of studies and statistics that attempt to explain why even today sexual assault continues to be a threat to society, not just to women, but to all people. In looking at the issue, every gender, every race and at every age, the threat of sexual violence exists every minute of every day.

Around the world, Indigenous peoples have been and still are being victimized by predominant civilizations. Beginning with colonization, Native Americans and Alaska Natives suffered at the hands of non-Natives and rape was frequently used as a tool of colonization and oppression. The impacts of colonization, and specifically rape still impact Native communities to this day.

Nationwide, an American is sexually assaulted every 73 seconds and every nine minutes that victim is a child. Meanwhile, only five out of every 1,000 perpetrators will end up in prison, according to Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN). That means 995 out of 1,000 perpetrators are free to assault again. For Native Americans, the picture is even bleaker.

According to the U.S. Department of Justice, American Indians and Crime (1992-2002, 2004):

- Native Americans and Alaska Natives are twice as likely to experience a rape/sexual assault compared to all races.
- 41 percent of sexual assaults against American Indians are committed by a stranger; 34 percent by an acquaintance; and 25% by an intimate or family member.

Beyond those statistics remain the innumerable victims who do not report or cannot report sexual assault for any variety of reasons. One of the more common reasons a victim may not report an assault is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).



courtesy StrongHearts Native Helpline

The Effects of Sexual Assault

Post Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a serious psychological disease suffered by millions of people who have been exposed to extreme stress, violence or loss. PTSD can cause many trauma responses, from rendering a victim mute to living in a heightened state of panic. However, unless and until the survivor can speak about the assault, silence itself serves to protect the perpetrator.

Possible Feelings and Reactions

After a sexual assault has occurred, the victim can experience a multitude of debilitating emotions, including: fear, guilty feelings, embarrassment, shame, shock and depression. Processing trauma is never easy, but putting labels on the emotions can help put things into perspective.

Understanding Consent

Consent is expressed when one person voluntarily agrees to the proposal of another. It is best to know that consent is legally required at every stage of sexual activity.

Sexual assault is pervasive in every corner of the world. It is very important to remember that the perpetrator is at fault, not the victim. It will take time and effort for a victim of sexual assault to heal and to move forward, but it can be done. It must be done. There are so many people that not only need help but who want to help. For the victim, the helper and/or a

concerned family or friend, help is available.

SANE

A Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE) is a nurse specifically trained to conduct a forensic exam to include evaluation and collection of evidence. They are sensitive to survivors of sexual assault and use their expertise to provide effective courtroom testimony.

RAINN

Sexual assault service providers may also be accessed through the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN), the nation’s largest anti-sexual violence organization. You can also reach RAINN by calling the National Sexual Assault Hotline (800-656-HOPE) or visit their website at online.rainn.org

StrongHearts Can Help

Help is available for victims of sexual assault. StrongHearts Native Helpline advocates are trained to take a Native-centered, empowerment-based approach to every call and offer peer-to-peer support, crisis intervention, assistance with safety planning, referrals to local resources and education and information. Services are completely free, anonymous and confidential.

To explore your options for safety and healing, call StrongHearts Native Helpline at 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) daily from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. MDT. Callers reaching out after hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline (1-800-799-7233) by selecting option one.



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

Elizabeth Gallegos
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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.

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.



PCC-SW is offering virtual summer and fall registration through our upcoming Enrollment Nights. Virtual advisors will be available live to answer questions, help students apply for admission, inquire about programs, and to help students register for classes.

Please see the following link to schedule a virtual advising session and to see available dates and times: upcoming sessions.

Ignacio School District Breakfast/Lunch Update

Just a reminder that the Ignacio School District is providing free breakfast and lunch for students under the age of 19. These meals will be provided at the remote locations from 11 until 11:30 a.m., and at the High School from 11 a.m. until 12 p.m. on weekdays. These meals are grab-and-go and meet the nutritional requirements of the USDA Please fill out the online meal order form weekly at: <https://forms.gle/M3WYs3C9deC7jXXL8> (Found on the web page www.ignacioschools.org) or leave your meal order request on the voicemail of 970-563-0653 we will need name, phone number, number of meals and pickup location. Remote locations include: Allison Church, Oxford Grange, 318 Fire Station, Ignacio High School (Southeast Door #8 Near Library/Bus Drop off)



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



Resources from www.cdc.gov Created & Published by Lindsay J. Box

SUIMA
From the Eagle’s Nest

Staying home and staying safe

Staff report
SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

As COVID-19 still affects our community, SUIMA continues to serve the students of the school whether through phone calls, virtual meetings, sending lessons home or assisting students with their academic online programs.

Here are some ideas to do with your child as all of us are staying home and staying safe.

- Infants/Toddlers**
- Make a fort out of your dining room table and some blankets.
 - Build an obstacle course indoors using pillows, stuffed animals, chairs, laundry baskets, etc.
 - Have an indoor jam session using all your pots and pans.
 - Gather up all your socks, make a pile, and have a sock sorting activity.
 - Do you have any large cardboard boxes around? If so, make a tunnel; or a house!

- Pre-K/Kindergarteners**
- Plan a healthy meal or snack for your family. Have someone help you prepare and cook the meal or snack.
 - Clean the leaves of a plant in your house! Use a little bit of soapy water and a sponge.
 - Look out your window. Draw a picture of the biggest, smallest, and most unusual things you see.
 - Find shapes in your house: circles, squares, rectangles, and triangles. Can you draw them?
 - Think of words that rhyme with hat, car, ring, stop, man, dad, rock, pig, and lot. Can you write any of your rhyming words?
 - Make a list of 20 nouns and say them or write them. Remember a noun is a per-



courtesy Liz Taylor

Makayla Taylor taking a break from her home-learning to enjoy an ice cream cone. These are a few photos from parents for the Eagles Nest showing some of the learning going on at home during this time. Science experiments, baking, nature walks, and snacks.

- son, place, thing, or animal, such as brother, beach, basketball, or buffalo.
- Make a list of 20 powerful verbs and say them or write them. Remember, a verb is an action, such as jump, dance, or play.
- Elementary**
- Explore the website <https://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>. Read or have someone read through some of the news stories.
- Ask someone in your family if they know how to build a bookcase, a bench, or something similar. Have them explain how it is built and if you have the materials, try building your own.
- Write letters to your friends and relatives.
- Practice telling stories. Think of a story that you know well and try to tell it in several different ways. For example, tell the story from a different point of view or in a different setting.
- Write a story using this writing prompt: “When self-isolation is over, I’m going to ...”
- Estimate the number of plates there are in your house. Write down your estimate and then count. Was your estimate close?
- Find some coins in your house and find five different ways to make \$1. Write down how many of each coin you used for each combination. For an extra challenge, find 10 or 15 ways!
- The first week in May is “Be Kind to Animals Week.” Write a poem or story that expresses the importance of animals in your life.



courtesy Candi Johnson

Amonnie Johnson working on his math by baking chocolate chip cookies. Little sister Zalissa can’t wait to taste them!



courtesy Marie Howe

Working on their physical exercise need, Reggie and Tia Howe take a walk outside.

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.



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.



PUBLIC RADIO

KSUT cancels Pagosa Folk ‘N Bluegrass festival

Staff report
KSUT PUBLIC RADIO

In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, KSUT has made the difficult but necessary decision to cancel the 2020 Pagosa Folk ‘N Bluegrass festival, scheduled for June 5-7, 2020 on Reservoir Hill in Pagosa Springs.

KSUT’s primary concern has been and remains the health, wellness, and safety of festival attendees, vendors, volunteers and staff and does not feel it is a responsible decision to move forward with a gathering of this magnitude.

“We’re saddened that in our first year as the new owners of the festival that we’ve had to make this decision, but it was truly the only responsible decision we could have made,” stated Tami Graham, KSUT’s Executive Director.

The festival typically draws approximately 1,500-1,800 attendee’s. Ticket holders will receive an email with information about refund options. KSUT is actively communicating with this year’s artists with the goal of replicating the same stellar line-up of folk and bluegrass music for the festival in early June 2021.

Scheduled to perform this



courtesy KSUT Public Radio

Pagosa Folk ‘N Bluegrass has been an annual event on Reservoir Hill since 2006.

year were: Tommy Emmanuel, Eilen Jewel, Lil Smokies, Town Mountain, Jon Stickley Trio, Shinyribs, Tony Furtado, The Wooks, Songs From the Road Band, The Honey Dewdrops, Stillhouse Junkies, FY5, Bonnie and the Clydes and Yellow Jacket Singers.

Pagosa Folk ‘N Bluegrass has been an annual event on Reservoir Hill since 2006, when it was founded by Dan Appenzeller and Crista Munro of Folkwest, Inc., a 501c3 non-profit organization. Folkwest, Inc. transferred ownership of Pagosa Folk ‘N Bluegrass as well as Four Corners Folk Festival to KSUT Public Radio in September of 2019. KSUT is cautiously optimistic about the 25th Annual Four

Corners Folk Festival moving forward as scheduled for September 4-6 on Reservoir Hill. “We’re hopeful that we can come together and celebrate great music with our friends and festival family over Labor Day weekend in Pagosa Springs,” stated Graham.

KSUT was founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976. It became a 501c3 non-profit in 1986 and now serves five counties in Southwestern Colorado and Northwestern New Mexico, and is an NPR affiliate, with two signals: Four Corners Public Radio and Southern Ute Tribal Radio.

For more information contact Jill Davis, KSUT Festival Director, festivaldirector@ksut.org

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

This week Save the Food, Serve the People

600 meals for most vulnerable community members

Staff report
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION
SERVING SW COLORADO

This week Save the Food, Feed the People will serve 600 meals to our most vulnerable community members by collaborating with nonprofits on the front lines.

Save the Food, Feed the People coordinates with the La Plata & San Juan County Food Assistance Provider Group, which are regional food assistance providers that identify which pantry, mutual aid group, senior center, or school is in need, and thus where meals should go. These groups have seen requests double, sometimes triple, during the current Covid-19 shelter-in-place requirements.

“This collaborative effort is brilliant and focuses on our community’s needs,” said Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colo. “Save the Food, Feed the People provides an economic stimulus by paying the chefs, uses culinary expertise to create delicious meals, and then uses resources to get these meals into the hands of community members who need it most.”

As an example, the La Plata County Senior Center (which serves Durango, Bayfield, and Ignacio) went from serving 250 meals per week to 500+ meals per week. Save the Food, Feed the People will provide 150 meals/week to help the La Plata County Senior Center meet the need. In addition, Save the Food, Feed the People has provided meals to our Latino community through our partners at the La Plata Family Centers

Coalition, the frontier communities along the Pine River through Pine River Shares and the TARA Community Center, Purple Cliffs homeless camp, Mancos Foodshare, and the Ignacio Mutual Aid Group to serve the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

The Save the Food, Feed the People collaboration hires unemployed kitchen staff to return to the kitchen to cook delicious, much-needed meals. This collaboration began last month when restaurants donated perishable supplies that had been purchased in advance of spring break and could not be utilized due to the Covid-19 closures. Now the collaboration is purchasing ingredients. All meals are prepared and packaged, then delivered through a network of food assistance providers to families and community members in need of a fresh, hot meal.

“In addition to the meals, we are learning that this program provides a much-needed sense of connection, community, and joy,” said Wrinkle.

Since Save the Food, Feed the People began its efforts a month ago, the program has found its footing and need in the community. Every week, four to five chefs rotate into the donated kitchen space at Cantera Restaurant. Meals are planned around the supplies available, with the chefs using creativity. For instance, last week, chefs cooked up Moroccan vegetable stew over rice, pulled pork sandwiches with fresh slaw and pico de gallo.

“We are buying whole chickens and breaking them down to create incredible flavors, save on food costs,

and keep our chefs’ skills honed,” said Blaine Bailey, founder of Into the Weeds, a nonprofit that provides a safe and comfortable space for members of the service industry to openly discuss, process, and receive support around issues that arise within the service community and related culture.

“We are so grateful to Bread and Carvers Brewing Company for adding bread and biscuits to round out our meals,” said Bailey.

Save the Food, Serve the People is planning to continue operations through the end of May and then will re-evaluate the need. If you are a food assistance provider and interested in obtaining meals, please contact Rachel Landis at rachel@goodfoodcollective.org.

The collaboration is currently seeking funds to continue this program. For \$20, you can help to keep local chefs working, feed a member of our community and bring joy to their lives.

Donations for food purchases can be made through the Good Food Collectives, Food for All Fund at www.goodfoodcollective.org.

Donations to support chef stipends can be made through the Community Foundation Serving SW Colorado’s CERF Fund at www.coloradogives.org/cerf.

Food Assistance partners include the La Plata County Senior Center, La Plata Family Centers Coalition, Pine River Shares, Ignacio Mutual Aid, Durango Food Bank and Community Compassion Outreach.

A huge thanks to our local donors, including the Community Foundation Serving SW Colorado, Mercy Healthcare System and Durango Evening Rotary.

KSUT to offer COVID-19 news reporting

Staff Report
KSUT PUBLIC RADIO

With the outbreak of COVID-19 and the numerous and far-reaching impacts to our region, KSUT has mobilized a news team to provide coverage of both breaking news and developing stories related to the coronavirus. KSUT’s COVID-19 reporting is made possible by Alpine Bank, supporting Colorado communities for 47 years.

Coverage will run a minimum of four weekly stories to air during NPR News programming including Morning Edition, Here & Now, and All Things Considered. Stories will also be available on the KSUT website.

Sarah Flower, a former KSUT news reporter, and a Colorado Associated Press Editors & Reporters first place recipient will be covering La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan counties.

Mark Duggan, former

KSUT Program Director and three-time Edward R. Murrow award-winner will be covering New Mexico, Montezuma and San Miguel counties.

KSUT’s COVID-19 reporting is made possible by the generous support of KSUT donors. If you’re interested in supporting this project and helping KSUT expand its news coverage at this critical time, email Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director, or call 970-563-5780.

KSUT QUICKLY ADAPTS • FROM PAGE 1

“We were focused on getting into the new building, Graham explained, and with the limitations imposed through social distancing practices, the new building is serving as welcome office space for employees as needed. KSUT is limited to a maximum of three people at any given time in the current building, due to its small size and confined spaces.

“I never dreamed we would be using the new space as a safety measure. It is allowing us to slowly move and get set up over there with administrative staff. I want to give props to Southern Ute Shared Services for setting up workstations in the new building, which gives us physical separation and space,” she emphasized. “My guess it will be July, or August, once we are broadcasting from the new building.”

The project contractor, Jaynes is almost wrapped up, Graham explained. They are doing a few final punchline items in the building with the Tribe’s consent. Networking and wiring for the new building are on pause. Once it is safe for the engineers to get back to



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum archive

work, set up for broadcasting can begin.

Meanwhile, staff is still broadcasting from the KSUT studios a block away, while practicing safe social distancing measures.

“We’ve gone to only essential staff, with core staff doing on air shifts. We each take a weeklong shift, Monday-Friday, 8-12pm. We do our live on-air program each morning,” Naneato said.

“If there is news that needs to get out, we use our Facebook page to share Tribal press releases. We also know that Tribal Radio is more important than ever. Not everyone has social media or access to the internet,” she emphasized. “They can tune into Tribal Radio from anywhere in the

Four Corners to hear what’s going on.”

The only live interviews that KSUT Tribal radio is conducting are with Chairman Christine Sage. The Tribe’s Incident Management Team (IMT) schedules those public addresses to the membership as needed, explained Naneato. “Chairman is only one who has access to the studio.”

“We clean and sanitize between shifts. Everyone has taken a lot of effort to make sure our workspaces are clean and sanitized,” she said.

“One thing I can say, we have always been able to adapt to any situation put in front of us. Our staff has the experience, they think outside the box,” Naneato said.

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



Southern Ute Veterans Association

Memorial Day 2020

Day of Remembrance Program
IS

CANCELED



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



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Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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**STAY
HOME**



**STAY
IN TOUCH**



**PRACTICE GOOD
HYGIENE**

If you are sick self-isolate. If your symptoms get worse call your healthcare provider. Tribal members & Southern Ute Health Center patients can call the Health Center at 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment.

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COLOR MY WORLD WITH LOVE IGNACIO COMMUNITY CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION

FUN COLOR RUN

APRIL 29, 2020
IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

REGISTRATION: 1PM
WALK/RUN START: 2PM

**ALL AGES AND ABILITIES
WELCOME.**

**SCHOOL BUSES WILL
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**ARENTS, DON'T JUST ACT LIKE A SUPER HERO!
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If you or someone you know is being abused, please contact 911 or the Southern Ute Tribe's Division of Social Services at 970-563-2339.

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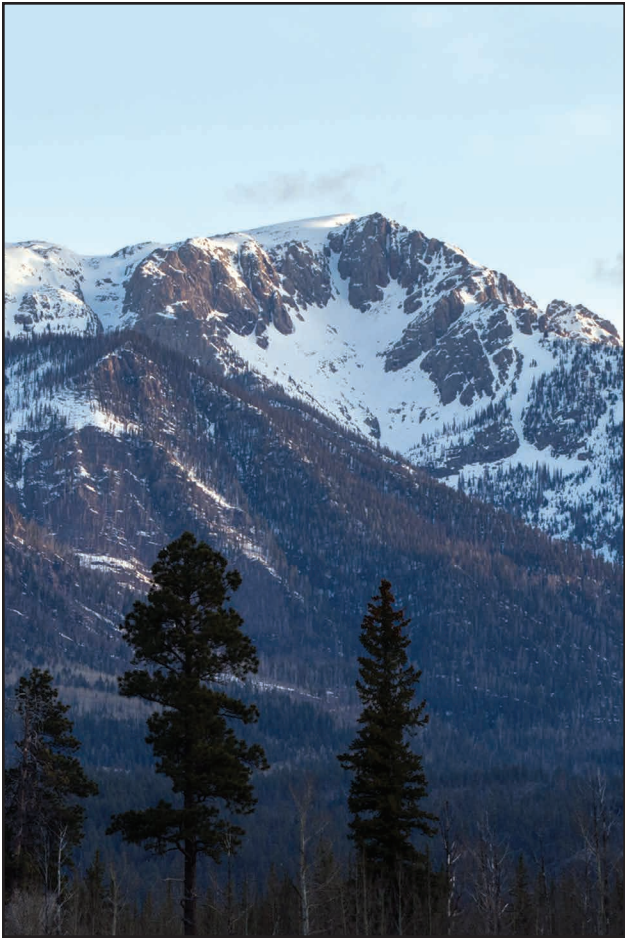
Seeking solace in nature



The Weminuche Wilderness rises high above the valley floor, stretching as far as the eye can see, snowcapped peaks define the northernmost horizon in springtime; snowmelt begins to fill the thirsty streams and reservoirs below.

In the time of social distancing, nature provides a great solace for the human spirit. The animals, who go about their springtime affairs unaffected by coronavirus, remind us that the natural world carries on. Birds wake well before dawn, when the air is still cool and quiet. The sun warms the highest peaks first, where winter's snow lingers on into late April, eventually touching the valley floor. Mist lifts off the water's surface with the coming of the day. Our mental and physical health is tied to the landscapes that surrounds us, and time outdoors can ease our minds as we fill our lungs with fresh air and stretch our bodies. This connection to nature reminds us that the world is much larger than us, and together we will preserve.

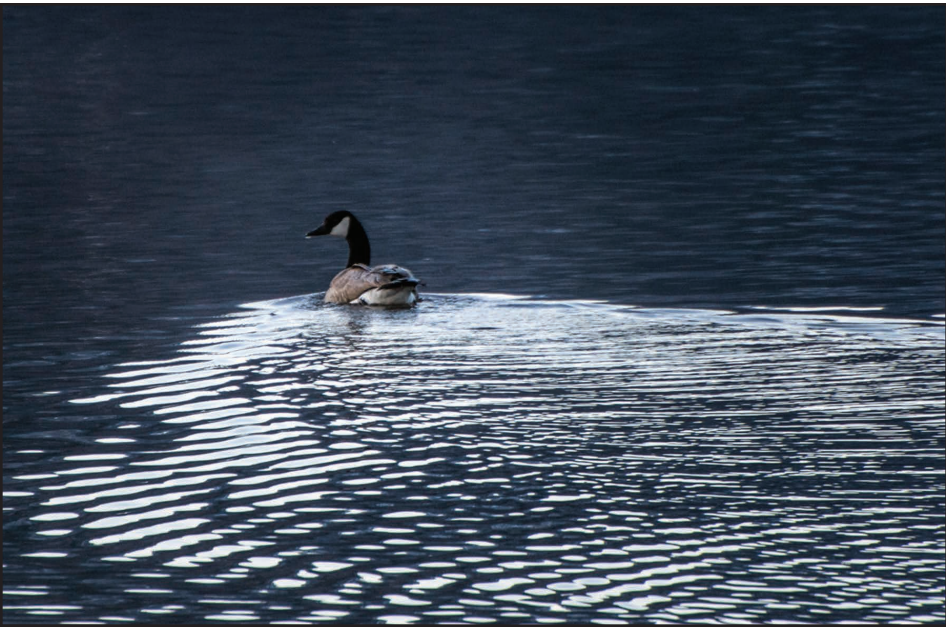
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The Southern Ute Drum



The craggy peaks of Sheridan Mountain and Amhurst loom over the Vallecito Valley to the north, blanketed by winter's deep snowpack.



A lone goose takes flight above the evergreen forest in the early morning light. Canadian Geese make their home in the Vallecito Valley, flocking together along the shores for protection, they are creatures of habit.



Birds glide across the glassy surface of Vallecito Lake before the dawn.



A single Osprey returns from wintering grounds as far south as Central America, drawn back to a familiar stand of trees, eagerly awaiting the arrival of a mate.



A pair of Canadian Geese shelter on the lake shore, returning to their annual nesting sites each spring, these birds remain vigilant and alert.



LIVESTOCK

How to prepare for your horse’s care in case you are quarantined

By David Anderson
PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BAR-BAR-A

Horse owners are ever aware of the potential for disease outbreaks in their herd and the possibility sick horses might need to be quarantined. But COVID-19 has flipped the equation in the equine world.

What happens when a horse owner has to self-quarantine? How can they make sure their horses are properly cared for?

“Everybody who owns horses should have a contingency plan in place,” says David Anderson, president and CEO of Bar-Bar-A, a company that produces automatic livestock drinkers. “If owners have to self-quarantine or are sick from the virus and aren’t prepared for this scenario, it may be a scramble to make sure their horses are getting everything they need.

“To prepare, ask yourself what essentials your horses will need in the event of your extended absence. Assume you’re going to be unavailable for a while and your horses won’t miss you – because you made sure they were fully cared for.”

Anderson offers tips if you can’t care for your horse due to being self-quarantined:

Have a friend in mind. It’s a good idea in that contingency plan to prepare a trusted friend who can be ready to care for your horse. “Write a comprehensive, up-to-date care plan for your horse, which should include the exercise schedule, turnout, feed chart, blanketing instructions, etc.,” Anderson says.

Remember: Clean water is always a must. If the owner is not feeling up to filling drinking troughs, keeping them topped off – and making sure the water is clean – is a key responsibility of the enlisted caretaker. “Stagnant drinking water in troughs attract mosquitoes, which carry viruses,” Anderson says. “Automatic waterers are convenient but those with standing water will need to be cleaned regularly. Don’t let the convenience of the waterer lead to negligence in checking the water regularly. Some horses have a habit of dirtying the water. Make sure whoever’s watching the horses checks the waterers daily and sees that the horses are drinking.”

Pack an emergency kit. If an owner can’t get a horse to the veterinarian, or the veterinarian is sick, having a fully stocked emergency kit in advance is vital. “It should include essential prescription medications that can be administered at the vet’s direction,” Anderson says. “Make sure if there’s a person caring for the horse that they know what to do in case the horse has a health emergency and the owner isn’t reachable.”

Stock up. Most self-quarantines for COVID-19 last 14 days, but recovery times differ. So stocking up for a few weeks for your horses’ needs is important – horse feed, hay, and any other pertinent supplies. “Also remember,” Anderson says, “that horses can survive on quality hay in a paddock or pasture along with clean water. Money might be tight at this time for some, and if so, spend more on hay than feed. They’ll do fine with less feed as long as your designated helper gives them proper turnout and hay.”

“One thing we’re learning from COVID-19 is not to think it can’t happen to you,” Anderson said. “Horse owners need to plan in advance to ensure their horses stay healthy while the owner is not.”

AGRICULTURE

Agriculture Division offers weed and rodent control

Service for tribal members who manage croplands

Staff report
SU AGRICULTURE DIVISION

WEED MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

To reduce the negative effects of invasive weeds, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Agriculture Division offers a weed control service to tribal members who manage agricultural croplands. This is a low-cost service that provides one half of the herbicide and all labor needed for cropland weed management. To talk with us more about this program, please call us at (970) 563-2900 or stop by the Agriculture Division’s office.

CONTROLLING RODENTS

(Prairie Dogs and Gophers) on Tribal Lands

Prairie dogs and gophers are prevalent across the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. In the spring and summer prairie dogs expand their range in search of food and develop new colonies. With prairie dogs, moving more in search of food, there is a higher chance that they will be in an area that causes human conflict, such as near houses or in crop fields. This creates a need to manage prairie dogs. Prairie dog management is labor intensive and expensive.

The best method to manage prairie dogs is a well-planned management program, which may include shooting, raptor perches, chemical pesticides or devices such as a P.E.R.C machine. Shooting is fun, and is good practice, but rarely has a large and lasting effect on total populations. Raptor perches can be effective in reducing small populations. The P.E.R.C machine can be effective and can be utilized by individuals without the need to obtain a license. The safe use of devices is a concern. The P.E.R.C machine pumps large volumes of carbon monoxide into the burrows. Individuals can hire professional contractors to complete prairie dog control who use the P.E.R.C. machine that pumps carbon monoxide into the prairie dog burrows. This method has proven to be effective but is also labor intensive and expensive.

The Agriculture Division provides limited rodent control for Southern Ute tribal members. This service completes rodent control within 100 feet of an occupied residence to reduce the chance of disease transmission from fleas carried by prairie dogs. This is provided as a health and human safety precaution.

For assistance with rodent control around your tribal residence, please contact the Agriculture Department at 970-563-2900.





Southern Ute Indian Tribe
COVID-19 Information Update

Regional Veterinary Services

Most local veterinarian services are currently open for business, but emergencies only no routine visits. Most are onboard with vaccinations and prescriptions.

Veterinary Office	Phone	Hours	Status
Animas Animals	970.385.7787	M-F; 8-5	Emergencies only
Kindness Animal Hospital	970.259.3788	M-F; 8-5	Emergencies only
Riverview Animal Hospital	970.247.8545	M-F; 8-5	Emergencies only; rabies shots okay
Durango Animal Hospital	970.247.3174	M-F; 8-5:30 Sat 9-4	Normal & routine services. No surgeries.
Home Sweet Home	970.385.4700	M-F; 8-5	Emergency only
Aspen Tree Animal Caring Center	970.382.0100	M-F; 8-5	Curbside service, emergency only
Apline Animal Hospital	970.247.5771	M-F; 8-5	Emergencies only; rabies shots okay
Southwest Veterinary Services	970.247.9414	TBD	Emergencies only
Baker's Bridge Veterinary Clinic	970.247.4701	MWF 8-12:30 and 2:30-5 T&Th 12-5	Emergencies only
Durango Horse Vet	970.946.4550	TBD	Pager # 970.385.7115
Harry Baxtrom	970.884.2617	TBD	Emergencies only. Health certs, coggins and vaccines okay. 970.769.9123

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BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

2 Bighorn Sheep
2 Mountain Goat
2 Moose


All applications must be received, or post-marked, by the Wildlife Division during the month of May. Applicants will be notified of drawing results in June.

How to apply:

1. Call the Wildlife Office at (970) 563-0130 to pick up an application/or
2. Go to the Southern Ute Hunting website below and download the application.

Mail- SUIT Wildlife Division
ATTN: Rare Game Application
PO BOX 737, Ignacio, 81137
or Email: npearson@southernute-nsn.gov

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/hunting/>




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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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.



WASTE MANAGEMENT

Commercial container service update related to COVID-19

Staff report
WCA WASTE CORPORATION

Effective immediately, WCA route personnel are not permitted to collect any waste placed outside of containers. This safety measure is based on recommendations from public health officials and our commitment to minimize possible employee exposure to the COVID-19 coronavirus. Commercial route drivers have been instructed not to leave their vehicles to collect any materials outside containers. WCA will continue to monitor the situation and make any required changes.

Given the “Stay At Home” mandates in many of the markets we serve, our communities are facing increased residential trash volumes and overflowing trash containers. WCA realizes that our new policy be particularly challenging for apartment complexes and other multi-family customers. We encourage those customers to contact their WCA sales representative or our customer service personnel to discuss containers and/or service level changes needed for compliance.

We appreciate your patience and understanding as we focus on our goals of providing outstanding essential service, while protecting our employees. As always, we want to remind our customers that yard waste, household chemicals, construction materials, automotive parts, electronics and related materials cannot be disposed of in WCA containers.

UTILITIES

LPEA adjusts annual meeting plans in response to COVID-19

Staff report
LA PLATE ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

The La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors voted at its meeting last week to adjust LPEA’s Annual Meeting plans to support social distancing efforts amidst the COVID-19 pandemic. LPEA will now host a virtual meeting on Saturday, May 16 at 10:30 a.m. solely for the purpose of electing and seating new directors. The remainder of the LPEA’s Annual Meeting will be postponed until later this year when it can be held in person.

In addition to director election announcements, LPEA employees and the LPEA Board President, will also answer previously submitted questions from members. Members are encouraged to join the meeting virtually and submit questions to comments@lpea.coop by 4 p.m. on Friday, May 15. Due to time limitations, not all questions will be answered during the meeting.

Submitted questions with answers will also be posted to the LPEA website at the conclusion of the meeting and a summary will be included in an upcoming edition of the Colorado Country Life magazine. For more details, and for access instructions, visit lpea.coop/annual-meeting.

As the meeting is virtual, it is not an option for members to submit their ballots for the LPEA director election on the day of the meeting. Ballots must be received, either by mail (using the postage paid envelope provided in the election packet) or at a listed drop box location, by 4 p.m., Friday, May 15. For more details on the LPEA election, 2020 candidates, and ballot submissions, visit: lpea.coop/2020-lpea-board-directors-election.

LPEA’s Annual Meeting, including board member presentations, CEO updates and director election results, was originally scheduled for Saturday, May 16 at the Pagosa Springs High School. LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 34,000 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit www.lpea.coop.



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.

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ness or nonprofit impacted by coronavirus and its economic fallout should contact their existing bank or Native American Bank for information about qualifying for a future PPP loan. The initial round of funding was quickly allocated, and organizations can increase their potential for SBA approval by beginning an application even before new money is appropriated.

Native American Bank is a \$125 million-asset national community development focused bank, and is also a certified Community Development Financial Institution, with a mission to provide financial services for Alaska Native and Native American communities creating economic independence, development and sustainability. Native American Bank is owned predominantly by Native American Tribes, Tribal Entities, and Alaska Native Corporations throughout the United States. For more information on the bank, please visit: www.nativeamericanbank.com

UTES COUNT

Help the Southern Ute Indian Tribe be #1 in Indian Country!

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is **4th** in Tribal Self Responses in our Region! Take the challenge to complete the 2020 Census & encourage others to do so too! Let's be **#1** in Indian Country! After you or a loved one complete the 2020 Census, post a photo to social media & use the hashtags **#UtesCount2020 #IndianCountryCounts** & share why being counted is important to you! To fill out your form online, go to www.2020census.gov

SBA DISASTER LOAN GUIDE

EIDL, PPP, & UNEMPLOYMENT FOR COLORADO ARTISTS & CREATIVE BUSINESSES

Yes, **individual artists and creative businesses**, including sculptors, painters, film professionals, graphic designers and more can apply for this funding!

These opportunities include **freelancers, self-employed, gig workers and contract workers**.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT THESE PROGRAMS:

Economic Injury Disaster Loan and Loan Advance (EIDL)	Paycheck Protection Program (PPP)	Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA)
Low interest loans of up to \$2 million. The CARES Act includes a loan advance on EIDLs of up to \$10,000. The loan advance is forgivable and will not need to be repaid.	The Paycheck Protection Program is a forgivable loan designed to provide a direct incentive for small businesses, including Colorado artists and creative businesses, to keep their workers on the payroll. This includes sustaining personal income for sole proprietors and independent contractors.	Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is a program established by the CARES Act that temporarily expands unemployment insurance eligibility to self-employed workers, freelancers, independent contractors, and part-time workers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020.
Available to: nonprofits, businesses, and independent contractors.		
Apply here	Apply here	Apply here

For more information visit choosecolorado.com/covid19/
Small Business Navigator Hotline: (303) 860-5881 | Hours: Monday - Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Email: oedid_sbnavigator@state.co.us

PANDEMIC UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE (PUA)

What is PUA?

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance (PUA) is a program established by the CARES Act that temporarily expands unemployment insurance eligibility to self-employed workers, freelancers, independent contractors, and part-time workers impacted by the coronavirus pandemic in 2020. Colorado's film and creative communities have experienced reduced hours, wages or lost work altogether as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. Due to these unique circumstances, some of the requirements for filing and receiving unemployment have changed and benefits traditionally unavailable for gig and self-employed workers are now accessible.

Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Overview

The PUA program is made up of three elements:

1. Benefits for individuals traditionally not eligible for unemployment benefits
2. Individuals who have exhausted traditional unemployment benefits
3. Individuals who cannot telework and are unable to work due to shelter-in-place measures

Available Funding Overview

1. Funding is available retroactively dating back to the first week of February through the end of 2020
2. An additional \$600 per week is available for claims dating between March 29th and July 31st regardless of the amount of your underlying benefit
3. Traditional unemployment covers 27 weeks of benefits
4. The PUA program tacks on an additional 12 weeks of benefits (39 weeks total).

Who is eligible to apply?

To qualify for benefits you must:

- Be unemployed or have lost paid working hours through no fault of your own
- Be able, available and actively seeking work
- Have earned \$2,500 during your base period

To apply, you must demonstrate that you are experiencing a partial income loss and/or that you are working less than full time (32 hours per week). For more information on who is eligible to apply, [visit this website](#).

When will I be able to apply?

PUA is a federally run program orchestrated by the states. Colorado is currently working off of guidelines received in early April and expects the program to be up and running in mid-April. Announcements will be made via press release and on the [Colorado Department of Labor and Employment \(CDLE\) website](#).

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BOBCAT GIRLS SOCCER

Short season vaguely possible for Lady 'Cats

Soccer squad's slate still hangs in limbo

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When press time at the Drum rolled around Monday evening, April 20, Ignacio's girls' soccer schedule initially would have had third-year head coach Alisha Gullion stalking the sideline, observing the Lady Bobcats' progress during a road match at Montezuma-Cortez.

That 3A/2A Southwestern League test was ultimately pushed back to 4 p.m., May 7 – a date which, should the faith of Assistant Principal/Athletics & Activities Director Leo Garand and a more cautiously-positive skipper be rewarded, could actually now serve as a restart point for IHS' coronavirus-curtailed 2020 campaign.

The Colorado High School Activities Association's calendar had originally called for all regular-season matches to be completed by May 9, with the State Tournament pairing/seeding committee then meeting on the 11th.

"Leo is very optimistic; he's fighting very, very hard for, like, a two-week 'season' at the end of May. Like, a handful of games against close schools to compete," Gullion said via phone Sunday night, April 19. "But I don't know; I'm trying to stay optimistic, but the way we're going with school and stuff, I'd be very surprised if we even return to the building at this point."

Said structure was where she'd received the news of CHSAA's late-night March 12 decision to suddenly scrub the basketball season's penultimate two days and immediately stall springtime sports in hopes of mitigating possible exposure to and/or spread of global COVID-19 pandemic.

"It was really crazy," recalled Gullion. "I'm a teacher at the high school, and I'd heard rumors that they were going to, or thinking about placing a moratorium on spring



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen vying for a header against a Del Norte player last season on the IHS Field, Lonicia O'John (21) is presently one of numerous Lady Bobcat seniors who were waiting on CHSAA's decision on whether or not they'll be able to play at all this spring due to lingering coronavirus concerns.

sports/activities. I talked to Don Hayes, the baseball coach, that day during lunch and he'd said, 'Ah, they won't cancel us; we're outside! We'll be fine.'"

"And then, like, during my third-hour class – which is right after lunch – I got the e-mail," she continued. "Well, first Leo told me what was happening ... like, 'You'll see the e-mail coming through in about 20 minutes, that we're canceling at this time.' I was teaching AP Lit, had Brianna and Amanda (the sisters Henderson), Santana (Edd) and Emerald (Owens) – like, a good portion of my team – in class, and I was just crestfallen. So were they; it was such a big hit."

Particularly with the Lady 'Cats eager to kick off their schedule with a 3/14 opener at IHS Field versus M-CHS. A March 20 home clash with SWL force Ridgway had been slated next, followed by a 1 p.m. gut-check the next

afternoon at formidable Crested Butte Community School.

Having lost only Briana Duran to graduation last May, Ignacio appeared primed to – at a bare minimum – repeat their improved 2019 performance (2-13 overall, 2-13 SWL, 2-8 2A SWL), which featured the program's first victory since '12. During actual CHSAA-sanctioned preseason practices prior to the statewide shutdown, Gullion noted energy in camp was high.

"We have this chant: 'Center, and one more!'" she stated. "I've always told the girls, 'You want to have achievable goals, right?' Like last year: 'Win our first game!' Now it's, 'Let's get a ... win against a different team.'"

Expected to return attacking threats Caitlyn Chapman and Abbi Barthel, plus the midfield/forward-capable

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CORONAVIRUS

CHSAA pulls the plug; Bobcat bosses react

Springtime prep sports scrapped statewide

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Alfonso 'Ponch' Garcia wasn't expecting to have much time in mid-April to work on his golf game.

"Been going, maybe, once a week, you know? Me, Billy (IHS Football assistant coach Gwinn) and Jared (former IHS Football assistant coach Guenthart), we've been going out there," he admitted.

"I'm not very good, but I want to learn."

Ignacio High School Assistant Principal/Athletics & Activities Director Leo Garand definitely wasn't expecting his first year in that capacity to more or less end with nearly a month still remaining on the Colorado High School Activities Association's 2019-20 events calendar.

"I figure nothing worse could probably happen, the rest of my career, after this,"



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio High School Track & Field sprinters prepare to burst out of the starting blocks during a 2019 practice. Tuesday morning, April 21, CHSAA chose to officially cancel Spring 2020 sports, erasing any last hopes the Bobcat thinclads had of a shortened season.

he said. "I'm dealing with about the worst-case scenario, so I feel like everything else will be ... easier, a lot better than this. That's for sure."

Reached Tuesday afternoon, April 21, at a time when under normal circumstances he'd be calling shots from in a dugout or a third-base coach's box, Bob-

cat Baseball head coach/IHS Football assistant Don Hayes may have best summarized the coronavirus-caused predicament:

"Too bad we can't just skip past 2020 ... Like the Leap Year that it is."

Earlier that day, such a

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CHSAA

Announcement on spring sports

Staff report
COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

The following was sent to CHSAA member schools this morning by Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green.

To CHSAA Member Schools,

We have proceeded with cautious optimism, holding on to a thread of hope that the spring season would be able to realistically resume, knowing that the health and safety of our sports communities would dictate our course of action. It was our hope to be able to create the memories because we understood what it meant to our high school communities, especially seniors, statewide.

Around the nation, more than 30 other state associations have made the difficult decision to cancel their spring season. We hoped that Colorado medical and health data would provide reassur-

ances that we could go in a different direction. Unfortunately that will not be the case. The spring 2020 season is cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting communities across the world.

Since March, we have continuously sought advice from state leaders, medical professionals, educational administrators and facility managers at the state and local levels to assess the probability of conducting statewide events this spring in a manner that would uphold safety mandates and recommendations.

On Monday, Governor Polis announced a transition to "Safer at Home" guidelines, which included the cancellation of in-person learning for the remainder of the school year. The decisions to cancel the spring season aligns with these new guidelines.

We convened a meeting of the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee on Monday

evening. The group came to a consensus, and stated: "It would be impractical and irresponsible for the Association to move forward with a spring season in the next weeks or even the summer months."

It is with this information; the inability to ensure operations under the protective guidelines, statewide accountability and public safety through all high school events – that the Association has cancelled all performances, festivals, competitions, regular season and culminating CHSAA-sanctioned spring activities and athletics for the remainder of the 2020 season, ending on June 1.

This decision, unlike the many decisions our office makes over the course of a year, has been extremely difficult because we are personally connected as former participants and officials, current parents and grand-

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52nd Annual
Los Piños Spring Classic
May 23rd & 24th

Open Men's, Women's & Coed Softball To ...
Teams will hit their own softballs Classic Men's ...
Only USSSA Thumbp ...
Entry fee ...
Entry fee ... in full before 1st game
1st-3rd Place
All-Tourney & MVP
CHAMPIONS WILL RECEIVE FREE ENTRY NEXT YEAR!

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

POSTPONED

ATTENTION

TO STOP THE SPREAD OF COVID-19, AND FOR
YOUR HEALTH & SAFETY, BY AUTHORITY OF
THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

PARK CLOSED

VIOLETION OF THIS NOTICE MAY RESULT IN
CITATION FOR TRESPASSING

SOUTHERN UTE CRIMINAL CODE
TITLE 5; 5-2-106 TRESPASSING

PENALTY OF \$150.00 FINE AND/OR UP 30
DAYS IN JAIL



OBITUARIES



ern Ute Indian Tribe, including a Mechanic in the old shop yard, Police Officer, Assistant Health Director, Development Assistant for Tribal Housing, and Field Technician for the Department of Natural Resources. He helped establish the CHR program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. He also helped establish the Southern Colorado Ute Service Unit under the Indian Health Service, Albuquerque Area Office. Stanley and Ben Watts Sr. created the tribal seal for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at the request of the late Chairman Leonard C. Burch and Tribal Council. He also started his business, Weaselskin Land & Cultural Services, d/b/a Michael A. Frost Environmental Services.

Stanley is survived by his wife Shirley Frost; son Vernon (Joyce) Frost; daughters Vivian and Cheryl Frost; grandchildren JoGenia, James (Charlotte), Byron Jr. (Clarissa), Devin, Cameron, Kelsey, Marysa; great-grandchildren Kyla, "The Boston Boys" Manuel, Roo & Trevor Myore, Sage, Anthony, Birdie, and Lane; daughters in-law Alice, Joyce, and Wahleah; many nieces, nephews and extended family.

He was preceded by his parents Andrew and Bertha; sons Michael A. Frost and Byron Red Sr.; brothers Jack Sr., Billy, James and Burke; and sister Kathleen.

A Traditional Wake will be held at his house, 15161 Highway 172, on Friday, April 24 at 6:00 p.m., followed by a Sunrise Service on Saturday, April 25, 2020. A Graveside Service will be held on Saturday, April 25, 2020 at 9:00 a.m. at Ouray Cemetery.

Guests are invited and encouraged to practice social distancing, but may attend at their discretion.

FROST – Stanley R. Frost passed away at his home in Ignacio, Tuesday, April 21, 2020. He was 84 years old. Stanley was born May 16, 1935 to Bertha Norris Frost and Andrew Frost on the Southern Ute Reservation. He was a lifelong resident of Ignacio.

Stanley started work at a young age. He attended the Ute Vocational School and transferred to Ignacio High School. After graduating from Ignacio High School, he attended Haskell Indian School and trained to be a mechanic in Denver. He also completed Indian Police Training at the academy in Brigham City, Utah. In his younger days, Stanley enjoyed bronco riding and competed in local rodeos. In college, Stanley worked as a food and beverage vendor for sporting events at Kansas University.

Stanley held various jobs for the South-



courtesy Lieutenant Chris Naranjo/SUPD

Our Dispatchers are as follows: TJ Herrera, Dolores Gallegos, Brenna Atcity, Amber Albo, Faren Burch, Jonathan Chavarillo and Julie Smith. (SUPD dispatchers not pictured Amelia Enriquez, Steven Herrera, Sergio Howe, Kyle James, Dominika Joy and Amanda Lucero).

LAW ENFORCEMENT

National Emergency Telecommunications Week

By Lindsay J. Box
TRIBAL COUNCIL
COMMUNICATION SPECIALIST

Last week was a pretty special week for crucial members of our law enforcement team! April 12-18, 2020 was National Emergency Telecommunications Week!

Dispatchers are a critical component to any law enforcement department, including the Southern Ute Police Department. When emergencies arise, they are the calm voice on the other end of the line gathering facts to be sure law enforcement officers get to the right locations and are prepared for every situation.

Before COVID-19, the Southern Ute Police Department would host a special



courtesy Lieutenant Chris Naranjo/SUPD

SUPD Dispatchers: Amanda Lucero, Dolores Gallegos, Faren Burch, Brenna Atcity, Amelia Enriquez, Amber Albo and TJ Herrera.

luncheon for its dispatchers. While we are all practicing social distancing, working and educating from home, our dispatchers are still answering the phones and serving the beautiful Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Please help us share our appreciation for the Southern Ute Police Department Dispatchers: Faren Burch, Jonathan Chavarillo, TJ Herrera, Steven Herrera, Brenna Atcity, Sergio Cloud, Amanda Lucero, Dolores Gallegos, Amber Albo, Kyle James and Dominika Joy.

did you know?

Tree rings can tell you about climate — wider tree rings are indicators of warm, wet years.

Source: <https://climate.nasa.gov/news/7540/tree-rings-provide-snapshots-of-earths-past-climate/>

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.

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

What should I do if...

I've been in close contact with someone...

What counts as "close contact?"

- You spent a PROLONGED period of time in the same room.
- You had DIRECT PHYSICAL CONTACT with the person (e.g., kissing, hugging).
- You SHARED eating or drinking utensils with them.
- You came into contact with their RESPIRATORY SECRETIONS (e.g., they coughed on you).

...who has tested positive for COVID-19?

Self-quarantine AND self-monitor

...who is being tested?

Self-monitor AND practice social distancing

...who might have been exposed...

...and IS experiencing symptoms?

Self-monitor AND practice social distancing

...but IS NOT experiencing any symptoms (yet)?

Self-monitor AND practice social distancing

...who has been in close contact with someone ELSE who might have been exposed?

Practice social distancing

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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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 donalfrost331@gmail.com

Tribal Fair weekend: September 18 – 20, 2020
 Porta Pots • Security staff • Cleaning staff • Sound system

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.

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 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



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



Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

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

Assistant General Manager – Trainee Southern Ute Tribal member only

JOB SUMMARY: Under the direction of the General Manager (GM), this is a training position that will result in a tribal member having the opportunity to train for the position of General Manager. The Assistant General Manager – TM (AGM-TM) will participate in the Career Development Program (CDP) and associated curriculum requirements to the extent necessary, depending on their background, education and experience. As the AGM-TM gains education and experience, their level of authority and responsibility for various components of the business will increase. The AGM-TM will participate in both the gaming, as well as the non-gaming areas of the business.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The duties and responsibilities associated with this position will be defined and established in accordance with the CDP policies. Will work closely with the GM and/or AGM to understand the duties and responsibilities associated with a Casino Executive Management position. Will attend identified and relevant conferences, workshops or educational seminars related to the executive management of a casino/resort property.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS: Must be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have an established work history demonstrating a reliable work ethic and progressively greater areas of responsibility. Must have at least 5 years' experience in a management and leadership role OR a Bachelor's Degree in Business or related field. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and/or rotating shifts. Must be able to work long hours, scheduled or unscheduled, which is likely to include nights, weekends, and when emergencies arise. Must be able to obtain and maintain a SUIT Division of Gaming Key License. Must have a high level of Emotional Intelligence and have strong interpersonal skills with an emphasis on experience interacting with a wide range of people from senior leadership to line personnel.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Must be able to communicate complex concepts and information to employees, other departmental staff, and customers. Must speak clearly and persuasively in positive or negative situations, respond well to questions, demonstrate group presentation skills, and actively participate in meetings. Must write clearly and informatively and be able to read and interpret written information.

REASONING AND MANAGEMENT ABILITY: Problem Solving - Identifies and resolves problems in a timely manner; Gathers and analyzes information skillfully; Develops alternative solutions. Customer Service - Manages difficult or emotional customer situations. Team Work - Contributes to building a positive team spirit; Able to build morale and group commitments to goals and objectives; Supports everyone's efforts to succeed. Develops workable implementation plans; Communicates changes effectively; Prepares and supports those affected by change. Leadership - Inspires and motivates others to perform well. Takes responsibility for subordinates' activities; Makes self available to staff; Provides regular performance feedback; Develops subordinates' skills and encourages growth. Looks for ways to improve and promote quality. Understands business implications of decisions; Displays orientation to profitability; Demonstrates knowledge of market and competition; Aligns work with strategic goals. Works within approved budget; Develops and implements cost saving measures; Contributes to profits and revenue. Shows respect and sensitivity for cultural differences; promotes a harassment-free environment.

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 **JUNE 2, 2020 at 2:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 13th of April, 2020.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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.

Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Ute Agency – Business as Usual

The Southern Ute Agency offices are closed to the public, however work is continuing to operate as “business as usual” with staggered staff schedules. The offices can be reached by email or calling the numbers posted.

The Office of Natural Resource Revenue (ONRR) is still operating, processing 2014's and payments, including processing distributions. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact their offices below:

- For official business related to the Southern Ute BIA Office, please call 970-759-1257 for assistance
- For Realty matters, please call 218-750-4411
- For Irrigation business, please call 970-563-9484 for assistance
- For Fire matters, please call 970-749-3558 or 911
- Southwest Regional Office, Regional Director or 505-563-3103 for assistance.

For lease income you can contact the following numbers:

TOLL FREE: ONRR 800-982-3226

OST Call Center 888-678-6836

OST Farmington, NM 505-326-7983

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions.

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Clinical Supervisor

A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social case-work services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Community Health Representative

Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal Members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Court Information Analyst

Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring the effectiveness of current court programs, researching methods to improve effectiveness, and writing grant proposals to support improvements and funding. Position is partially grant funded. Continued full-time employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the grant. Pay grade 21; \$55,006/year.

Detention Division Head

Under general supervision of the Justice and Regulatory Department Director, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the administrative activities of the Southern Ute Detention Program and Facility.

Detention Officer

Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17,20/hour.

Family Court Caseworker

Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Responsible for psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full-time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

Family Practice Physician

Providing comprehensive medical services and primary care with special emphasis in family medicine to the patients at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

Licensed Behavioral Health Therapist – Native Connections

Under general supervision of the Program Director, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work exclusively with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. This will include mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed to address patient needs. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Lifeguard (Full-Time)

Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Physical Therapist

Works in the tribal health center with diabetes-specific patients, and provides homecare for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Expected to assess, plan, organize, and participate in rehabilitative programs that improve mobility, relieve pain, increase strength, and improve or correct disabling conditions resulting from disease or injury.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

A professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of physical therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Public Ed. Elementary Teacher

A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian public Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute students or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the Ignacio Elementary School and develops an afterschool program to strengthen academic skills throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Successful applicant will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. The intent of this teaching position is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact.

Social Services Division Head

Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family, group and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B-Foster Care program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade 23; \$69,597.00/year.

Speech & Language Therapist (Part-time w/ benefits)

A professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

TEAM Worker

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

TERO Worker

Position is under the supervision of the TERO office. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

SunUte: About NAIG 2020

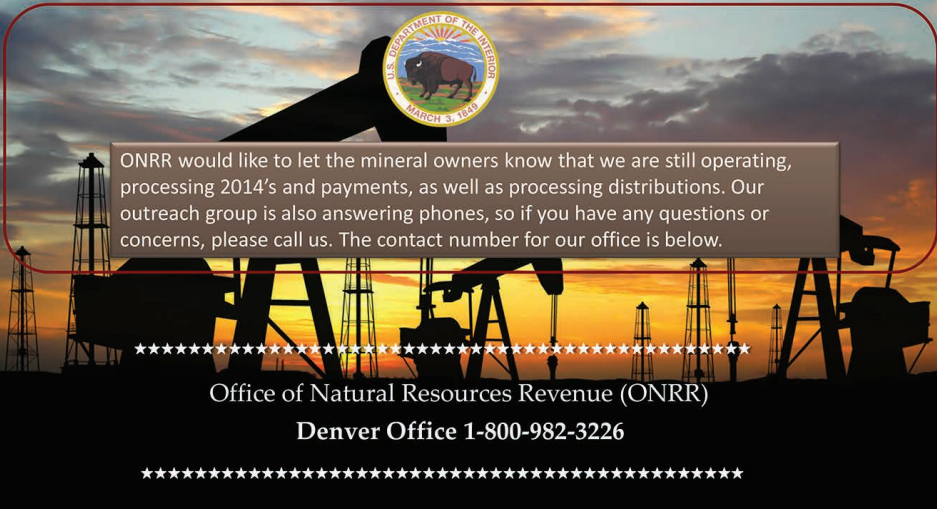
Attention Team Colorado athletes, parents, and coaches, due to the recent COVID-19 situation and how it changes by the hour. The decision was made by the North American Indigenous Games (NAIG) Council and the NAIG 2020 Host Society to postpone the game set for July 12-18, 2020. We will host a meeting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



ANNOUNCEMENT!

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INDIAN MINERAL OWNERS



ONRR would like to let the mineral owners know that we are still operating, processing 2014's and payments, as well as processing distributions. Our outreach group is also answering phones, so if you have any questions or concerns, please call us. The contact number for our office is below.

Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)
Denver Office 1-800-982-3226



CHSAA PULLS THE PLUG • FROM PAGE 12

sentiment was undoubtedly shared throughout the Centennial State; instead of continuing to hold out for a possible restart and truncated season, CHSAA elected to cancel – a decision coming 11 days before the original May 2 target – outright all sanctioned spring sports, effectively ending its athletic year.

Spring sports had hung in limbo until April 30 at the earliest.

“Around the nation, more than 30 other state associations have made the difficult decision to cancel their spring season. We hoped that Colorado medical and health data would provide reassurances that we could go in a different direction. Unfortunately that will not be the case. The spring 2020 season is cancelled due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic which is affecting communities across the world,” Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green was quoted as saying, in a statement e-mailed from the office of Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann.

“This decision, unlike the many decisions our office makes over the course of a year, has been extremely difficult because we are personally connected as former participants and officials, current parents and grandparents of graduating seniors, as well as educators and members of our high school communities.”

“We got an e-mail this morning from Rocco Fuschetto, [Ignacio School District Superintendent] that we will not be returning to in-person school the rest of the school year,” said Lady Bobcat Soccer head coach Alisha Gullion, one of any number of skippers, from the Four Corners out to Colorado’s own four corners, hoping to have any chance of seeing her players perform.

“I think it’s heartbreaking ... but not unexpected. Like, I think we all knew in our gut this was going to happen.”

“In the best interest of the health of not only the kids, but everybody they come in contact with, and seeing how upper-level athletics have terminated much earlier ... in the year, I felt it was inevitable,” concurred Hayes. “You know, you do feel for the seniors, but hopefully they see that there’s a bigger issue, a bigger picture than just one man or one ... season.”

“Yeah, it’s disappointing, but it is what it is,” Garand said. “I’m very proud of my coaching staffs; they continued to send out workouts and words of encouragement, things like that to their athletes – to keep them prepared, in case we did have



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Current senior Bela Torres observes a tough offensive inning during the 2019 season. The Bobcats’ top option to start at second base in ‘20, Torres and multiple classmates had their prep careers – whether on the diamond, soccer pitch, or track – cut short by CHSAA’s April 21 decision to officially cancel all spring sports due to coronavirus concerns.

a chance to at least have an abbreviated season.”

“To give them an opportunity to participate ... whether good or not, it didn’t matter,” added Garcia, Ignacio Football/Boys’ Track & Field head coach. “It’s all about them, you know? Everything I love to do ... it’s because when I was a kid someone did that for me.”

“A lot of our kids are very disappointed. We’d been giving workouts and stuff, everything they needed. We were really looking forward to it,” he continued. “It’s ... horrible, you know? I guess the worst part of the whole thing: Not being able to see those seniors compete and see where they’re at, and what they could have done at State.”

“Knowing that the health and safety of our sports communities would dictate our course of action,” said Blanford-Green, “it was our hope to be able to create the memories because we understood what it meant to our high school communities – especially seniors – statewide.”

“Our hats are off to the many seniors that have shown maturity and resolve as their culminating year of high school has been impacted beyond activities and athletics,” she said. “The Class of 2020 will not be forgotten.”

“My heart really goes out to them. It’s their last season of their last year, and we were hoping to try

to get something together,” stated Garand. “But it ... just wasn’t to be.”

Noting that CHSAA will continue to follow mandated safety/health guidelines until June 1 “even if all federal and state guidelines are relaxed” but “will not sanction or conduct events after June 1,” the commissioner said that building/facility usage after June 1 would be determined by school-district personnel, and contact between athletes and coaches would also be regulated on similar local bases.

“The CHSAA Board of Directors, Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and staff strongly recommend that federal and state guidelines are adhered to after June 1,” said Blanford-Green. “We continue to maintain that public safety and monitoring of data points must take precedence over the desire to conduct activity and athletic practices, camps, scrimmages or events.”

“Our fingers are now crossed and our hopes are that the Association will be able to conduct a fall season with some level of normalcy. Our office will be entirely focused on contingency plans for the 2020 fall season and beyond, should they be needed.”

“It’s a whole different world,” Gullion said, reached while grading students’ homework after another day of Web-based teaching. “We’re just trying to get all the kids through, get them set up for next year.”

SHORT SEASON POSSIBLE • FROM PAGE 12

Hendersons and many, many others from front to back, about the only major change would have been seen in net with stalwart goalie Rylee Pearson having transferred during the offseason to local SWL rival Bayfield.

“Jaylene would have been our starter at goalie this year,” said Gullion, referring to senior Jaylene Riepel, who fortunately saw much action last season and thus wasn’t returning to the crew foreign to the role. “But we also had Emily Cundiff, I think she usually runs track, switch to soccer this year, and she

was very interested in playing goalie. Had a lot of raw ability; [assistant coach] Beau Brooks was just starting to work with her.”

Also with past experience between the pipes, senior Lonicia O’John was also reportedly back in the fold as part of a motivated roster well-stocked with upperclassmen.

“We had a really solid team at the start of the season,” Gullion said. “Every season we’ve been building on momentum we had, and this year we were really planning on capitalizing on that. We had some new

players come out, a bunch of returning players, and I was just very, very excited.”

Per Governor Jared Polis’ executive order, all Colorado school facilities must remain closed through at least April 30, thus denying Gullion, presently engaged in online-classroom instruction, vital physical interaction each day with her charges.

“For me I think the hardest thing is ... on both fronts [teaching, coaching], I don’t get to ‘see’ my athletes or my students at this point,” she said. “It’s been really difficult, for sure.”

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parents of graduating seniors, as well as educators and members of our high school communities.

The guidelines, as outlined in previous CHSAA spring moratorium communications will be in place until June 1, even if federal and state guidelines are relaxed. The Association will not sanction or conduct events after June 1. Local school districts will determine building usage during this time, and after June 1.

After June 1, all decisions regarding student and coach contact, virtual workouts, virtual tryouts and eighth-grade contact will be made

at the local level.

The CHSAA Board of Directors, Sports Medicine Advisory Committee and staff strongly recommend that federal and state guidelines are adhered to after June 1. We continue to maintain that public safety and monitoring of data points must take precedence over the desire to conduct activity and athletic practices, camps, scrimmages or events.

Our hats are off to the many seniors that have shown maturity and resolve as their culminating year of high school has been impacted beyond activities and athletics due to

this worldwide COVID-19 pandemic. The Class of 2020 will not be forgotten.

Our fingers are now crossed, and our hopes are that the Association will be able to conduct a fall season with some level of normalcy. Our office will be entirely focused on contingency plans for the 2020 fall season and beyond, should they be needed.

We will continue to communicate as state, local and health agencies keep us informed of new public health guidelines.

Rhonda Blanford-Green
CHSAA Commissioner

The Southern Ute Drum’s
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 --- Ruins, Navajo Nation chapter
- 5 Home to First Nations such as Cree and Assiniboine, briefly
- 9 Mine access
- 10 Consent
- 13 Brainy child in “The Simpsons”
- 14 “House” star Hugh
- 15 Record
- 16 It’s overhead inside
- 17 Michael Keaton comedy movie of 1983
- 19 Not an Am
- 20 Chicago-headquartered major flyer
- 21 Air conditioning performance measure
- 22 --- Arbor, MI
- 23 Effervescent
- 25 Rated it badly, unlike Lady Godiva
- 27 Such as Red October
- 29 Shangri-La creator
- 30 “--- Man” (1980’s cult film)
- 31 Dined downtown
- 32 Hodgepodge
- 33 Membership fees
- 34 Pathway to environmental awareness

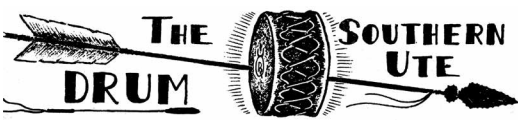
Down

- 1 Great Chinese landmark
- 2 “Eat crow” or “talk turkey”
- 3 Grumpy
- 4 A stab at when you might land
- 5 Beaver State’s capital
- 6 Smoothie berry
- 7 Molds
- 8 “The Americans” star
- 11 The Flintstones’ pet
- 12 Alpha wave chart, briefly
- 16 Mountain pass
- 18 Algonquian “Great Spirit”
- 21 “Breaking ---”
- 22 Busy, busy, busy
- 23 Fellows
- 24 Alaskan Native American people
- 25 “As I suspected!”
- 26 Rake
- 28 Sounds of displeasure
- 30 Fish eggs

Answers for this crossword will appear in May 8 issue of the Drum.

Answers for April 10, 2020 crossword puzzle:

Across: 1 Cleo, 5 Obie, 9 Adams, 10 Rind, 11 Arrow, 12 Elvis, 14 Ask, 15 English, 17 Aga, 18 Et tu, 19 Elaborate on, 23 Mice, 24 CCs, 25 Inanest, 27 Guy, 30 Nicad, 31 Frost, 33 Nike, 34 Oiled, 35 Gain, 36 Rods.
Down: 1 Cdrs, 2 Lark, 3 Emo, 4 Oswego, 5 Oreg, 6 Billets, 7 Invite, 8 Edisto, 9 AAA, 13 Shun, 16 Narcs, 17 Abenaki, 19 E Min, 20 Lining, 21 Acacia, 22 Act for, 26 Eden, 27 Gold, 28 Uses, 29 Y-t-d, 32 Rio.

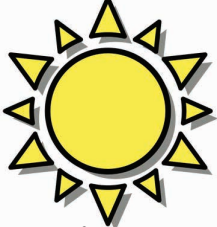


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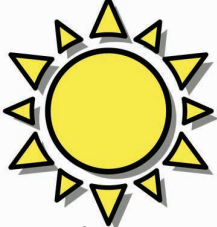
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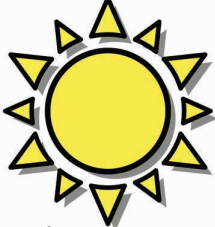
65°F sunny
Gusty winds

Saturday, April 25



72°F sunny
Variable to gusty winds

Sunday, April 26



78°F mostly sunny

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