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Up to date COVID-19 information for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe online at [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov) and on Facebook.

CORONAVIRUS

Incident Management Team continues to address pandemic

Health and safety of the membership prioritized

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team (IMT) is working in collaboration with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council to make highly informed decisions for the safety and well-being of the tribal membership during the coronavirus pandemic. The IMT meets daily to assess the situation on a local, regional and national level to determine what is in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The IMT presents their recommendations to the Tribal Council every Tuesday and Friday in accordance with the Resolution passed by Southern Ute Tribal Council in February of 2020.

“We work together really well,” emphasized Chris Mimmack, the IMT’s Deputy Incident Commander. “Our primary focus is the safety, welfare and health of the tribal members, and the safety, welfare and health for the service providers of the three tribal entities – Casino, Permanent Fund and Growth Fund. Those essential workers that are maintaining those core service for the tribal members.”

“We are working closely with San Juan Basin Public Health,” Mimmack said. “The Southern Ute Call Center has been a tremendous asset. There are always people with questions and concerns.”

Since the outbreak first reached Colorado, the Tribe has recorded seven positive cases, among employees of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The Tribe has so far



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

IMT Planning Section Chief, Jim Spratlen, helped to structure the Incident Command System (ICS) for the Tribe during the first weeks of the pandemic response efforts.

recorded zero cases among the membership itself.

“For the Tribe not to have any confirmed cases at this point, with the massive amount of cases in the Navajo Nation. It’s really remarkable,” Mimmack stated. “The Tribe jumped on this on a much sooner timeframe than the rest of the country; anticipating this back in February. We started developing the IMT team, we designated a commander for the IMT on Feb. 6, and started meeting at that time. First, we were meeting once a week, by the first week of March, we started meeting daily.”

“We knew, the medical folks knew, we needed to get ahead of this thing as best as we could,” he reiterated. “One of our objectives as the IMT, was that we wanted to be prepared for this.”

IMT Planning Section Chief, Jim Spratlen, helped to structure the Incident Command System (ICS) for the Tribe, a management system designed to enable effective and efficient domestic incident management by integrating a combination of facili-

ties, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure. This system was developed after 9/11, and was created and structured as a result of all the agencies converging after that event, without common language, or structure. The ICS is modeled after wildland fire management, and other natural disasters responses efforts – exemplifying multiple agencies working together, but needing a common language.

“Because this is not a natural event, or natural disaster, it is a little different,” Mimmack explained. “Medical personnel need to take the lead role, [this is] a very unique event and a medical event.”

Margo Yeager is the Tribe’s Incident Commander for the IMT, she leads the daily meetings which begin with IMT General Staff for 9 a.m. updates, where team members get briefed with new data on state, federal and regional outbreaks, which includes neighboring

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CORONAVIRUS RELIEF FUND

Impacts of COVID-19 and CARES Act funding to Tribe

Treasure’s Report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The coronavirus was declared a pandemic on March 11, 2020 by the World Health Organization as cases spread to at least 114 countries. Prior to coronavirus, the U.S. economy was strong and growing. The financial markets had reached record highs in mid-February. However, they then plummeted at least 13 percent in February as the global impacts of the coronavirus became evident. Further, as businesses began to close and stay-at-home orders were implemented, the largest declines to financial markets occurred in March. Fortunately, the financial markets have improved dramatically thanks to government



stimulus programs, businesses beginning to reopen, and the potential for a viable vaccine. As of this week, the financial markets are only down about three percent compared to the beginning of the fiscal year.

The coronavirus impacts on the Tribe’s overall net position has generally matched the declines and subsequent recoveries seen in the financial markets. A report providing a more in-depth look at the coronavirus’ impacts to the Tribe’s

net position will be mailed to tribal members.

We are cautiously optimistic about the financial recovery and the overall financial strength of the Tribe. However, we recognize that there are many potential scenarios that could send the financial markets and overall economy into another downturn. Some of these scenarios include, but are not limited to, a resurgence of the virus, a failed vaccine, world-wide political turmoil, and a slow U.S. economic recovery. The Southern Ute Tribal Council is working to mitigate the impacts of COVID-19 and plans to proceed cautiously considering the uncertainty we still face.

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CORONAVIRUS

Tribe and CDPHE: COVID-19 recovery and viral testing

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s most important resource is the enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and without its members the Tribe would not exist. On Wednesday, March 25, 2020 the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council in collaboration with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team (IMT) issued the “Stay at Home” Order prioritizing the health and safety of the tribal elders, high-risk and immune-compromised members, youth and the entire tribal membership.

At the beginning of the pandemic, the IMT furiously worked to purchase and collect personal protective

equipment (PPE), testing kits, and funding to adequately respond to the coronavirus outbreak and to prepare for the unknown events in the coming weeks.

The IMT developed an agreement with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) to mobilize a team of qualified health professionals with resources, testing kits, and PPE to conduct free, voluntary drive-thru viral testing for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and immediate family members.

A viral test will be conducted to determine individuals who are currently infected with the coronavirus. This is very different from the anti-body testing which will not be conducted

at this time. The viral test will help determine how wide-spread the virus is, identify hot-spots within our community, and aide in the tribal priority of keeping our tribal member safe. Approximately 2,000 tests will be conducted over a 3-day period. Tests are not mandatory, but voluntary for those who wish to have a test performed. Tribal members and immediate household members (including non-enrolled tribal members) can elect to have the test performed.

Tribal members are encouraged to wear face masks when participating in the viral drive-thru test administration.

Drive-thru viral testing

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Vets honor their own



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Evoking honor while adding a splash of color to the Ouray Memorial Cemetery, on Sunday, May 24, the gravesites of Southern Ute veterans are individually marked with crisp American flags each year by members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association.

A single headstone, adorned with American flags and flowers, honoring the legacy left behind by this tribal veteran.



A historical graduation



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

In a historically unprecedented move, the Ignacio High School Graduation Class of 2020 staged a post-graduation parade down Ignacio’s main street (Goddard Ave.), Saturday, May 25. Showing their enthusiasm, family and friends of graduate Helaina Taylor discharge confetti poppers. Other graduates threw candy, waved and blew kisses and two High School graduates even rode their motorcycles.

See Bobcats Graduation photos on page 6.





WATER QUALITY

Federal agencies narrow scope of federally protected ‘Waters of the U.S.’

*Tribe intends to protect Tribal Waters*

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Notwithstanding the Tribe’s strong opposition, on January 23, 2020, the Environmental Protection Agency and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (collectively the “Agencies”), the agencies responsible for administering the Clean Water Act, finalized a rule to define “waters of the United States” (“Final Rule”). Under the Clean Water Act, there is federal authority to regulate the discharge of pollutants and the placement of fill into “navigable waters.” The Clean Water Act defines “navigable waters” to mean “the waters of the United States.” Whether a particular water body is jurisdictional as a “water of the United States” is a threshold question for determining whether a discharge into that water will require a permit under the Clean Water Act or whether a spill (i.e., an unpermitted discharge) is a violation of the Clean Water Act and subject to an enforcement action by the Agencies. In other words, under the Clean Water Act, the scope of federal regulatory authority is limited to “waters of the United States.”

The Final Rule substantially narrows the scope of waterbodies subject to federal regulation under the Clean Water Act – notably excluding ephemeral features (those that flow only in response to precipitation events) that are prevalent throughout the Southwestern United States and on the Southern Ute Indian



Reservation. The Final Rule also excludes non-adjacent wetlands, groundwater, and many farm and roadside ditches.

For proposed development and work in or near excluded waterbodies on the Reservation, the Final Rule will reduce developers’ federal permitting obligations. In the event of a spill into previously protected, but now excluded, waterbodies on the Reservation, the Final Rule will reduce owner and operators’ spill reporting obligations and the risk of a federal enforcement action. The Final Rule will also remove some development from the applicability of EPA’s oil spill prevention program and the obligation to prepare a spill prevention, control and countermeasure plan. In other words, the Final Rule leaves water resources on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation less protected.

The Final Rule becomes effective on June 22, 2020.

In response to the Final Rule, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe intends to protect excluded waterbodies on tribal trust land through the exercise of the Tribe’s regulatory authority (e.g., water quality standards) and

contracting authority (e.g., land use and environmental protection stipulations in grants of rights-of-way and leases). In the event of a spill into previously protected, but now excluded waterbodies on the Reservation, the Final Rule will reduce owner and operators’ spill reporting obligations and the risk of a federal enforcement action and, correspondingly, potentially reduce the owner and operators’ remediation responsibilities. For excluded waters on private property within the Reservation, the Tribe intends to carefully monitor activities impacting or that have the potential to impact those waterbodies. If an activity harms an excluded waterbody on private property and threatens to harm or results in harm to excluded waterbodies on tribal land, the Tribe will consider taking appropriate action to protect water quality.

If the State of Colorado plans to implement a state-only program, such as a Clean Water Act Section 404 program, the Tribe plans to ensure that the statutes authorizing such a program and the regulations include language recognizing the limitations on the State’s authority on the Reservation. Finally, the Tribe expects all companies working on the Reservation, regardless of the current regulatory environment on a federal level, to use best management practices and to implement all appropriate measures to prevent adverse impacts to the Reservation’s water resources.



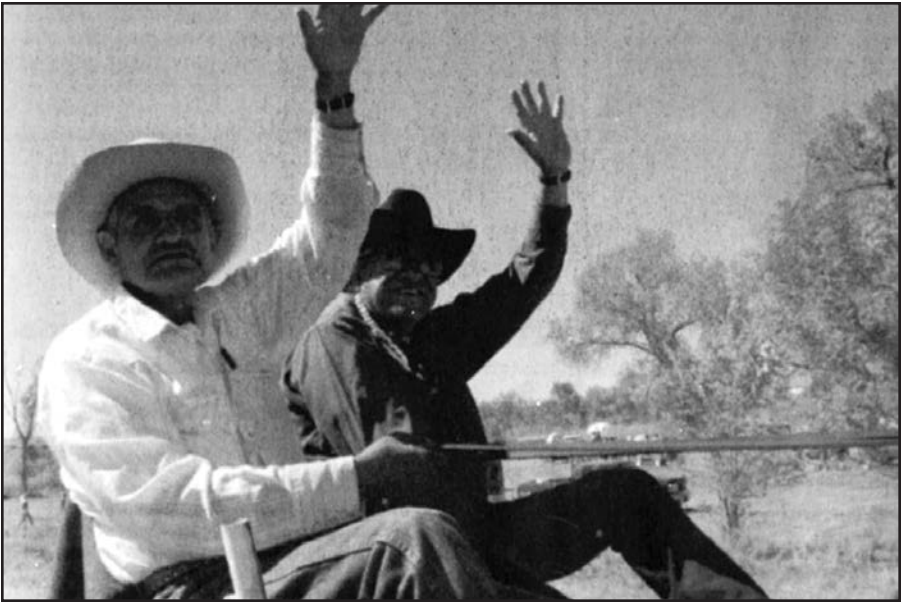
Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

When the first thunder of the season is heard across Ute lands, the young and the old bear dancers and singers stretch their arms and legs so they will be strong and well throughout the coming year. The Ute people’s thoughts turn to the annual Bear Dance. This photo was first published in the June 4, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

A three-day journey from Dulce brought members of the Jicarilla Apache Wagon Club to the Southern Ute Reservation. Wagon master Adolphus Caramillo (left) and Everett Burch led the wagon train over the Los Pinos River, concluding the traditional journey. This photo was published in the June 2, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Lorraine Baker presents Ouray McCook, Northern Ute from Fort Duchesne, with a blanket. McCook, a descendent of Chief Ouray, was one of the distinguished guests at the Ouray Day festivities. This photo was published in the June 8, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

A woman flips her shawl towards the man she wants to dance with. The cat man makes sure he goes out to dance. As long as the person is in the Bear Dance corral he must dance when selected. This photo was published in the June 6, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

FINANCE DEPT. NOTICE

Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Due to upcoming holidays, following are deadlines for requesting distributions from minors accounts:

- **Distribution, Thurs., July 2:** Request due by **NOON, Mon., June 29.**

FIRE RESTRICTIONS  
Southern Ute Reservation Initiates  
Stage I Fire Restrictions

Due to the current high temperatures, dry fuel conditions and occurrence of recent wildland fires, Stage 1 fire restrictions have been implemented for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Everyone on reservation lands is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year. Stage I Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

STAGE I – General Public:

Prohibited acts:

1. **OPEN BURNING.** Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
2. **AGRICULTURAL BURNING.** Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.
3. **CAMP FIRES.** Building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbeques or fires for sweat ceremonies, however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.
4. **FIREWORKS.** Possession, discharging or use of any type or fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 or by calling 970-563-4571. Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code. The Restrictions will become effective at 6 A.M., Monday, May 11, 2020 and will remain in effect until conditions improve.

United States Dept. of the Interior, BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS, Southern Ute Agency, P.O. Box 315, Ignacio, CO 81137

To report fires contact:  
**DURANGO ZONE DISPATCH**  
**970-385-1324**

For more info or to report  
**Fire Restriction Violations contact:**  
**BIA FIRE MANAGEMENT**  
**970-563-4571 or**

**SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.**  
**970-563-4401**







## VIDEO RECIPES

# The Multi-Purpose Facility video recipe project

## Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

Staying home and “Being Safe” means we are home with our families or in some cases home alone. Being at home with our families has given us the opportunity to reconnect with our children and homes. We are cooking more, enjoying our yards and gardens. If you’re an elder you may be more alone than you were before and beginning to feel isolated, or learning to use technology to stay in contact with family and friends, or you may be taking a daily drive around the reservation to relieve some of the cabin fever you may be feeling.

Social Distancing is easy for us, we respect our individual space and practice this daily. Nothing feels

the same as it was before, but nothing ever stays the same – it is called growth. No matter how it happens, changes occur in our daily lives reshaping how we act and think. If you think about the changes we have endured in our lifetimes, whether good or bad, time moves forward, everchanging and we adjust, most of all we persevere.

As Indigenous people we have been forced to endure sudden changes, forced relocation, threatening diseases, cultural genocide and many other atrocities. We have been poor; we have had to live day by day not knowing what the future will bring. We were forced to stop hunting, and to learn to farm or raise livestock. Through all these changes we have persevered, we are resilient, and we are still here.

If the Multi-Purpose Facility was open for business as usual, we would be sharing knowledge, sharing meals and socializing. Celebrating milestones, graduations, birthdays, and celebrating life. The Multi-Purpose Facility staff would like to continue to share knowledge. In the coming weeks we will share crochet, cooking, and sewing videos with you. In our most recent project, we are looking for youth under the age of 17 to share their cooking skills and recipe with us. We can share on the Drum’s website, and develop a youth cookbook.

If you would like to participate by making a video in your home and sharing with us, please contact us at 970-563-2641 or by email at [erredd@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:erredd@southernute-nsn.gov) or [multiurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multiurpose@southernute-nsn.gov).

## Alden Burch Naranjo Jr. Tribute

CONGRESSIONAL RECORD – EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

HON. SCOTT R. TIPTON  
OF COLORADO IN THE HOUSE  
OF REPRESENTATIVES  
Friday, May 22, 2020

Mr. TIPTON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Alden Burch Naranjo, Jr. of Ignacio, Colorado, a leader within the Southern Ute Tribe who recently passed away. Alden attended Ute Vocational School and later graduated from St Catherine’s Indian School in Santa Fe, New Mexico.

After pursuing his education, Alden enlisted in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and served his country honorably. His service to others continued following the Vietnam War, when he transitioned into a career with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe which spanned 40 years. Alden served as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Coordinator, working to ensure federal laws protect Native American lineal descendants with respect to the treatment, repatriation, and disposition of Native American human remains and culturally important objects were implemented. He also served as a police officer, staffer for the Division of Wildlife, probation officer, and historian.

He was also a member of Keepers of the Treasures, which predated NAGPRA and a spiritual leader for tribal members. This role sent him around the world to educate people on Native American rights, spirituality, and culture. Alden also held the role of President of the Native American



Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Church of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and the United States Chapters. In what free time he had, he was a traditional Sun Dancer and took great pride in his Native American heritage.

He will be sorely missed by his large extended family, the entire Southern Ute Tribe, and State of Colorado. Madam Speaker, Alden’s death is a loss for not only the Southern Ute Tribe but for the entire State of Colorado, and all of us who value the rich culture and historical heritage he worked so passionately throughout his life to share. Alden’s legacy will be remembered and live on for generations to come.

May 22, 2020

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## Calling all Elders

Do you have a skill that you would like to share  
sewing, baking, beading, cooking, gardening, landscaping, etc.

Record yourself or call Cultural Preservation Department  
for assistance

We are looking for activities that the community can do at home  
Elders sharing their knowledge is the best way

For more information, please call 970-563-2984



## Peanut Butter Cookies Rhianna Carel & Maleina Carel

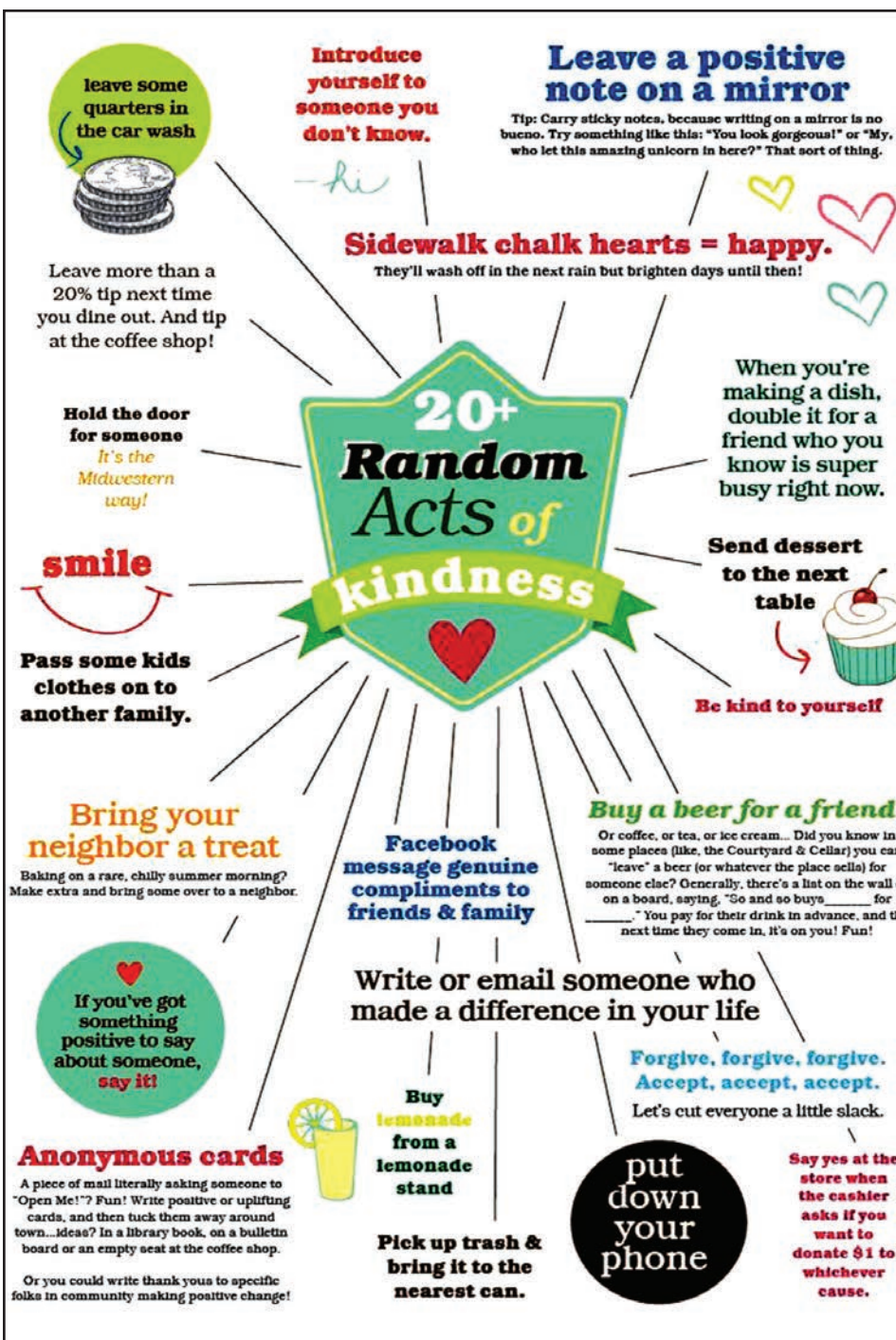
### Multi-Purpose Facility Youth Cooking



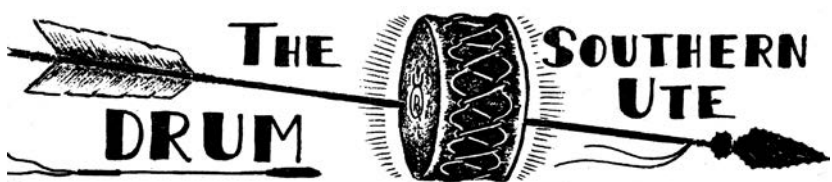
Ingredients:

1 Cup Sugar  
1 Cup of Peanut Butter  
1 egg (for hard cookies)  
2 eggs (for chewy cookies)

Bake at 350 for 15 minutes



## Over 50 years of publishing!



The news of the Southern Utes.

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and view/download the eEdition at  
[www.sudrum.com/eEditions](http://www.sudrum.com/eEditions)



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 visit, <https://www.pueblocc.edu/Remote/> to schedule a virtual advising session and to see available dates and times: upcoming sessions.





HEALTHY RECIPES

Try these quick-to-make overnight recipes

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

There are only a few ingredients and they can be made right in a mason jar. Having whole grains in your breakfast or dessert adds fiber to help keep you full. Add a topping just before eating, such as blueberries, strawberries or banana slices. Delish!



courtesy Skinny Ms

Great for Breakfast

Overnight Oats w/Peanut Butter

- 4 oz unsweetened almond milk, soy or cow's milk
- 1/2 cup oats
- 2 tsp chia seeds
- 2 T natural peanut or almond butter
- 1 T maple syrup or honey
- 1 tsp cinnamon (optional)

1. Place all ingredients in a mason jar and mix to combine.
2. Place in fridge and mix again at 10 minutes.
3. Keep in fridge overnight and mix again in the am.
4. Serve with berries, banana slices, walnuts, pecans or whatever sounds good to you!

Great for Dessert

Chocolate Chia Seed Pudding

- 1 1/2 cups almond milk, soy or cow's milk
- 1/3 cup chia seeds
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 2 T maple syrup or honey
- 1/4 tsp sea salt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla

1. Place all ingredients in a mixing bowl, using a whisk until combined. This will take a few minutes
2. Once completely mixed, pour in small mason jars or bowl, cover and refrigerate overnight
3. Serve with berries, nuts, whipped cream or whatever sounds good to you!

HEALTH CENTER

SUHC Pharmacy is here to help

By Paige Kapp, PharmD,  
BCPS, NCPS, CDE  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH  
CENTER

In this changing world, I find comfort and familiarity in the beeping machines, ringing phones, and buzzing speakers at the pharmacy. From the first card swipe at the door each morning, to the beeping of the alarm on my way out each afternoon, all the noises are part of the pharmacy soundtrack. Coronavirus did not change that soundtrack one bit.

We are now 10 weeks into our cautious new normal. With decreased in-house staffing to promote social distancing, and face coverings masking our smiles, we are still serving this community with care and compassion.

At the start of all this, the pharmacy staff provided our elders with a 90-day supply of routine medicines, making it easier for them to stay home. We anticipated up-

coming prescription needs and filled things early to be sure no one would have to do without during quarantine. We are continuing to make every effort to provide exceptional and safe service to all of you.

The pharmacy is still open Monday through Friday, but with shortened hours of 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Our automated refill line is available for you to use 24/7, just by calling the pharmacy at 970-563-4781 and entering the number on your prescription bottle. You can also request your refill online on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe home page quick link, or [www.southernute-nsn.gov/ScriptPro/logon.html](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/ScriptPro/logon.html). For those of you who prefer to skip the automation, just leave us a voice message and we'll take care of it.

Want to be notified when your prescription is ready? We offer text messaging alerts. You can choose to receive reminders for pick-up, or to let you know you are

due for a refill. Just let the staff know you'd like to sign up, give a good cell phone number, and confirm the enrollment text when you get it.

Request your prescriptions in advance. Don't wait until your bottle is empty. You can choose our automatic refill service, and we'll prepare your monthly prescriptions automatically. Give us two days' notice when you place your order. This will ensure your medicine is in stock, you have a good prescription with refills available, and it gives your medical provider time to review and renew your prescription when needed.

All this automation comes with lots of beeps, dings, and whirs. It's the sound of productivity, I suppose. I can only hope it means I'll be off the phone when you arrive at our walk-up window to pick up your order, so I can give you my undivided attention. I look forward to seeing you all soon.

PUBLIC HEALTH

Prevent Animal-borne (Zoonotic) Disease

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

As warming weather brings humans and animals in closer contact, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reminds residents that there are simple steps that you can take to help prevent rabies, West Nile, Hantavirus, and other animal-borne diseases.

Control the presence of rodents and mosquitoes around your home.

Wear insect repellent and appropriate clothing when heading outdoors.

Keep your pets up to date on vaccinations and protect your pets from fleas and ticks.

Do not to handle or feed wild animals, especially those that appear sick, and do not pick up dead animals or animal waste. Remember to speak to children about these precautions.

Rabies

Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. People contract rabies from the bite of a rabies-infected (rabid) animal. If you have had a bat in your room while you were sleeping, it is important that the bat is trapped and tested for rabies. Please call SJBPH for further guidance or to report an encounter with a suspect animal. Be sure to have your pets vaccinated even if they are indoor animals (bats can get into homes) to keep them and your family safe.

Plague

Plague is caused by bacteria transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Plague is frequently detected in rock squirrels, prairie dogs, wood rats, and other species of ground squirrels and chipmunks. SJBPH investigates prairie dog population die-offs for the presence of plague. SJBPH asks that community members report if an active colony of prairie dogs suddenly disappears. Be sure to keep pets on preventative flea and tick medicine from a veterinarian.

West Nile Virus

West Nile Virus is carried by mosquitoes and is passed on to humans through mosquito bites. This disease can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord). Remember to use insect repellent when going outdoors. Also, help reduce the number of mosquitos around your home by emptying standing water from flowerpots, gutters, buckets, pet water dishes, discarded tires, and birdbaths on a regular basis.

Hantavirus

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a severe, sometimes fatal, respiratory disease. Hantavirus, once dubbed Four Corners Disease for its prevalence in this area, is carried by wild rodents, particularly deer mice, and is present in their droppings, urine, and saliva. Dried droppings or urine can be stirred up in dust and humans may contract Hantavirus by breathing in the contaminated air. Before cleaning up droppings, be sure to ventilate the room by opening windows and doors, and spray down all droppings with a bleach solution (1 cup bleach per gallon of water) before vacuuming or sweeping.

Tularemia

Tularemia exists in the rabbit population and is transmitted by insect bites, direct transmission, or inhalation or ingestion of the bacteria. The infective dose is very small and can persist for long periods of time in the environment in water, soil, and carcasses.

When mowing or landscaping:

- Don't mow over sick or dead animals. When possible, check the area for carcasses prior to mowing.
- Use of masks during mowing and other landscaping activities may reduce your risk of inhaling the bacteria, but this has not been studied.

If you hunt, trap, or skin animals:

- Use gloves when handling animals, especially rabbits, muskrats, prairie dogs, and other rodents.
- Cook game meat thoroughly before eating.

Tick Borne Diseases

Colorado tick fever is the most common tick-borne disease in Colorado, though most cases go unreported. It's a viral illness characterized by fever, headache, body aches, nausea, abdominal pain, and lethargy. Complete recovery may take two to three weeks. The disease is not life-threatening and infection results in lifelong immunity. There's currently no preventative vaccine or effective treatment except to let the disease run its course.

Rocky Mountain spotted fever is a serious disease transmitted by infected Rocky Mountain wood ticks. There may be sudden onset of high fever, headache, chills, and muscle aches. A rash often appears a few days later. Prompt medical attention is extremely important because Rocky Mountain spotted fever can be fatal if treatment is delayed. The illness can be cured with antibiotics.

To learn more about the symptoms, treatments, and other information for these diseases, visit [sjbpublichealth.org/communicabledisease/](http://sjbpublichealth.org/communicabledisease/) or, to report an encounter with a suspect animal, call 970-335-2020. Information is also available from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at [www.colorado.gov/cdph](http://www.colorado.gov/cdph) or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov).

San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of Archuleta and La Plata counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of Southwest Colorado.

Stay up to date about COVID-19 and the S.U. Tribe

COVID-19 information from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe visit the tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov) or the tribe's Facebook page at [www.facebook.com/southernute](http://www.facebook.com/southernute)

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**.



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](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov)



## Centura Health shares tips for those ready to head out

Centura Health, the region's health care leader, believes accurate and current information is a key part of keeping our communities whole and healthy. [www.centura.org/COVID-19](http://www.centura.org/COVID-19)

**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](mailto:brosa@southernute-nsn.gov)**

 ***Making Change Work for You!***

## 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.

# SJBPH offers prioritized COVID-19 testing for local businesses and facilities

*For the most up to date information on how to take precautions against the spread of COVID-19, visit SJBPH's website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>*

# SJBPH issues public health order

## *To improve infection prevention at restaurants*

and employees in the face of this novel disease.” said Jolton. Restaurants in La Plata County must self-certify by June 2nd or prior to offering in-person dining, whichever is later, and summer camps must self-certify prior to offering in-person programming. The SJBPH order does not apply in Archuleta County but restaurants and camps there are encouraged to complete the self-certification checklist to ensure that their infection prevention plans comply with state requirements.

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# Southern Ute Health Center

## Important Information

Due to the evolving **Covid 19 Outbreak** the Southern Utah 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 **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone,  
no in-person or group meetings at this time.



## A graduation like no other



Brianna Henderson, Magna Cum Laude (3.8 GPA) and National Honor Society graduate, throws her cap into the air, expressing her joy.



Ignacio School Superintendent Dr. Rocco Fuschetto (left) welcomed all in attendance and presented the class to Kara Pearson. Ignacio High School Principal Melanie Taylor made the presentation of diplomas and gave the farewell.



Shyla Lokelani Dijos receives a graduation lei after receiving her diploma.



Letting it fly, Ocean Hunter tosses his mortar board adorned with an eagle feather, as he stepped onto the podium.



Justine Neil enthusiastically celebrates receiving his diploma with a solo, traditional throwing of the mortar board.

**What do you do when you are faced with obstacles and adversity? You improvise, and that's exactly what the Ignacio School District did. In the midst of the coronavirus pandemic, the Ignacio High School commemorated the Graduating Class of 2020, within a 'Circle of Friends' and a memorable, first-of-its-kind parade down main street, which brought out the community to show love and support of the graduating class of Bobcats. Families decorated vehicles with balloons, signs and streamers proclaiming their support for their graduate, in the Ignacio High School parking lot, Saturday, May 25. Principal Melanie Taylor and Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto led the ceremonies, as graduates received their diplomas, cords, and gifts individually, to cheers and honking of horns. A live-video feed was streamed on the Ignacio School District's Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/ignacioschooldistrict](https://www.facebook.com/ignacioschooldistrict).**

**Photos by Robert L. Ortiz**  
The Southern Ute Drum



Honor Graduate and National Honor Society student, Elizabeth Valdez stands with her parents.



Easy riders, Colton Jackson and Stephan Gomez cruise in style, down main street Ignacio during the post-graduation parade.



Isabela Torres blows kisses to her family and friends along the parade route.

## Special accolades...

**Senior class sponsors:** Brenda Jackson and Beau Moore. **Senior class officers:** President – Elizabeth Valdez, Vice-president – Eli Armendariz, Secretary – Santana Edd. **Masonic outstanding students,** Amanda Henderson and Bryce Finn. **Masonic teacher of the year:** Stephen Morris. Parents of the year: Leslie Barnes and Neoma Quintana. **Valedictorian** – Jason Hampton-Foutz, **Salutatorian** – Makayla Howell

**Class Motto:** "Alright gang, let's split up." – Scooby Doo; **Class Flower:** Cherry Blossom; **Class Colors:** Red and White; **Class Song:** "Congratulations" – Post Malone. **Special recognition:** Senior banners – Dr. Rocco Fuschetto, Neoma Quintana, Janet Reinhardt, and Molly Turner. **Roses donated** by Ignacio Floral.



Symbolically flashing a peace sign, Christina Herrera leaves the Ignacio School parking lot for the last time as a Senior Bobcat.





# Honoring our 2020 Graduates



**Odyssey Baker-Silva\***  
GOAL Academy  
Denver, Colorado



**Tatum Bebo**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Hannah Cundiff**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Santana Edd**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Brianna Henderson**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Christina Herrera\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Milana Hight\***  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



**Makayla Howell**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Ocean Hunter\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Calvin Levato Jr.\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Emily Lohrey**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Louvean Monte\***  
Minuteman Regional High School  
Lexington, Massachusetts



**Ja'Nik Murray\***  
Uintah River High School  
Ft. Duchesne, Utah



**Jonas Nanaeto**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Caitlynn Parmenter\***  
Getway Community College (H.S.)  
Durango, Colorado



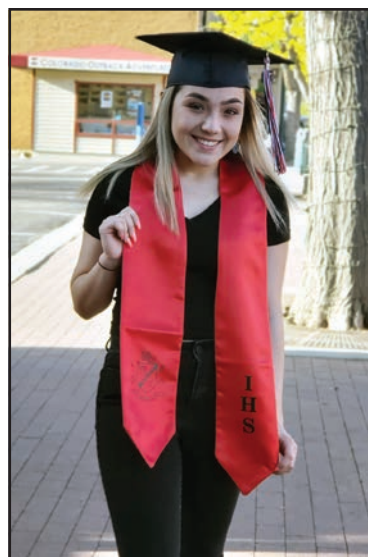
**Isabelle Pena\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Bird Red**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Rose Silva\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Autumn Smith**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Robert Smith**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Helaina Taylor**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Izaya Washington\***  
Farmington High School  
Farmington, New Mexico



**Elijah Weaver\***  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado



**Larenz Wilbourn\***  
Bayfield High School  
Bayfield, Colorado



**Badger Yellowbird**  
Ignacio High School  
Ignacio, Colorado

## 2020 Graduates

Photos unavailable: Tyja Box\* – Soda Springs High School, Soda Springs, ID; Chance Howard\* – Bansbach Academy, Denver, CO; Dustin Weaver\* – GOAL Academy, Denver, CO.

\* Denotes Southern Ute tribal member



## Nuche, together for the kids



photos Trennie Collins/SU Drum

An array of bikes lay on the floor of the empty Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Center after being donated by Ignacio Mutual Aid and program co-founder Precious Collins. The bikes were donated by people in both the Ignacio and Durango communities. Ignacio Mutual Aid thanks everyone who donated to this wonderful cause and made a community on lock down happy.

K'ia Whiteskunk, The Ute Mountain Ute Recreation Director helps unload bikes that were delivered by Ignacio Mutual Aid and program co-founder Precious Collins on May 28 to the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation to help the youth engage in outdoor activities. Collins grew up on the Ute Mountain Ute Reservation, "when I was young riding a bike was our only form to get around, to interact and have fun."



## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# Ignacio Library launches Summer Reading program

## Imagine Your Story

By Andrew Hutchinson,  
M. Ed.

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Wednesday, June 3 is the start of the annual Summer Reading program at the Ignacio Community Library; though it will be a bit different than in years past due to the impact of the coronavirus.

Beginning on June 3 the ICL will have goodie/informational bags for families to pick up once they have registered for summer reading. Registration can take place at the library (note that mask wearing is required for all upon entering the building) or by visiting us online at our website [ignaciolibrary.org](http://ignaciolibrary.org). An informational webpage about Summer Reading will be on our website all summer long, and will have current and up-to-date information all about the program and how to register.

The theme for 2020's Summer Reading Program is "Imagine Your Story", which means that our activities this year will be centered all around fairytales!

Every week the library will provide take-and-make activity kits for families to do at

home, which can be picked up each day of the week, and there will always be plenty of books and children's literacy kits to check out in our library's Community Room.

It is crucial to note that all physical materials from our library can be picked up curbside if you call us in advance, and if you haven't already done so, you can also use your ICL library card and sign up for OverDrive or the Libby app on your smartphone and gain access to thousands of e-books for all ages. The ICL is also now offering the option to sign up for an e-card on our website if you do not yet have a physical library card with us!

On top of providing craft kits and books every Monday morning at 10 a.m. the ICL will be offering virtual storytimes on our Facebook page and on our website. We are also planning on doing a virtual puppet show, a scavenger hunt, and much more!

Lastly, in terms of tracking your reading, the ICL will be working with a digital platform called READSquared where individuals and families will be able to log information about what they read

this summer online. Kids will keep track of their reading in minutes, and adults by how many books they read. Be sure to keep track of your reading and update your progress on READSquared often – as prizes for adults will be given out weekly, which will help support small businesses in our local community.

If you have any further questions or comments please contact ICL at 970-563-9287. We want to sincerely thank you all for your patience and understanding as we reformat this program to cater to the large-scale changes our society is now facing, but we cannot wait to help as many of you as we can engage with reading and other fun activities over this upcoming summer!



Scholarships are available for the 2020-2021 academic year

## Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is July 1st 2020
- Part-time scholarships are also available-Due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Scholarships can be accessed on-line. Call or E-mail for password

Southern Ute Education Department  
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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.

## Southern Ute Education Department Online Educational Resources

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 in "Online resources" at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/>

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

## 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](http://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 Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

### To order detector contact

Randi Rock  
Tribal Housing  
970.563.4710  
285 Lakin St.

### To schedule installation contact

Polly Blakenship  
Construction Services  
970.563.2500  
270 Hwy 151

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

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

## Safety Tips

### Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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



### Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak



Yellow or orange flames, rather than blue.



Dark stains on/around appliances.



Increase condensation around windows.



Pilot lights that frequently blow out.

### In the event of an Emergency

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

SUPD - 970.564.4401

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# Memorial Day: Recognition carries on



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Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association: Howard Richards Sr., Rod Grove, Rudley Weaver, Bruce LeClaire, Raymond Baker and Gordon Hammond assemble in front of the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial in Veterans Park after the Memorial Day ceremonies. The ceremonies were scaled back due to Coronavirus Protocol.



courtesy Mary LeClaire

Bruce LeClaire sang a flag and a memorial song at the beginning of the Memorial Day ceremonies.

**Veterans were remembered during the Memorial Day ceremonies Monday, May 25 in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park. The annual ceremonies were scaled back due to the coronavirus pandemic. The Southern Ute Veterans honored the day with a three-part ceremony. Beginning with a small ceremony in Veterans Memorial Park with the lowering of the flags, a flag song and a memorial song were sung, and placing of wreaths at the various memorials in the park. Followed by a short ceremony on the Pine River where Raymond Baker said a prayer before tossing a wreath into the water from Bear Dance Bridge; closing with a small closing ceremony in the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.**



courtesy Shawna Steffler

Southern Ute Veterans Association members: Raymond Baker (Ret. Navy), Rudley Weaver (Navy), Bruce Valdez (Army) and Gordon Hammond (Marines) stand at attention on the Bear Dance Bridge. Raymond Baker said a prayer and tossed the wreath into the river in memory of those lost at sea.



courtesy Mary leClaire

Appropriately following COVID-19 protocol, elbow bumps were made between Raymond Baker and Bruce LeClaire in the Ouray Memorial Cemetery.



Raymond Baker gives a salute in recognition of each veteran, following the placement of a small American flag at the base of each headstone.

## Honoring traditions



Bruce LeClaire spoke to the long-standing traditions and family practices surrounding the of honoring of veterans in Native American culture.

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The Southern Ute Drum



Aidan LeClaire White Thunder helps his father, Damon, mark the gravestones of veterans in the Ouray Memorial Cemetery on Sunday, May 24.

**On Sunday, May 24, the Southern Ute Veterans Association honored a longstanding tradition – one that has been upheld for decades – of decorating the gravesites of Southern Ute veterans with American flags. The flags are left in place through the Memorial Day weekend, showing gratitude for those who served. Association members, Bruce LeClaire, Raymond Baker, Rudley Weaver and Damon White Thunder worked as a team to cover the area ahead of Memorial Day; removing older faded flags from previous years.**





CENSUS 2020

Census Bureau: 2020 operations on tribal lands and reservations

Staff report  
U.S. CENSUS BUREAU

The U.S. Census Bureau is committed to a complete and accurate count of American Indian and Alaska Native (AIAN) population, wherever they live. The AIAN population is diverse and geographically dispersed across the country. While most do not live on designated tribal lands or reservations, those who do are among groups historically undercounted in the census. For years, the Census Bureau has been working closely with tribal governments to change this – and make sure everyone counts in the 2020 Census.

As part of this effort, census takers are set to go household to household and drop off census materials at front doors in tribal communities. This opera-

tion, dubbed Update Leave, promises to up the count by allowing us to confirm each household's physical location and provide a special Census ID number in materials tied to that location.

Due to COVID-19, we delayed Update Leave to protect the health and safety of our staff and tribal communities. We made the move knowing we could still achieve a complete and accurate count – and are working closely with tribal leaders to determine the right time to resume this important operation. Currently, we are doing a phased re-opening in areas where it is safe to do so.

We understand there are many questions about how to participate in the 2020 Census. The Update Leave operation generally affects rural households that use post office boxes to receive regular mail or lack tradi-

tional mailing addresses. Most urban households use physical street addresses for mail delivery, so we mailed invitations and reminders with instructions on how to respond to the census. As a result, many AIAN people who live outside designated tribal lands have already received census invitations with a Census ID linked to their specific address. Using a Census ID when completing the census helps us get an accurate count and avoids the need for follow-up by a census worker to confirm household information.

We continue to encourage any household with a Census ID to respond online at 2020census.gov, by phone or by mail and look forward to being back in tribal communities when it is safe to do so. We are committed to working together to shape our future.



did you know?!

Colorado is a headwater state, meaning rivers begin here. The longest river in Colorado is the Rio Grande. It extends 1,896 miles to into Mexico.



Source: <https://www.worldatlas.com/articles/the-longest-rivers-in-colorado.html#:~:text=The%20Rio%20Grande%20is%20the,of%20over%203%2C%200%20square%20miles.>

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.



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](http://www.2020census.gov)



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OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE DAYS  
**Monday**  
**Wednesday**  
**Friday**  
**8am – 12 PM**

Mail run – 10:30am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
CSR Access – 8am-12pm Monday, Wednesday, Friday

AVAILABLE BY EMAIL/VOICEMAIL  
**Monday-Friday**  
**8am-5pm**

Please drop off all OUTGOING mail in the TIS office bin by 10am Monday, Wednesday, Friday.

**"TIS is not responsible for the content of distributed information. Please proofread all flyers prior to submittal in PDF format"**

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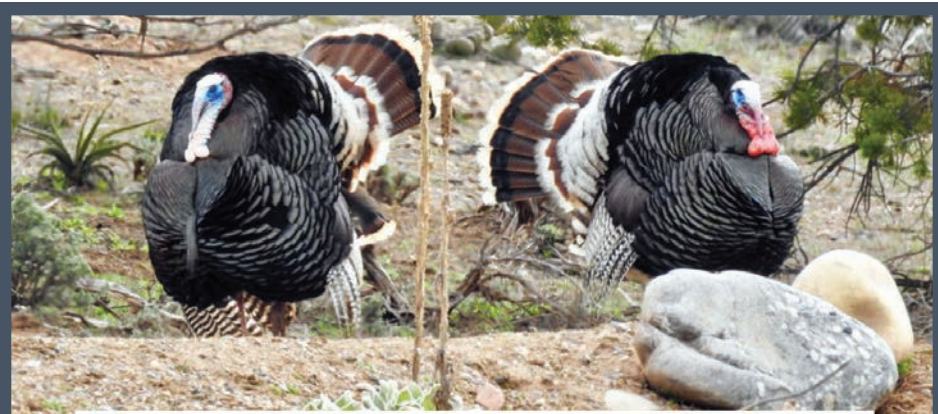
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Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Dept. of Natural Resources

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.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE  
COVID-19 Call Center

Hours of Operation  
Daily from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.  
**970.563.0214**



PRACTICE SOCIAL  
DISTANCING



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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will be performed throughout three days, beginning on Tuesday, June 9, beginning at 8 a.m. in the Sky Ute Casino Resort overflow parking lot (between the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the TERO building). Please see the attached map detailing the testing area and testing process, which identifies the entrances, check-in, testing tents where viral test swabs will be collected, and the exit.

For maximum efficiency, the IMT has developed a testing schedule modeling the schedule used during both spring and fall cleanup. Further, tribal residential areas have been identified by approximate household size and number of approximate daily testing capabilities.

For example: Tribal members residing in Cedar Point East, West, and Townhomes will test on Tuesday, June 9, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Tribal elders and tribal members with vulnerabilities are eligible for voluntary testing priority daily from 8-9 a.m.

If you are unable to be tested on the date identified in the schedule, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center to schedule an appointment to be tested. To schedule an appointment, please call 970-563-4581.

All individuals who are electing to be tested are required to complete a mandatory Testing and Demographics Release form. Parents and guardians must complete a form for all children in the household. Forms are available on social media, the tribal website, Tribal Member Portal, and at the entrance of the drive-thru testing. Tribal Information Services will be at the Check-In station verifying enrollment. Please bring your completed form to expedite the testing process.

Tribal elders and tribal members who are immobilized or unable to drive to the drive-thru testing location may dispatch assistance by calling the Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19

Call Center at 970-563-0214 to arrange for transportation. The Call Center hours of operation are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

The viral testing will be available to the tribal membership on June 9-11, from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. Priority will be given to Tribal elders and tribal members with self-diagnosed vulnerabilities the first hour of each day from 8-9 a.m. Please see the viral testing procedures below:

Entrance to the drive-thru testing area is accessible from both Colorado Highway 172 and County Road 517. Follow cones that will be placed for traffic control. Tribal members are required to stay inside their vehicles. Testing and Demographics Release form are required to be completed for every individual electing to receive the viral test. If you require time to complete the form, please notify staff immediately. Vehicles will be instructed

to follow the serpentine traffic control marked using traffic cones then into one of three testing lanes as directed by staff.

Staff will direct tribal members to place their vehicles in park, collect Testing and Demographics Release form and perform viral test on each individual requesting to be tested.

Staff will direct tribal members to exit the testing area upon completion. Vehicles should exit the overflow parking lot and drive south on Ouray Drive between the Southern Ute Museum and Justice & Regulatory Building to County Road 517.

All follow-up results will be provided to individuals who get tested. Test results are available within 5-7 days. The Southern Ute Health Center will follow-up with individuals who elect to be tested during the voluntary drive-thru viral testing to share the results of their test along with recommendations for care. If your test results

are positive, you will receive a call with recommendations for care and tips for proper health safety precautions. If your test results are negative, you will receive a call and tips for proper health safety precautions.

We would like to reiterate that the viral tests are voluntary and available to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate family member (including those who are not enrolled). Please bring your completed Testing and Demographics Release form on the day of testing. If you do not have a Testing and Demographics Release form prior to arrival at the testing area, one will be provided to you at the Check-In station. If you have questions, please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's COVID-19 Call Center.

Tribal members who are unable to participate in the voluntary drive-thru testing may have the test performed at the Southern Ute Health

Center by appointment.

If you are sick, please self-isolate. If your symptoms begin to worsen, please call your primary healthcare provider or the Southern Ute Health Center. Do not arrive at your primary health care provider office without calling to notify the professionals of your symptoms.

Please continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, cough and sneeze into the bend of your elbow or in a tissue then throw the tissue away. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects in your home. As a reminder, the Tribal "Stay at Home" Order remains in effect until further notice. Please stay home only leaving for essential activities. When you must leave your home, wear a face mask, continue to practice social distancing staying six feet away from others. Stay connected with your loved ones and our tribal elders.

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe & CDPHE

# Drive-thru COVID-19 Testing

## June 9 - 11, 2020

### 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

#### Sky Ute Casino Resort Overflow Parking Lot

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and immediate household family members (including those who are not enrolled). To maximize testing efficiency, a schedule has been developed modeling Spring & Fall Cleanup. Please see the testing schedule below. **Tribal Members are encouraged to wear a face mask.**

This is a **one-time** opportunity for immediate household members of enrolled Southern Ute tribal members including those whom are non-Native. Tribal Members and First Descendants are eligible for testing at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) at a later date, however non-Native family members are **ineligible** for services at SUHC at a later date.

### Drive-thru Testing Procedures

Please have your completed COVID-19 Testing Demographic and Consent Form ready. All individuals must complete form to receive voluntary testing. Tribal Members are encouraged to wear a face mask to the viral testing area on the scheduled day of testing.

**STEP 1**  
...

Follow cones to entrance of drive-thru testing. Line up and wait in vehicle

**STEP 2**  
...

Stay in vehicle, check-in with TIS & complete release form

**STEP 3**  
...

Follow staff instructions to one of three lines entering testing area

**STEP 4**  
...

Healthcare professional will conduct testing swab for all individuals

**STEP 5**  
...

Exit testing area toward Museum & onto County Road 517

**STEP 6**  
...

Test results will arrive within 5-7 days. SUHC staff will call with results

**Tribal Elders Priority Hours daily from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.**

If you are unable to attend the the drive-thru testing, tests can be done at the Health Center. To schedule an appointment, please call 970.563.4581

### COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing Protocol Illustration

#### Drive-thru Viral Test Protocol

01. Enter  
Enter testing area, follow cones & signage.

02. Check-In  
Provide or complete release form for all individuals

03. Test & Exit  
Stay in your vehicle, viral test conducted then exit

### Aerial View of SUCR Overflow Parking Lot

Photo Credit: Jeremiah B. Valdez

### Testing Schedule

Residential areas are determined by population size and daily testing capabilities

June 9, 2020	June 10, 2020	June 11, 2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Cedar Point East</li><li>Cedar Point West</li><li>Cedar Point Townhomes</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Durango</li><li>Northridge</li><li>Sunset Circle</li><li>Rattlesnake Peak</li><li>Town of Ignacio</li><li>Housing Authority</li><li>East of Pine River</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Bayfield</li><li>Hesperus</li><li>Pagosa Springs</li><li>Arboles</li><li>Cluster Sites</li><li>Howe Drive</li><li>Powwow Circle</li><li>West of Pine River</li></ul>

### If you are exhibiting symptoms

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

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

For updated information please follow the Tribe's social media; visit the Tribe's website, the Southern Ute Drum website & social media, and listen to KSUT Tribal Radio.

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COLORADO SPORTS

CHSAA sees ‘Light at the end of the tunnel’

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Via an e-mail sent to Colorado High School Activities Association member schools, Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green said that on Monday, June 1, the moratorium against in-person conditioning sessions between coaches and participants would be lifted. Starting that day, any decisions regarding athletics and activities through the summer months will be made at a local, school-district level. She noted that CHSAA’s administrative oversight for athletics and activities will resume when camps, clinics and fall- sport practice dates are projected to begin.

“This isn’t recreational park play or a free-for-all,” Blanford-Green later told CHSAANow.com the morning of the 22nd, with her comments detailed in a press release from Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann’s office. “Our schools will face some challenges, no different than professional and collegiate sports, to resume any level of student participation.”

“Each district’s individual date of return has been fully supported by our office,” she continued. “Our school administrators have assessed their local situations and have made the best decisions based on the safety and well-being of their students and school personnel.”

“We have started summer sessions today (football, volleyball),” Ignacio High School Athletics/Activities Director Leo Garand reported the afternoon of June 1. “Others [IHS Girls’ Basketball, Ignacio Middle School Volleyball] will follow suit later in the week, and others later this summer.”

Garand also forwarded along a list of questions (including ‘Have you been di-



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agnosed with COVID-19?’ as appropriate.”

In the aforementioned CHSAA e-mail, the commissioner had provided schools with suggested recommendations, referencing national, state and health guidelines to assist them with resuming activities and athletics while keeping safety standards and protocols a priority.

“There is light at the end of the tunnel,” Blanford-Green said. “As with [the] reopening our country and our state, taking incremental steps within the mandated and suggested guidelines will be critical in ensuring the success of transitioning from virtual to in-person.”

“Our students, coaches, schools and the Association are ready to re-socialize back to participation,” she stated. “The importance of returning to education-based athletics and activities reaches beyond a contest or a perceived scholarship. It is about reconnecting our students – socially, emotionally and physically.”

The Association’s so-named Resocialization Task Force will meet after June 1 to begin discussions on athletics and activities in which high-schoolers will participate during the 2020-21 academic year.

COLORADO SPORTS

Highlights of CHSAA Legislative Council meeting

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Officially ninety-nine years young Monday, June 1, the Colorado High School Activities Association’s Legislative Council changed and rearranged, clarified and modified, better than 50 matters and by-laws as an early birthday present in a unique online conference held Friday, May 29.

While the majority of items addressed did not directly pertain to Ignacio High School or the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League, there were still decisions deserving of a mention:



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The Colorado High School Activities Association reaches 99th year, nears centennial.

1. Class 2A baseball postseason play will now mimic the format followed in 3A, 4A and 5A, featuring an initial 32-team regional phase. Qualifying crews will be determined via RPI standings and seeded by same, with the top eight earning tourney-hosting rights. Teams seeded 20-32 can be moved for geographic reasons. The State Tournament also got an overhaul, and will move to an eight-team (previously, 16 would advance to 2A’s Big Dance) single-elimination bracket. With this change, 2A schools such as IHS can now schedule 23 games, with 17 completed contests the required minimum to ensure postseason eligibility (1A schools like Dove Creek, however, need only play 12).
2. Class 2A soccer, in which the Lady Bobcats compete, will increase its State field from 12 teams to 16.
3. Class 1A girls’ volleyball will move from districts to regionals. The sport will also require that all teams play a minimum of 18 matches against member schools and varsity opponents to ensure postseason eligibility.
4. Should a school choose, it can now form a team with only one participant. Also, adding a new sport or activity now requires approval from the CHSAA Budget Committee in addition to Classification and League Organizing Committee, Sports Medicine, Equity and the Board of Directors.
5. The Association’s coach-ejection bylaw is now more consistent across all sports in its severity. Now, a first ejection is penalized by a suspension equal to 10 percent of that sports season (e.g. two games of a 20-game regular season), and a second ejection will cost the tossed 20 percent.

COLORADO SPORTS

Strict guidelines established for in-person conditioning

By Bert Borgmann  
COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL  
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Colorado High School Activities Association member schools were notified of new COVID-19 guidelines earlier this week, Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green informed the membership that on June 1 the moratorium against in-person conditioning sessions between coaches and high school participants will be lifted.

Starting on that day, any decisions regarding athletics and activities through the summer months will be made at the local school district level. The CHSAA’s administrative oversight for athletics and activities will resume when camps, clinics and fall sports practice dates are projected to begin, she noted.

“Each district’s individual date of return has been fully supported by our office,” Blanford-Green continued. “Our school administrators have assessed their local situations and have made



the best decisions based on the safety and well-being of their students and school personnel.”

In Tuesday’s email to schools, the Commissioner provided schools with suggested recommendations, referencing national, state and health guidelines to assist them with resuming activities and athletics while keeping safety standards and protocols a priority.

“There is light at the end of the tunnel,” Blanford-Green said. “As with [the] reopening our country and our state, taking incremental steps within the mandated and suggested guidelines will be critical in ensuring the success of transitioning from virtual to in-person.

“I have strongly recommended that each school or district have a comprehensive plan in place during this transition, and that their school communities including participants, parents and especially coaches are informed of the expectations prior to physical contact or conducting in-person sessions,” she added.

“Our students, coaches, schools and the Association are ready to re-socialize back to participation,” Blanford-Green said. “The importance of returning to education-based athletics and activities reaches beyond a contest or a perceived scholarship. It is about reconnecting our students – socially, emotionally and physically.”

# SOUTHERN UTE Foster Care Homes

*A priority for the Social Services Division is the recruitment, training and licensing of local Southern Ute and other Native American families for the placement of children who are in need of immediate care outside of their own homes. To include: emergency placement, respite care and full-time foster homes.*

**The Tribal Division of Social Services is able to license Tribal foster homes.**

- The Tribal Division of Social Services is able to license Tribal foster homes.
- All interested community members are now encouraged to apply.
- Single parents will be considered. Prospective foster parents do not have to be wealthy or have a large home.
- Foster Parents only need to have a stable, healthy lifestyle and a desire to help children until the children can be returned to their own parents.
- Training, monthly compensation and support from an assigned caseworker will be available.

**What: Request for Foster Parent Applications**  
**Where: Division of Social Services**

**Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Division of Social Services**  
316 Capote Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137  
Contact: Lisa Burch - Foster Care Coordinator  
Division of Social Services 970-563-0209

## ATTENTION

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

## PARKS CLOSED

**VIOLATION OF THIS NOTICE MAY RESULT IN CITATION FOR TRESPASSING**  
**SOUTHERN UTE CRIMINAL CODE:**  
**TITLE 5; 5-2-106 TRESPASSING**  
**PENALTY OF \$150 FINE AND/OR UP TO 30 DAYS IN JAIL.**





TRIBAL OBITUARIES



**HERRERA** – Chandler Herrera passed away Monday, May 31, 2020, at Mercy Medical Center. He was surrounded by his family. Chandler was born on December 28, 1962. He is preceded in death by his parents

Vonestine William and Javin Herrera. Chandler was a life long resident of Ignacio. He worked for the Colorado Department of Transportation for 25 years from which he eventually retired from. He is survived by his wife Sandra Herrera. His children: Hailey Yesslith, Claressa Valdez, Misty Tucson, Jamie Lucero, and Jake Tucson. His sisters Kelly, Melva, Monica Herrera, and Marcy Ekiko. His brothers Val, Stewart, Rhett, and Alan Herrera. His grandchildren Grace, Zuriah, Lillian, Jazelle, Mateo, Christian, and Jose. Chandler had unconditional love for life and his family. He had a contagious smile and was a kind-hearted man. He loved the outdoors and getting lost on a dirt road while listening to country music. A viewing was held Thursday, June 4, 2020 at the Hood Mortuary Chapel in Durango, CO. A service was held Friday, June 5, 2020 the Bayfield Cemetery in Bayfield, CO. Due to current events extended guests are encouraged to distance but may attend at their own discretion.

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counties and the Navajo Nation to the south. Followed by a daily planning meeting, where the team sets priorities and procedures for the upcoming week, and finally a tactics meeting at the end of each day. This information is presented to Tribal Council by the IMT twice a week in a roundtable presentation, informing leadership of the ever-changing situation — with heavily supported facts. The team members have transitioned to online conferencing, working primarily through WebEx. “I was appointed by Tribal Council through a resolution to be in this position. I am the Chief Nursing Officer at the SUHC and in this role, I am responsible for Infection Prevention and Control. Since this is a health-related issue the Risk Manager made the suggestion to Tribal Council I be appointed,” explained Yeager. “IMT has the sole responsibility for making decisions regarding COVID-19. However, we work closely with Tribal Council and inform them of any decisions that we would implement.” “Responding to emergencies of all kinds is a part of risk management. Many of the Tribal staff have com-

pleted training to respond to an incident and have stepped into the many roles of an IMT,” she said. The Southern Ute Tribal Council in collaboration with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team (IMT) issued the “Stay at Home” Order on Wednesday, March 25, prioritizing the health and safety of the tribal elders, high-risk and immune-compromised members, youth and the entire tribal membership. There was also a resolution completed and approved by Tribal Council for the implementation of an Incident Management Team in early February. The COVID-19 Incident organizational structure, puts Margo Yeager, IMT Incident Commander and Don Brockus, Emergency Manager as direct report to the Tribal Council, followed immediately by their deputy staff and countless others who are working to benefit the Tribe and the membership as members of the Tribe’s IMT. Don Brokus has direct access to resources, and the ability to reach out to other EOCs; or Emergency Operation Centers. He talks to the State EOC, the National

EOC — and works directly with FEMA for resources needed by the Tribe, such as Personal Protective Equipment (PPE). His role and responsibility are tied to the federal and state involvement in the Tribe’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. “I don’t think people understand the responsibility that has been given to this IMT. We answer to the Tribal Council. The Tribal Council, by resolution, gave that authority to IMT,” Mimmack stated. With the clear understanding that the IMT would communicate with them on their decisions, he added. The next big undertaking for the IMT is mass testing for all tribal members and their households. “It is very important for us to know truthfully where we are at right now. We are hoping that we are less than one percent; we are including members of households to [broaden the] test. This will give us a much better idea; a figure to see what we have done to prevent a major outbreak in our community,” Mimmack stated. “[The testing] is strictly voluntarily. We will notify everybody as to what their test result is – negative or positive.”

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation  
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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2020-0029-CV-NC**  
**Nataya Lovato, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Daniel and Angelina Lovato on behalf of Nataya Lovato filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nataya Precious Valencia. As of May 12, 2020 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Nataya Lovato name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Nataya Precious Valencia.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2020.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of:**  
**Case No.: 2020-0030-CV-NC**  
**Nakai Lovato, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Daniel and Angelina Lovato on behalf of Nakai Lovato filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nakai Zane-Paul Valencia. As of May 12, 2020 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Nakai Lovato name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Nakai Zane-Paul Valencia.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2020.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

**In the Legal Name Change of,**  
**Case No.: 2020-0031-CV-NC**  
**Angelina T Lovato, Civil Subject**  
Notice is hereby given that Angelina T Lovato filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Angelina Tina Valencia. As of May 12, 2020 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Angelina T Lovato name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Angelina Tina Valencia.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2020.  
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Vonestine Jean William, Deceased**  
**Case No.: 2020-0059-CV-PR**  
Notice: 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 29, 2020 at 9:00AM**. 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 18th of May, 2020  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2020-0061-CV-PR**  
**Stanley R. Frost, 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 24, 2020 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 18th of May, 2020  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

STATE OF COLORADO

Governor Polis provides update on COVID-19 response, discusses recent demonstrations

*Staff report*  
**OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS**

Governor Jared Polis provided an update on the state’s response to COVID-19 and discussed Safer at Home and In the Vast, Great Outdoors. The Governor also addressed the senseless murder of George Floyd and demonstrations in Denver and across the country.

“What happened to George Floyd was not only wrong, it was brutal. It was inhumane. It was murder,” Governor Polis continued. “But the reality is that this is much larger than the need to hold one officer and others accountable. It’s about a pattern of injustice and unfair treatment that Black Americans and communities of color have endured, not only in our criminal justice system, but in every area of American society. We need to listen to the voices of those who are crying out for reform, and we need to take action. To those peacefully protesting, I want you to know that I see you, I hear you and I grieve with you. And more importantly, I want to work with you. Spray paint can be power washed, and windows can be fixed, but the black lives taken can’t be replaced or brought back, and the pain and injustices that our black community members have suffered will take years and decades to repair. I am ready, willing, and eager to be your partner in that work.”

The Governor provided an update on Safer at Home and in the Vast, Great Outdoors, encouraging Coloradans to enjoy the state’s

incredible outdoor spaces, where people are better able to follow social distancing requirements. The level of risk for outdoor activities is low enough that older Coloradans and those with underlying conditions are now able to go outside and participate in Colorado’s natural beauty. Everyone should continue wearing a mask and following social distancing requirements while outdoors.

“Our state has some of the most beautiful natural open spaces in the world and we want Coloradans to safely enjoy our vast, great outdoors. While we are all still safer at home, we are also able to practice better social distancing in our great outdoors than in confined indoor spaces,” said Gov. Polis.

The Governor also discussed the levels of risk Coloradans can be exposed to through various activities. Staying home is considered low risk, outdoor activities is considered a moderate risk, outdoor gatherings are a higher risk, and indoor gatherings are the highest risk.

The state is also opening playgrounds and swimming pools at limited capacity and has also released draft guidance on reopening houses of worship, certain forms of outdoor recreation and personal recreation, and updates to the childcare and personal services guidance. The state is currently soliciting feedback.

Gov. Polis today announced that Colorado is now running 7,000 - 8,000 tests per day. The state now believes it is capturing 50

percent of symptomatic cases, up from 33 percent and growing.

In addition, Gov. Polis announced a new partnership with the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), who will mobilize more than 800 AmeriCorps and Senior Corps members to support the state’s COVID-19 response through contact tracing and other associated work.

Contact tracing means following up with individuals who came into contact with an infected individual to ensure they get tested and quarantine themselves if necessary. 300 AmeriCorps NCCC members, based out of the Southwest Region Campus in Aurora, will start immediately. 350 VISTA Summer Associates will be hosted by the Community Resource Center in Denver and Conservation Legacy in Durango, both existing AmeriCorps VISTA projects, with 100-200 additional Senior Corps volunteers to join in Denver.

With more than one thousand contact tracers working in Colorado, the state will be able to address outbreaks more quickly, which will reduce infections and save lives.

Organizations are currently recruiting for the new positions, the first of which begin on June 22. Those who serve as VISTA Summer Associates will earn a stipend and an education award at the end of their service. For more information on requirements and details on how to apply visit [www.colorado.gov/servecolorado](http://www.colorado.gov/servecolorado).

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

RELY ON CREATOR

Mique Tuguv,  
During this time of anxiety and isolation I’ve been thinking of my fellow tribal members. I decided to share some uplifting and encouraging thoughts.

Times like this move us to rely on the Creator, Nuumarog’umaug’at, for comfort and direction. The issues at hand that we are dealing with include:

**Isolation/Loneliness** – Hebrews 13:5 “For He has said ‘I will never leave you, and I will never abandon you.’”

**Depression** – 34:18 “Jehovah is close to the brokenhearted;”

**Abuse** – Isaiah 41:10 “Do not be afraid, for I am with you. Do not be anxious, for I

am your God. I will fortify you, yes, I will help you. I will really hold on to you with my right hand of righteousness.”

**Suicide** – 1 Peter 5:7 “...while you throw all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you.”

1 John 5:14 “...he hears us.”

For information on a particular subject listed I have found a reliable website. Currently the homepage has information on abuse and isolation. [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org)

My prayer is for your wellbeing spiritually and physically.

*Tog’oyiak’,  
Jacqueline Frost*

Correction

The names of these Southern Ute Veterans were unintentionally omitted in a special feature published for Memorial Day, in the May 22nd edition of the Drum: Andrew Frost – WWI, and Gilbert Newton – Korean Conflict.

Drum  
Deadline

Next issue  
June 19  
Deadline  
June 15

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

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE TRIBAL COURT

### Notice: The Southern Ute Tribal Court will begin accepting credit card payments

- **For online payments for Criminal/Traffic cases only:** At *Citepayusa.com* Processing fee may apply.
- **At the Tribal Court window or by phone for all cases:** All major credit cards and debit cards will be accepted. Processing fee may apply.
- **By mail for all cases:** Money order or cashier's check made payable to: Restitution Party\* or Southern Ute Tribal Court\*  
P.O. Box 737 #18, Ignacio, CO 81137

If you have any questions about these new procedures, need assistance with online payments, or if you would like to set up a payment plan, please feel free to call the Court at 970-563-0240.

*\*Victim Restitution are made payable by Money Order to the victim, should be noted with case and name of the victim.*

*\*Fine, Fee and Public Defender are made payable to Southern Ute Tribal Court*

### Notice: The Southern Ute Tribal Court will begin accepting email filing

**For Email Filing:** I am pleased to announce to all clients, Southern Ute practicing attorneys and to the general public Tribal Court will now have the option to file documents with the Court by using the following email address [tribalcourt@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tribalcourt@southernute-nsn.gov).

This will include all documents related to an open case. Petitions can be filed but will be held until payment is received before the case is opened, or a motion to waive fees accompanies the petition for the assigned judge to waive the fee.

This email address will be used to file all documents in an open current case. New petitions for a new case can be filed at this email address. New petitions will be held until payment is received. If no payment has been received within 10 days the petition will be returned to the sender. If filing a motion to waive the filing fee it must accompany the petition and be approved by the judge before it is accepted into the record. No filing fee is needed to file a Petition to Probate.

Documents for open current cases and new cases can still be filed by faxing to 970-563-9570. New petitions will be held until payment is received. If no payment has been received within 10 days the petition will be returned to the sender. If filing a motion to waive the filing fee, it must accompany the petition and be approved by the judge before it is accepted into the record.

## 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](mailto:donalfrost331@gmail.com)

**Tribal Fair weekend: September 18 – 20, 2020**

Porta Pots • Security staff • Cleaning staff • Sound system

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Historic Mural and Building Documentation

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to perform high-resolution photography to digitally capture and preserve culturally significant murals, develop options and costs for their physical preservation, and perform 3-dimensional laser mapping of the interior and exterior of historical buildings. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Alexandra Ratcliff, General Assistance Program Manager, [aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov) Proposals will be received through **June 5, 2020**. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

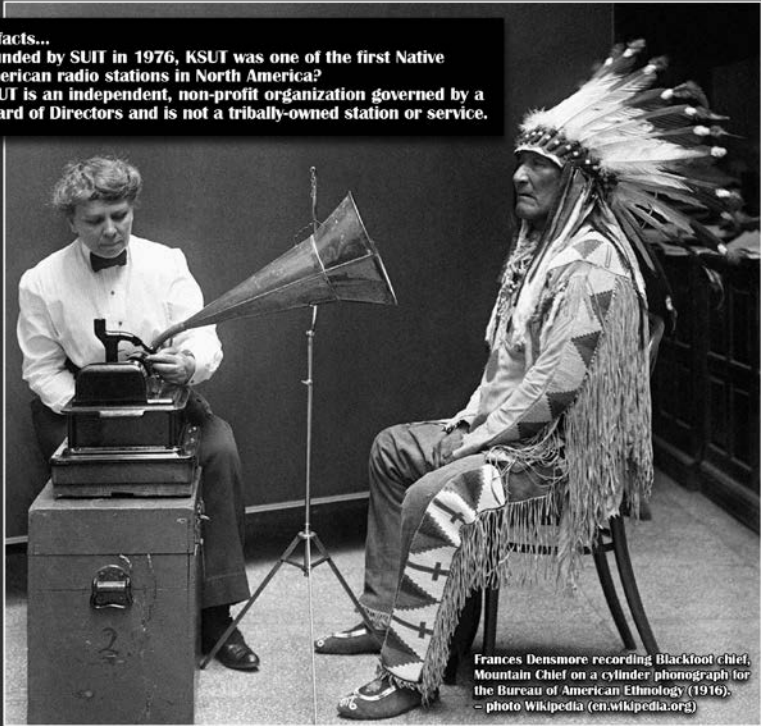
## Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority Board of Directors

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) is seeking person to serve on the Board of Directors of the SUIHA. Must be Southern Ute Tribal Member and must have an interest in serving on a 5-member board. The goal of SUIHA is to provide safe, decent and affordable housing. Letter of Intent along with application can be turned into SUIHA. Applications can be picked up at 760 Shoshone. Deadline June 19th at noon. SUIHA P.O. 447 Ignacio CO 81137. Questions call 970-563-4575.

## HELP SHAPE THE FUTURE OF KSUT RADIO KSUT seeks enrolled one (1) Four Corners community member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors

### KSUT facts...

- Founded by SUIT in 1976, KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America?
- KSUT is an independent, non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors and is not a tribally-owned station or service.



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

To apply: Submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at [tami@ksut.org](mailto:tami@ksut.org) or mail to P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Questions? Call 970-563-0255

### Board Member Duties:

- Advance KSUT's mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving the Four Corners community
- Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget
- Participate in fundraising and community events
- Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT
- Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan

Desired Skills: Knowledge of the Four Corners community, organized, and a team player.



## Updated Tero Lawn Service Hours

The TERO Division will be starting lawn maintenance services for Tribal Elders on Friday, May 22, 2020, from 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

- Lawn Service will have 2 workers
- Office Support will have 1 worker
- TERO Office Number: 970-563-2291

**The modified hours for TERO Lawn Maintenance Service will be: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., (noon)**

**The modified hours for the TERO Office will be: Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., (noon)**

## Summary of the Proposed Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act section 401 Certification Procedures

On March 28, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's application to be treated in a similar manner as a state for purposes of the Clean Water Act's water quality standards and section 401 water quality certification programs. At the direction and with the support of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, the Environmental Programs Division ("Division") has developed water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification procedures for tribal waters. What follows is a summary of the Division's proposed water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures.

### PROPOSED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Water quality standards form a legal basis for controlling pollutants entering tribal waters. Water quality standards describe the desired condition of a water body and the means by which that condition will be protected or achieved. Water bodies can be used for purposes such as recreation (e.g. swimming, fishing, boating), protection of aquatic life, agricultural, public water supply, industrial, navigation, and other purposes.

The Division has developed proposed water quality standards to protect public health and welfare, enhance the quality of water, and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act. To ensure that the standards are approvable by EPA, the Division has included the elements required under the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations: (1) designated uses for tribal waters, (2) numeric and narrative water quality criteria designed to protect each designated use, (3) anti-degradation policies and procedures to ensure attainment and maintenance of the designated uses, and (4) general policies to protect water quality. The proposed water quality standards serve the primary functions of (1) establishing water quality goals for water bodies on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation over which the Tribe has authority to set water quality standards and (2) providing the legal basis for regulatory pollution controls. Establishing criteria and designated uses that protect aquatic and wildlife species, recreational use, potable water, and agricultural uses is also an important objective of these standards. More specifically, the standards should serve, and will be implemented to achieve, these purposes:

- 1) **Assessment.** Provide a point of reference for the assessment of surface water quality. The standards represent the water quality goals of the Tribe for surface waters and will be used in assessing potential impacts to that quality.
- 2) **Regulatory Controls.** Both point and non-point source regulatory pollution controls to be established by the Tribe or the United States will be developed to ensure a level of water quality that will satisfy the water quality standards. Regulatory pollution controls established for point source discharges will also be consistent with applicable sections of the Clean Water Act. Tribal programs to control nonpoint sources, whether regulatory or voluntary, will be designed to meet the water quality standards.
- 3) **Protection of Aquatic and Wildlife Species.** The Tribe intends that the designated uses and criteria assigned to tribal waters will provide a level of water quality fully protective of aquatic and wildlife species dependent on it, including threatened or endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act.

### CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Under Clean Water Act section 401, a federal agency cannot issue a permit or license for an activity that may cause a discharge to waters of

the United States until the state or tribe where the discharge would originate has granted or waived Clean Water Act section 401 certification. With this authority, the Tribe can deny, certify, waive, or condition permits, or licenses based in part on the proposed project's compliance with the Tribe's EPA-approved water quality standards. Clean Water Act section 401 certification authority, therefore, is an important tool for protecting water quality, although it is limited in scope and application to situations involving federally permitted or licensed activities that may cause a discharge to a water of the United States.

The Tribe's proposed 401 water quality certification procedures:

- 1) delegate authority to the Environmental Programs Division to act on behalf of the Tribe in exercising the Tribe's Clean Water Act section 401 certification authority;
- 2) establish an application process through the Environmental Programs Division that requires the applicant to reimburse the Tribe for the costs of application review;
- 3) establish a process for applications to be reviewed both internally within the tribal organization (through a proposed project notification (PPN) process) and through a public review and comment process;
- 4) set forth the factors that will be considered in reviewing applications (e.g., compliance with WQS);
- 5) describe the decision-making process and the possible decisions (e.g., grant, grant with conditions, deny, or waive);
- 6) list the general requirements that will apply to all of the Tribe's Clean Water Act section 401 certifications;
- 7) describe how the Tribe's certifications may be modified, suspended, or revoked, and how civil penalties may be assessed for violation of terms of a tribal certification; and
- 8) provide for judicial review in the Tribal Court of any Clean Water Act section 401 certification decisions by the Environmental Programs Division.

### NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENTS

Comments will be accepted until June 23, 2020. You may submit comments related to the water quality standards or 401 certification procedures through the Tribal Member Portal or any of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** [wqs@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:wqs@southernute-nsn.gov)
- **Mail:** Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.
- **Hand delivery:** Environmental Programs Division, Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.
- **Phone:** 970-563-4705; select the \_\_\_\_\_ option to comment on the water quality standards and 401 certification procedures.

All comments received will be reviewed and included within the final standards or 401 certification procedures as applicable. Once completed, the proposed water quality standards and 401 certification procedures will be available for an additional public review for a 45-day period.

If you have any questions, please call Peter Diethrich at 970-563-2269 or Jeff Seebach at 970-563-2272. If you prefer to have a hard copy of the proposed water quality standards or 401 certification procedures mailed to you, please contact Kelly Herrera in the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-0135. You can also pick up hard copies of the proposed documents from the Tribal Council Affairs office and the Environmental Programs Division.

## SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT

### 30-day Tribal Member Comment Period on the Environmental Programs Division's proposed Tribal Water Quality Standards & 401 Certification Procedures

The Environmental Programs Division is developing water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures in order to protect the quality of tribal waters and is seeking input from the tribal membership. Tribal members can view the proposed water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures and related materials and can submit comments via the Tribal Member Portal. Here's how:

1. Log in to your Tribal Member Portal at <https://members.southernute-nsn.gov>
2. Access the materials by clicking on the links on the bottom of the page
3. **Submit your comments by June 23**

You can also submit your comments by one of the following methods:

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## Notice from Southern Ute Construction Services Work Station Hours

Construction Services staff will be monitoring CSD phones from office work stations.

- Mondays – Danny Abeyta: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays – Polly Blankenship: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Walter Reynolds: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays – Tanya Vigil: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Fridays – Polly Blankenship: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Staff will adhere to the Safe Distance Policy, when working in a tribal member home they will wear PPE and ask the tribal member to stay in another room and away from the work area. Emergency cases will take priority when assessing the request.



Danny Abeyta, Construction Services Division Head  
970-563-0260

## SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 29, 2020, 2:00 P.M.

The US 550-US 160 Connection South project team is planning a groundbreaking event for this highly anticipated, regionally significant design-build project in southwest Colorado (CDOT Region 5). The project re-routes US 550 to connect with the US 160 interchange in the Grandview/Three Springs area in Durango, improving safety and mobility along both major corridors. While we are planning an on-site event, we are also preparing a live, online alternative in the event it is deemed unsafe or inadvisable to gather together. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for details to come.

**QUESTIONS? Call 970-880-2800 / us550.us160connectionsouth@gmail.com**



## SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION

### IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

March 25, 2020



ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

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

**CLOSED SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

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

In response to COVID-19 prevention efforts:

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

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

*Be Safe – The Utilities Division Staff*



## SOUTHERN UTE 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 Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs) for complete job descriptions.

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

### Air Quality Analyst

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides oversight and management of the Air Quality Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

### Clinical Supervisor

Open until filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework 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. Also provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

### Community Health Representative

Open until filled – 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

Open until filled – 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

Open until filled – 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

Open until filled – 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

Open until filled – 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. Responsible for case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. This position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

### Licensed Behavioral Health Therapist – Native Connections

Open until filled – 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; \$61,872.00/year.

### Lifeguard (Full-time)

Open until filled – Responsible for 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.

### Patrol Officer

Open until filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

### Physical Therapist (PT w/benefits)

Air Quality Analyst  
Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides oversight and management of the Air Quality Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

### Public Ed. Elementary Teacher

Open until filled – 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. This 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

Open until filled – 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 (PT w/benefits)

Open until filled – A professional position within the Department of Private Education. An employee in this position works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of speech and language therapy services. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

### TEAM Worker

Open until filled – 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

Open until filled – This 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.

## 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: 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**





FLY FISHING

Hidden in plain sight

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Even though COVID-19 is still with us, and it seems many writers can think of nothing else to write about, I have strayed from that place. Actually, I am at the point of either choosing to go fly fishing or start chewing Redman again. I picked fly fishing. Since some areas are open and some are not, it was challenging finding a fun, un-pressured area to fly fish. After much deep thought, accompanied by a great cigar, I came up with Pastorius Reservoir.

Pastorius Reservoir is a State Wildlife area containing approximately 90 acres and is located about six and a half miles south of Durango on County Road 304. It is one of those lakes that you might have driven by many times and never really noticed it. It is surrounded by farms, ranches, and subdivisions, on well-traveled dirt and gravel roads. There are a couple of small signs identifying the lake and State Wildlife Area. Other than that, you have to know it's there to find it.

Over the past years Pastorius has been the victim of northern pike being illegally released into the lake. The pike did a good job of eliminating any and everything else that swam in the lake. As the pike ate all the other fish the lake be-



came overgrown with water weeds. And, to add insult to injury, the dam was in need of repairs. The reservoir had lost much of its appeal. Then in the fall of 2018 the lake was drained. The pike were removed, the dam was repaired, and the weeds died. The lake was refilled in the spring of 2019, stocked with trout, and a great recreation area re-appeared. The cottonwoods, alders, and willows, that surround the lake survived and added to its beauty.

All of these improvements were too hard for me and my friend, Ron, to resist. Since only electric motorized and non-motorized craft are allowed, our float tubes worked great. We arrived at the reservoir around nine in the morning and found, except for a few bird watchers, we were the only ones there. That lasted until about ten when a steady stream of folks escaping the quarantine began to arrive. So, as Ron

and I were catching trout, we watched all kinds of flotation devices being launched at the small ramp. We also saw several folks fishing from the shore. This was a day to be enjoyed at Pastorius.

Fly fishing from a float tubes is a great way to fish. As you let a gentle breeze push you along, or use your flippers to move through the water, you are able to sneak up on rising fish. My favorite tactic is to watch for a rise, then cast my dry fly near it, then give the fly a little movement and wait for the strike. I sometimes have to give the fly enough movement so it resembles a swimming bug. If you prefer a fly that sinks, or if the trout aren't eating on the surface, try a Woolly Bugger. After making your cast let the bugger sink, then slowly strip it back. Varying the rate of the strip will help produce great results.

After a morning of fly fishing, visiting with the other people on the lake, and enjoying the drop-dead view of the La Platas to the north, a nice picnic lunch is great. Just remember fires are not allowed to cook your lunch.

If you don't live in Durango, I would bet there are lakes similar to Pastorius in your area. Just look at a local map or simply drive around. I bet, with a little effort, you'll find a body of water hidden in plain sight.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Local fly fishing guide and columnist, Don Oliver, lights a cigar in anticipation of the morning ahead, fishing for trout along Lime Creek — one of his favorite haunts.

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

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, June 5

90°F increasing clouds  
Chance of afternoon rain/thunder

Saturday, June 6

79°F mostly sunny  
Chance of afternoon rain/thunder

Sunday, June 7

80°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

May 22, May 29, June 5, June 13, June 21

IMPACTS OF COVID-19 • FROM PAGE 1

CARES Act - Coronavirus Relief Fund

Through the Coronavirus Relief Fund, the CARES Act provides for payments to state, local, and tribal governments to navigate the impacts of the COVID-19 outbreak. The Coronavirus Relief Fund is managed by the Treasury Department. The Tribe has received an allocation of funding from the Treasury Dept. for a portion of the Coronavirus Relief Fund that was specifically designated for tribal governments. Another allocation is expected soon.

The CARES act provides overall guidance and restrictions on how the funding can be used. Section 5001(d) of the CARES Act provides the eligible purposes for which Coronavirus Relief Fund payments may be used. Specifically, it allows state, local and tribal governments to make payments for programs that:

- 1. are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19);

- 2. were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of the date of enactment [March 27, 2020] of this section for the state local or tribal government; and
- 3. were incurred during the period that begins on March 1, 2020 and ends on Dec. 30, 2020.

In addition to specific guidance contained within the CARES Act, the Treasury Dept. has issued a supplemental guidance document and a frequently asked questions (FAQs) guidance document. These documents explain that any portion of the funding not used for eligible purposes, or not expended prior to December 30, 2020, must be returned to the Treasury Dept. In addition, the funding is considered federal financial assistance (e.g., a federal grant) for purposes of the Single Audit Act; and, therefore, is subject to audit.

Both the CARES Act and Treasury Dept. guidance make it very clear that the funding must be used for expenses that are “neces-

sary” and “due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19”. Some examples of expenditures that are eligible include: 1) salaries paid to employees working directly on COVID-19 response, including public safety, health care, human services, or other employees substantially dedicated to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic; 2) expenses for acquisition and distribution of medical and protective supplies, including sanitizing products and personal protective equipment; 3) expenses for communication and enforcement of public health orders related to COVID-19; 4) expenses for disinfection of public areas and other facilities; and 5) and any other expense necessary to mitigate the COVID-19 impacts.

The Tribal Council and tribal staff are working on identifying other eligible uses for the funding and will strive to ensure that none of the funding must be returned to the Treasury Dept. due to lack of spending or for spending on ineligible purposes.

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Check out the Drum online at [www.sudrum.com](http://www.sudrum.com)

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 --- City, largest Navajo Nation community

5 Wagon

9 Agreement which removed the San Juan Mountains from Ute ownership

11 “Abdul the Bulbul --- “

12 Occurring overhead

13 Cash in Chihuahua

14 Some flatbreads

15 Charm

17 “Silent Spring” killer

18 Some protests

19 Monk's problem, for short

22 Congressional watchdog

23 Crescent-shaped nut

26 “Awesome!”

29 Oklahoma tribe

30 Moolah

31 Unofficially off-base

32 Basin with reservation?

34 Went down

35 “The Quiet American” writer Graham ---

36 Three-point basketball shot

37 They go with hems

Down

1 Petrify

2 Les États- --- (Where you are, according to Pierre)

3 Fur scarf

4 Collection of maps

5 Quiziachigiate was a --- Chief

6 So irate male improves when cut up?

7 Ascended

8 Hambletonian gaits

9 Native American division, of sorts

10 Peruse

16 Russian jet fighter

20 Ghostly pale

21 “... who hath begotten the drops of --- ?” (Job 38:28)

23 Seashore

24 Using one's arms?

25 “A Handful of Dust” author

27 --- Turing, Enigma cracker

28 Yocha --- Wintun Nation of California

30 Had no doubt

33 Flag-raising Pima --- Hayes

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 19 issue of the Drum.

Answers for May 22, 2020 crossword puzzle:

Across: 1 PSAs, 5 Hopi, 9 Acct, 10 And not, 13 Loop, 14 Biafra, 15 On merit, 17 Leo, 18 Eat at, 19 Sums, 20 Peg, 21 Dye, 22 Four, 24 Sunni, 26 Eve, 27 Hidatsa, 29 Tablet, 31 Pill, 32 All the, 33 Saab, 34 Odes, 35 Elmo.

Down: 1 Palo, 2 Scone, 3 Acoma Pueblo, 4 St Peter, 5 Habit, 6 On it, 7 PDA, 8 Influential, 11 Orem, 12 Taos, 16 Rag, 19 Synapse, 21 Dud, 22 Feta, 23 Oval, 24 Sites, 25 Islam, 27 Hehe, 28 Albo, 30 LTD.