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Up to date COVID-19 information for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe online at www.southernute-nsn.gov and on Facebook.

FIRE UPDATE

Six Shooter Fire reaches 60% containment



courtesy Howard Richards Jr.

Air resources aided in the initial fire response to the Six Shooter Fire and remain on standby, Wednesday, June 17.

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The fire is located in the Six Shooter Canyon. The Six Shooter Fire grew 4 acres and now reaches a total of 224 acres. Crews promptly responded to a slight break in the fire line and hold fire to less than 5 acres of growth in 24-hours. Ground crews, including a tribal dozer, are working on cutting more fire lines today.

Six Shooter

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STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS 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 barbecues 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. For more information on the Six Shooter Fire, please visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe website, and follow the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on social media.

To report fires contact:
Durango Zone Dispatch: 970-385-1324

For more information or to report Fire Restriction Violations contact:
BIA Fire Management: 970-563-4571
So. Ute Police Dept.: 970-563-4401



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Aislinn Ryder and Jakob Box dance together in an otherwise empty corral during the spring Bear Dance celebration ceremony held by the Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box on Friday, June 12.

UTE TRADITIONS

Bear Dance: Honoring the bear, upholding tradition

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The motion of the growlers against metal resounded in the early morning calm. Between songs the quiet sounds of nature could be heard stirring the still morning air, from the birds and insects that make their home in the neighboring cottonwoods and willow thickets along the Pine River. The Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box, had assembled his singers and dancers for a special, unique Bear Dance ceremony. He spoke to the importance of the Bear Dance, and the need to carry on the ceremony under these unusual circumstances; the need to uphold this longstanding Ute tradition for the people during the coronavirus pandemic. He emphasized the importance of the opening song, the opening prayers and the honoring of women. Carrying this honor were two young dancers, Aislinn Ryder and Jakob Box. Together they stepped into the large, mostly empty corral. In harmony, the two danced together, moving to the rhythm of the familiar Bear Dance songs. Respecting the old ways, they danced apart, swaying into the open space

that existed between them. Together, they carried the tradition for the Southern Ute people, the Pino Nuche. The Bear Dance Chief explained the importance of this to the young woman, Aislinn, ahead of the ceremony. Emphasizing that she was dancing for others who could not be there, that she carried a tremendous responsibility for her people. He asked her to carry that responsibility into the corral, and honor the Bear Dance in that way – for the people. Box noted that we often prioritize the social aspect

Bear Dance

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SUNUTE

Skatepark breaks ground at SunUte

New location offers more for skaters



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

With crucial infrastructure already in place, Weeminuche Construction Authority, out of Towaoc, Colo., prep utility access for the new skate park, Wednesday, June 17.

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Breaking ground for the new skate park has begun east of SunUte Community Center, and it's been a long time coming. Construction began the week of June 15 in Ignacio, following a blessing of the new grounds by Sun Dance Chief, Byron Frost, Friday, June 12.

Following protocol, and under strict Southern Ute Incident Management Team regulations, Weeminuche Construction

Skatepark

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Tribe worked in partnership with International Medical Relief out of Loveland, Colo. whose staff worked to administer the COVID-19 viral tests each day on the Southern Ute Reservation.

CORONAVIRUS

Tribe wide community testing a success

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently wrapped up a three-day voluntary drive though viral testing program for COVID-19 last week. The event took place outside of the Sky Ute Casino Resort, in the heart of the Southern Ute Reservation. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe collaborated with International Medical Relief and the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment for the mass testing event in Ignacio, Colo., which took place Tuesday, June 9 - Thursday, June 11. A total of 828 tests were administered over the three-day period, which identified one confirmed positive result. While half a dozen results were considered invalid, 820 tests came back confirmed as negative for COVID-19. The single positive test result was identified as an employee of the Tribe. During this testing event, no Southern Ute tribal members tested positive. The testing was initially open to Southern Ute tribal members, their households. Tribal employees working directly with the membership were also asked to test. On the final day, the free drive though testing was made available to anyone in the community at Chairman Christine Sage's request. "This was a very successful event, a rewarding story for the tribal members who are exercising caution and maintaining social distancing; only going out when they need essential items," emphasized Amy Barry, Public Information Officer

Testing

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SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Sky Ute Casino Resort to launch a mobile sports betting app

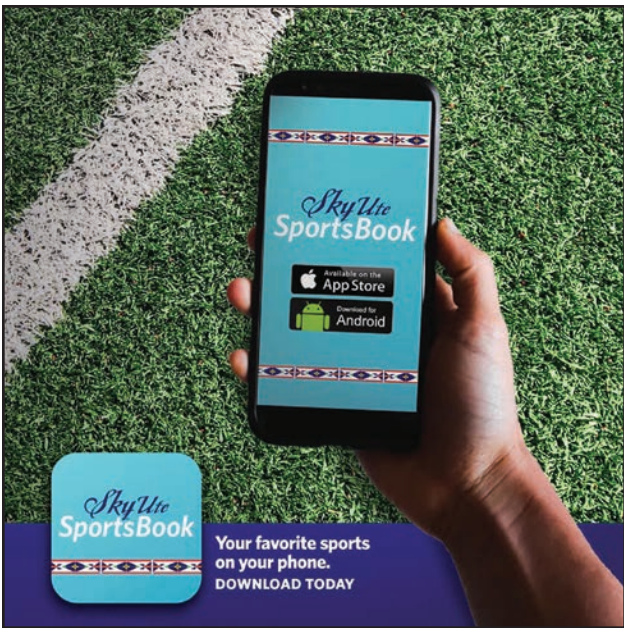
Staff report

SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Sky Ute Casino Resort has scheduled a “soft” launch of its new mobile sports betting app, called the Sky Ute SportsBook. The app went live June 2, at 12 p.m. (Noon) MST and will allow anyone over the age of 21 in the state of Colorado to place legal bets on sporting events. Public advertisement of the sports betting app went live on Tuesday, June 9.

The Sky Ute SportsBook mobile app will give players the ability to place bets on most popular American sports events, including football, basketball, baseball, golf, NASCAR, and most college sports. The online app experience offers a wide range of betting options, including points spreads, money lines, over/under, parlays, prop bets and an extensive list of live in-game wagers.

Instructions on how to download the Sky Ute SportsBook app are available via the Sky Ute Casino Resort website, <https://www.skyutecasino.com/sports-book/> on IOS and Android mobile devices. You can

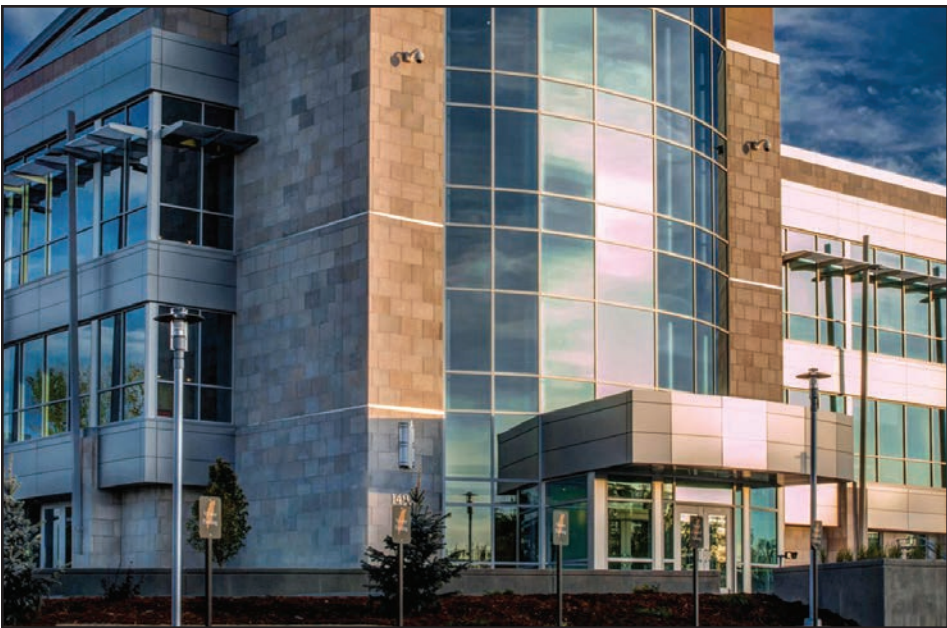


also access a How-To-Bet Guide, along with the Sky Ute SportsBook Privacy Policy and House Rules. For customer service or support questions, please visit www.usbookmaking.com/sky-ute-casino-sports-book/ or you can send an email to sports-book@skyutecasino.com.

The venture is managed by Sky Ute Casino Resort personnel in conjunction with a professional sportsbook risk management company, USBookmaking, a sports betting company based in Las Vegas and the only Native Ameri-

can-owned sportsbook company in the United States. “We are proud to be selected by Sky Ute Casino Resort to provide sports betting services for their casino,” said Vic Salerno, President of USBookmaking.

“We are pleased to offer sports fans a convenient online sports betting app to place wagers in Colorado and look forward to fully unveiling the exciting app features to everyone in Colorado who wishes to bet sports,” said Charley Flagg, the Sky Ute Casino Resort’s General Manager.



Nancy S. Young/SU Shared Services

GROWTH FUND

Aka Energy and Red Cedar win safety awards!

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

Congratulations to Aka Energy Group and Red Cedar Gathering Company for winning several prestigious safety awards from GPA Midstream Association! Aka Energy received first place for Best Safety Record in Division 4 (less than 50,000 midstream operational workhours), U.S. Category. Both Red Cedar and Aka Energy were recipients of the Perfect Record Award, which recognizes midstream industry companies with outstanding safety performance and is presented to those with no lost time accidents from Jan. 1 through Dec. 31, 2019. Additional recognition from the GPA Midstream included Red Cedar’s Arkansas Loop Plant and Aka’s Gilcrest Plant receiving a Five-year Facility Safety Award for operating without a lost



time accident during that time period.

Coy Bryant, Acting President and Chief Operating Officer of Aka Energy Group/Red Cedar Gathering Company, stated, “This is a tremendous achievement and one all of our employees should be very proud of! Everyone contributed to these prestigious awards, and I appreciate their hard work and dedication of staying focused on our environmental, health and safety goals. I am confident that we will continue to be successful as a business if we keep the pro-

tection of our employees, contractors, the public and the environment as our top priority. Well done!”

The Gas Processors Association states on their website that “Although we weren’t able to honor these deserving companies in person at our GPA Midstream Convention this year, we certainly want to recognize and celebrate with them today. Congratulations, and thank you for your dedication to the midstream industry.” Great job Aka Energy Group and Red Cedar Gathering Company employees on working safely in 2019.

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.**

Many Moons Ago



Ace Stryker/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe hosted its annual Bear Dance in the hot sun in Towaoc June 4-7. The celebration invites participants to leave their worries behind and begin the year anew. Chairmen Ernest House Sr. of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Curtis Cesspooch of the Northern Ute Tribe dance with partners after the line has broken into individuals.

This photo was published in the June 18, 2020, issue of The Southern Ute Drum



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Colorado Lt. Gov. Joe Rogers (left) listens to Southern Ute Private Education Director Diane Olguin give an overview of the Southern Ute Indian Academy during the Colorado Commission on Indian Affairs meeting in Towaoc on Friday, June 2, 2000. Troy Ralstin, Ute Mountain Ute economic development director (seated), helped Olguin with the presentation.

This photo was published in the June 20, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

On Friday, June 15, 1990, at a Southern Ute Tribal Council review meeting, Chairman Leonard C. Burch presented Steve Herrera with a plaque for his service to the Southern Ute Tribe as the water plant foreman.

This photo was published in the June 22, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

An extraction course took place June 17 and 18, 1980, in Allison. Left to right: David Williams, Tammie Marty, unidentified person, Anna Mae Alires and Tommy Rybal.

This photo was published in the June 20, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Women’s choice – Aislinn Ryder selects her dance partner with the flick of her shawl.



Edward Box III, bearing the responsibility of the Catman, kept a sharp eye on the dancers – ensuring that they also maintained social distancing during the dance.



Cutline Aislinn Ryder and Jakob Box partner up for a line dance during the 2020 Southern Ute Bear Dance, which took place at the Bear Dance grounds, Friday, June 12.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Jakob Box listens to the sound of the growlers, as they begin a new song, cuing the next dance.



The Bear Dance Chief wanted to see all the important aspects carried out, the things that need to happen in order to hold a Bear Dance ceremony under normal circumstances.



Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box sang the Bear Dance songs alongside Southern Ute elder, Elwood Kent, and Sun Dance Chief Hanley Frost.



Social Distancing was respected throughout the small Bear Dance ceremony, by dancers and singers alike.

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of the Bear Dance, inadvertently minimizing the ceremonial purpose. It is closer to 80 percent ceremonial, 20 percent social he said, but we often make it more about the social. This is a chance to focus on the very nature of the dance, the ceremonial aspects – acknowledging the essence of the spring celebration, at its very core.

“There was just no way we were going to have a regular, same as always, Bear Dance. There was no way that could happen. We needed to find a balance between – ‘this is the time we need to dance’, all the way to ‘heck no, we shouldn’t even need to be gathering.’ I had to find a balance in there where people were respecting each other,” Box explained in an interview with Native Braids Co-producer Adam Burke.

“Now is the time to focus on the ceremonial part, the heart, the core. How can we benefit from the spirit of that Bear Dance, so they can actually look at the very center of it all, which is grandma, mom, wife, daughter – honoring woman. It’s the key to a healthy community,” Box emphasized in the interview. “That’s the heart of this Bear Dance. The gift of the Bear to the Utes, so that they can learn that way of life and apply it to their own lives.”

The 2020 Southern Ute Bear Dance took place at the Bear Dance grounds, Friday, June 12. Fresh cut trees were harvested by Matthew Box and his youngest son, Noah, which now lined the otherwise bare corral. Two small junipers marked the entrance, his and hers. Southern Ute elder, Elwood Kent, Sun

Dance Chief Hanley Frost, and Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box sang the Bear Dance songs. Edward Box III kept a vigilant eye on the dancers, fulfilling the role of Catman. Elwood Kent provided a blessing, closing out the ceremony for this year’s Bear Dance.

It was important to Box that this year’s Bear Dance had a formal beginning and end. He wanted to see all the important aspects carried out, the things that need to happen in order to hold a Bear Dance ceremony under normal circumstances – only this year’s ceremony was compressed into a single morning. The familiar songs carried themselves on the gentle morning breeze, reaffirming the need for spiritual rejuvenation, acknowledging the arrival of summer – honoring the Ute people, and the bear.

Southern Ute Sun Dance

Let Us be in Unity in Prayers to Heal and Protect All People in the World who need help from the Creator

Curfew will be enforced: 10pm to 4am

July 17 – 20, 2020

MANDATORY:

- **ALL DANCERS**, Singers & Fire People will need to take a COVID-19 test, Drum Groups will be responsible for their Singers to abide by this requirement
- **ALL Campers and Visitors must wear Face Coverings at the Corral. Families are encouraged to wear Face Coverings at Campsites**
- **Drummers are allowed to sit in the Corral, No one else is allowed to sit inside the Corral**
- **You must stop at the SUPD Checkpoint before entering the Sun Dance Grounds Please be respectful**
- **Social Distancing of 6 feet at the Corral**

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT FOR THE INVITED GUESTS

- Invited Guests are Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribe
- Spouses of Ute people are welcome to attend the Sun Dance Ceremony
- **All Families must do their own Shadehouses, a map for brush will be mailed to all households**
- **There will be a Feast on the last day- Food pick up ONLY**

Stay At Home Order Still In Effect

For More Information please contact: Sun Dance Chief Byron Frost at 970-946-4061



HEALTHY RECIPES

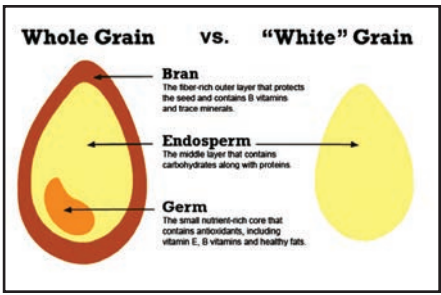
Grains: The ‘whole’ story

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

A grain is the small hard seed of a plant, usually a grass. We are familiar with grains such as wheat, oats, barley, corn and rice. There are other grains such as wild rice, quinoa, millet, buckwheat, amaranth and farro, to name a few, that are used across the globe.

Grains are made into breads and cereals and are used as a side dish to help complete a meal. Why are whole grains better than refined grains? A whole grain contains the entire grain which includes the outer portion (bran) and inner section (germ). A refined “white” grain does not include these parts as they are removed during processing. Due to this process, certain vitamins and minerals that were removed must be added back. These include B vitamins, iron, selenium and vitamin E. Fiber is also removed during processing but does not need to be added back.

Health benefits of whole grains. Adding whole grains to your diet to replace



courtesy Skinny Ms

refined grains has a positive impact on health. Whole grains my help: reduce the risk for heart disease by helping to lower blood cholesterol, reduce risk for type II diabetes and obesity, slow the rise in blood sugars, support digestion and healthy bowel function.

Try this summer whole grain salad recipe. This recipe uses quinoa but can be substituted with wild rice, barley, buckwheat or another whole grain of your choice. Remember, you can get creative with this and use the summer veggies of your choice. It is so fresh and delicious and tastes like summer! Enjoy!

Directions

1. Cook quinoa according to package directions to make 3 cups
2. While quinoa is cooking, place all other ingredients in a bowl and stir to combine
3. Let quinoa cool and toss all ingredients together, place in fridge.

Serves 10-12
Per 1/3 cup serving: 200 Calories, 6.4g Fat, 30g Carbohydrates, 4g Fiber, 7g Protein

Summer Quinoa Salad

3 cups quinoa, cooked
4 green onions, chopped
½ cucumber, diced
2 small vine-ripe tomatoes, diced
½ sweet onion, diced
¼ cup chopped Kalamata olives
2 teaspoons minced garlic
¼ cup chopped fresh mint
¼ cup olive oil
2 tablespoons red wine vinegar (may sub with balsamic)
Salt and pepper to taste

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE Heard: June is National PTSD Awareness Month

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) Awareness Month is observed in June and is dedicated to raising awareness of this disorder and the individuals it affects. There are currently about eight million people in the United States living with PTSD, perhaps you know one of them. PTSD Awareness Month encourages individuals to take the time to understand the day to day struggles of those who may be suffering from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder.

PTSD can happen to anyone and it is not a sign of weakness. PTSD is a mental

health problem that some individuals develop after experiencing or witnessing a life-threatening event, such as combat, a natural disaster, a car accident, or sexual assault. It’s normal to have upsetting memories, to feel on edge, or have trouble sleeping after experiencing these types of events.

Some symptoms of PTSD include: being easily startled, feeling tense or keyed up, triggers or flashbacks, avoiding situations that are reminders of the traumatic event, and negative changes in feelings and beliefs. Re-experiencing symptoms may cause problems in an individual’s day to day routine.

Even though PTSD treat-

ments work, most people who have PTSD don’t get the help they need. Everyone with PTSD—whether they are Veterans, survivors of sexual assault, or have experienced natural disasters, serious accidents or other traumatic events—needs to know that treatments really do work and can lead to a better quality of life.

It’s important to remember not to get caught up in negative ways of coping. Using alcohol or drugs, for example, may help you to sleep and forget, but in the long run they can interfere with your health and your ability to heal. In order to start feeling better, it’s very important to find strategies that make you feel better and help you be healthy and strong.

The good news is that there are effective treatments for PTSD. There are two main types of treatment: (1) psychotherapy, otherwise known as counseling or talk therapy, and (2) medication. Sometimes, people combine psychotherapy and medication. Each person is different, so allow yourself time to process what you are going through and begin to find the best ways and treatment for you to manage your symptoms.

Even though PTSD treatment works, most individuals with PTSD do not get the help they need. Help us spread the word that effective PTSD treatments are available. If you or someone you know needs help.

Local Resources

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

24/7 State & National Resources

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



Southern Ute Social Services



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

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

Stay up to date about COVID-19 and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

COVID-19 information from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe visit the tribe’s website at www.southernute-nsn.gov or the tribe’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/southernute

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

FOSTER PARENT RECRUITMENT



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, request for your foster care application.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Division of Social Services
316 Capote Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137
Contact: Lisa Burch, Foster Care Coordinator 970-563-2330

"Show a child how fabulous you are, this is a great opportunity for a nurturing experience."



HEALTH ADVISORY

Air Quality Health Advisory for wildfire smoke

Issued for portions of southwestern Colorado

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Issued by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment

Affected Area: La Plata, San Juan, Montezuma, and eastern parts of Dolores County, including, but not limited to the communities of Durango, Silverton, Cortez, Dolores, Mancos, Hesperus, and Rico.

Advisory in Effect: 9:00 AM MDT, Thursday, June 18, 2020 to 9:00 AM MDT, Friday, June 19, 2020.

Public Health Recommendations: If smoke is thick or becomes thick in your neighborhood you may want to remain indoors. This is especially true for those with heart disease, respiratory illnesses, the very young, and the elderly. Consider limiting outdoor activity when

moderate to heavy smoke is present. Consider relocating temporarily if smoke is present indoors and is making you ill. If visibility is less than 5 miles in smoke in your neighborhood, smoke has reached levels that are unhealthy.

Outlook: Decreased fire activity has been observed at the East Canyon, Loading Pen and Six Shooter wildfires, resulting in less smoke in southwestern Colorado Thursday morning. However conditions remain dry, and as the wind increases out of the southwest Thursday afternoon fire activity could increase again. Any smoke will generally move towards locations northeast of the fires Thursday afternoon and evening, bringing the threat for periods of moderate to heavy smoke to Rico and Silverton. By late Thursday evening the wind will decrease and smoke will begin to drain into lower lying areas surrounding the fires.

This could produce periods of moderate to heavy smoke in locations such as Mancos, Durango, Cortez, Dolores, Hesperus, and Rico early Friday morning.

- For the latest Smoke Outlook: www.colorado.gov/airquality/adendum.aspx#smoke
- For information about smoke and your health: www.colorado.gov/airquality/wildfire.aspx
- For the latest Colorado statewide air quality conditions, forecasts, and advisories: www.colorado.gov/airquality/colorado_summary.aspx
- Social Media: Facebook – [cdphe.apcd](https://www.facebook.com/cdphe.apcd) Twitter – [cdpheapcd](https://twitter.com/cdpheapcd)



DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

How to use StrongHearts Native Helpline’s new online chat advocacy

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

If it’s not safe to call (1-844-762-8483), StrongHearts Native Helpline’s new online chat advocacy sessions might be a better option. Users receive one-on-one, real-time, confidential information from a trained advocate. Visit www.strongheartshelpline.org/ to get started.

Unfortunately, StrongHearts Native Helpline is not able to provide internet-based services to people younger than 13. While our chat advocacy is not available to people 12 and younger, our phone services are available to people of all ages.

All of StrongHearts Native Helpline’s advocacy services are available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT.

Chatline users reaching out after hours will receive a message re-directing them to reach out during operating hours or to reach out to The National Domestic Violence Hotline, a non-Native based 24-7 domestic violence helpline.

WHAT TO EXPECT ONLINE

- Click on the purple Chat Now button to connect with an advocate, located on each page of the website in the same location.
- There is no need to download anything.
- This is not a public chat room – it is a private one-on-one chat.
- It is completely confidential and anonymous.
- Chatline users are asked to complete a series of non-identifying demographics questions first.
- These questions are optional and not required before beginning a chat session. To opt-out, just leave the answer blank.
- When the answers are complete (or left blank), click on the Start Chat button to open a chat session with an advocate.
- To close a chat at any time, click on the X in the top right corner of the chat window, followed by End Chat.

SAFETY

As always, your safety is most important to us at StrongHearts Native Helpline and it could be helpful to remember to click out of the site when you’re done chatting and clear your online history. To learn more about staying safe online, we recommend reading, “Behind the Screens: Reducing Tech Footprints” by the National Domestic Violence Hotline at <https://bit.ly/2BhRXL9>.

The StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-762-8483) is a culturally-appropriate domestic violence and dating violence helpline for Native Americans, available daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.



HEALTH INSURANCE

More Coloradans qualify for health insurance in special enrollment period

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Coloradans who have purchased health insurance coverage outside of the Connect for Health Colorado Marketplace (commonly referred to as “off-Exchange” or “off-Marketplace”) and who recently experienced a reduction of income may qualify for a Special Enrollment Period (SEP).

To qualify, individuals must have:

- Been enrolled in an insurance plan that qualifies as minimum essential coverage at least one

day in the last 60 days

- Experienced an income reduction such that they are now making less than 400 percent of the Federal Poverty Level, which makes them newly eligible for financial help.

Contact San Juan Basin Public Health to see if this enrollment opportunity applies to you, or if other coverage options may be available. The agency can also aid with the en-

rollment process. Call San Juan Basin Public Health at 970-335-2021 for more information.

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



The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES NOTICE

Seeking Community Member for Child Protection Team

The Southern Ute Department of Social Services is seeking a community member preferably to sit on the Child Protection Team. This is a two-year appointed seat by Tribal Council. If they are interested please contact Division of Social Services at 970-563-2339.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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



Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phone: 970-563-4730
Fax: 970-563-4840
Email: brosa@southernute-nsn.gov



Making Change Work for You!

Southern Ute Health Center Important Information

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

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

***OPTOMETRY:** Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 – 5 p.m. by appointment only, starting Monday, June 22, 2020.

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

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

Urgent Care type appointments will be inside the Clinic.

Nursing Visits from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ONLY!
NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED!

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

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

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

PSYCHIATRY visits will occur in the **Mouache Capote Building**; Patients will be called first to verify time of appointment; All other Specialty Medicine (Rheumatology, Neurophology) are postponed.

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

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Howard earns diploma



Chance Howard, a Southern Ute tribal member, earned his high school diploma from Bansbach Academy, which is the school within Denver Children's Home. Chance is pictured with Lyndsey (program director of residential and Discovery Home) and Brooke (Social Studies teacher).

courtesy Michelle Novotny, Psy.D./Denver Children's Home

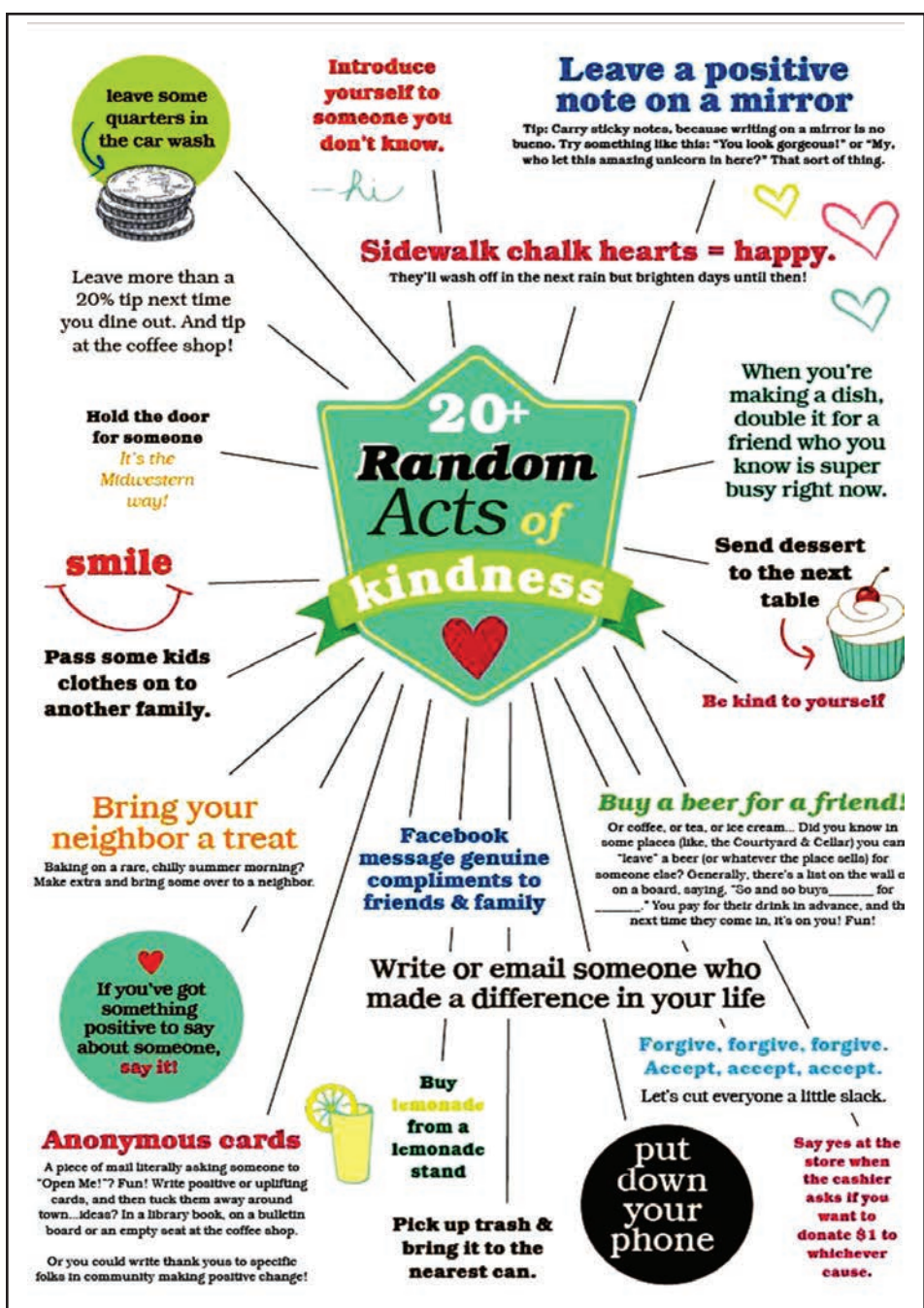
The Southern Ute Education Department Scholarship Program website is now available.

<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.



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.



EMERGENCY RELIEF

Governor Polis Announces \$44 Million for Education

Federal Governor's emergency education relief funds

Staff report
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

Governor Polis today announced \$44 million in Governor's Emergency Education Relief (GEER) funding for school districts, schools, and institutions of higher education, and other education-related entities to support equity and innovation to address the COVID-19 crisis. The COVID-19 crisis has exacerbated existing achievement gaps for students who already face challenges, including low-income students, minority students, English-language learners, students with disabilities, and students experiencing homelessness or in foster care. With the majority of the GEER funding, the State will accept applications for a P-20 innovation fund to address the learning challenges related to the economic, social, and health impacts of COVID-19 in a manner that creates lasting innovations and improved student learning across both pre-K-12 and higher education. These grants will focus on student-centered learning, rethinking the student experience, strengthening and formalizing linkages between higher education, pK-12, and industry, and catalyzing innovations that can drive long-term impact and be sustainable after the life of the grant. The State of Colorado is pursuing research funding that will allow projects to be evaluated and to inform future efforts to address learning gaps for high-needs students. Priority will be given to proposals that serve children and families who have been disproportionately impacted from the health or economic effects of the virus, or rural areas, or to serve schools or school districts in priority improvement or turnaround. You can find more information about this fund here.

"The COVID-19 pandemic has created significant challenges across our state, but it has also created new opportunities to support innovation, increase equity, and improve our ability to offer high-quality blended instructional models across our state," said Governor Jared Polis. "We are grateful to our federal partners for providing flexible funding that we can utilize to support Colorado students from preschool to higher education, increase capacity in rural areas, and invest in innovative approaches to improving student learning that can be replicated and scaled for years to come."

The State of Colorado will also provide funding to ensure all Colorado students with financial need receive direct assistance and to support educator recruitment and retention in high-needs areas. In the coming weeks, the State will release more information about how to secure funding.

More information about the State of Colorado's plans for GEER funding can

be found below:

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\$5-6 million for dramatically increasing capacity for Colorado Empowered Learning. Governor Polis plans to work closely with the Colorado Department of Education to dramatically increase capacity for Colorado Empowered Learning, our state-supported supple-

mental online program that provides Colorado school districts, BOCES, and charter schools with access to fully-designed online courses, LMS platform options, professional development, and technical assistance for implementing blended and online learning models. These funds will allow school districts, BOCES, and charter schools greater access to this already developed and adaptive virtual content at low or no cost, and will help to build the capacity of our teachers by expanding access to professional development and coaching, whether in person or virtual, in blended instructional models.

\$1 million for ensuring that all Colorado students with financial need receive direct support from institutions of higher education. Earlier this month, the U.S. Department of Education (ED) provided \$144 million to Colorado's public institutions of higher education, 50 percent of which needed to be utilized to provide direct support to students. However, some resident students with financial need were excluded from such aid. The Governor's office plans to utilize a portion of GEER funds to help ensure all qualified students with financial need receive the support they need to weather this crisis.

\$3 million for investing in educator recruitment and retention to provide stability for school districts. The Quality Teacher Recruitment program provides support to organizations to recruit, select, train, and retain highly qualified teachers in areas that have had historic difficulty in attracting and keeping quality teachers. This program is even more important in an economic downturn, when school districts need support and stability in this area. Ensuring two years of funding for this program will help to support school districts that face significant challenges in the face of even further challenges with educator recruitment and retention this year.

Southern Ute Education Department Online Educational Resources

The Southern Ute Education Department has compiled an abundance of online education resources or 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.

Scholarships are available for the 2020-2021 academic year

Southern Ute Scholarship Program July 1st Deadline

Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate

For enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members

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

Southern Ute Education Department
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137

Michael Kirsch-Academic Advisor
970-563-0237 ext. 2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov





Ospreys hatch offspring



courtesy SU Wildlife Division

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is pleased to announce the hatching of two osprey eggs at our nest at Lake Capote. The two chicks emerged from their shells starting on Friday, June 12, and the parent birds are busy feeding and tending to them. Check out lakecapote.com/osprey-cam/ to see all the activity at the nest. Get in touch with the Wildlife Division with any questions or comments.



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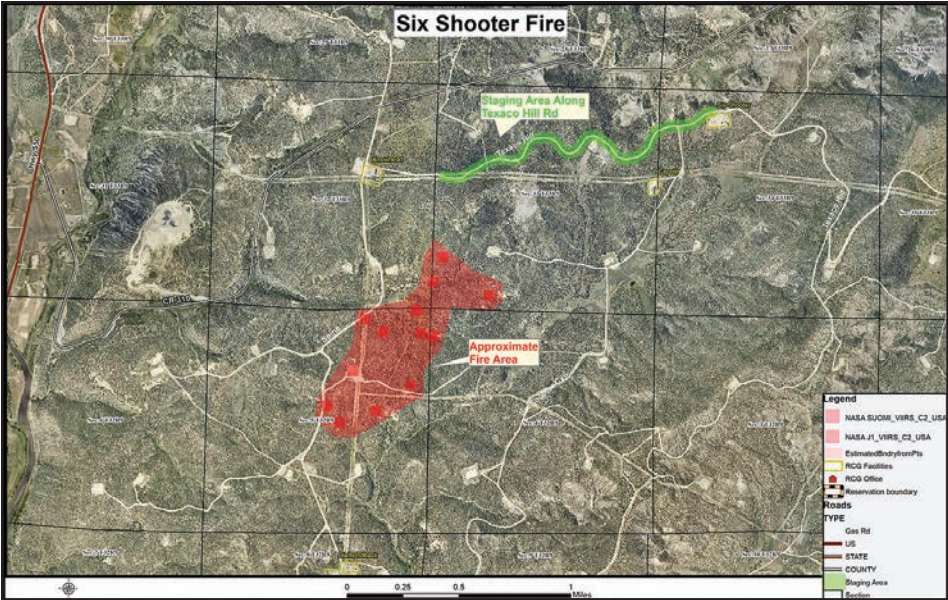


The Air Quality Program has three ambient air monitoring stations around the Reservation that provide real-time air quality data.

Visit them at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/>

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.

SIX SHOOTER FIRE UPDATE • FROM PAGE 1



resources will remain on stand-by. There are a total of 105 personnel working to suppress the fire. The Six Shooter Fire remains 25% contained. Personnel look to make positive progress with favorable weather conditions.

The Durango Interagency IMT 3 will maintain management of the Six Shooter Fire and multiple agencies continue to work to fully suppress the fire. Agencies include the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency Fire Management, Los Piños Fire Protection District, Durango Fire, Florida Mesa Fire, and modules from the States of Colorado and Oklahoma. Ground resources include fire personnel, hot shot crew, heavy equipment, and utility terrain vehicles. Air resources will remain ready today.

Smoke is visible from Colorado Highway 550 and County Road 318. Smoke will be visible to the local communities throughout the duration of the fire. Smoke from wildfires can cause health concerns and some individuals are more at risk



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The Southern Ute Police Department were on site to provide support and direct traffic, as the Six Shooter Fire was reported on Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Tuesday, June 16.

of complications. To monitor the air quality related to the Six Shooter Fire, please go the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Environmental Programs Division Ambient Monitoring page at www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

The Six Shooter Fire is still not a threat to housing developments. Fire activity remains confined to the canyon. The Tribe is also working with oil and gas operators in the area to shut-in facilities in the vicinity of the fire in an

effort to mitigate any potential impact from those operators to first responder's ability to contain the fire.

As a reminder, Stage 1 fire restrictions were enacted for Southern Ute Indian Reservation on Monday, May 11, 2020 and will remain in effect until conditions improve.

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.



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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Air resources provide additional support during the first day of the Six Shooter Fire, east of Ignacio, Colo., Tuesday, June 16.



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.

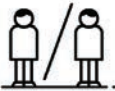
Modified Schedule Until Further Notice
Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday
Baitshop Service Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

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.



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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Stay at Home Order



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



STAY HOME



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

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

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

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TRANSPORTATION

CDOT to begin resurfacing project on US 160/491, Towaoc to Cortez

Speed limits to be strictly enforced

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation and contract partner Intermountain Slurry Seal will begin a surface treatment project on US Highway 160/491 starting on June 29. The project will take place on US 160/491 from Mile Point 29.75, two miles north of Towaoc and will continue for more than five miles to MP 34.9 near Cortez. The southern limits of the project adjoin the US 160/491 Towaoc passing lanes project that was completed earlier this year. The project is expected to be completed by the end of August.

As part of CDOT's Whole System – Whole Safety initiative, this project will focus on a chip seal and micro-surfacing application that will include three thin layers of resurfacing to protect and prolong the surface of the roadway by impeding crack reflection from the existing asphalt. Interfacing these three multiple layers of oil and rock create a strong and flexible mat that will preserve the asphalt beneath. Crews will also install rumble strips and new striping. The new surface will enhance safety for motorists by providing a smoother surface for vehicles and will prolong

the life of the roadway and reduce overall cracking. The new striping will offer better visibility while rumble strips will alert drivers if they are leaving the roadway or lane.

TRAVEL IMPACTS

Motorists can expect north and southbound one-lane alternating traffic piloted through the work zone, up to 15-minute delays, and a 40-mph speed limit. The project will be in operation Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Micro-surfacing requires about an hour to cure before traffic is allowed to drive on the fresh surface. Businesses and residents at adjacent accesses will be notified prior to the work and travelers from these access points will not be able to access the roadway until the micro-surfacing has cured.

PROJECT INFORMATION

For additional information about this project, contact the project team.

- Project hotline: 970-549-0322
- Project email: resurfacingproject@gmail.com
- Project web page: www.codot.gov/projects/us160-capeseal-towaoc-cortez

For information on travel conditions visit COTrip.org, sign up for GovDelivery, or call 511. Updates are also available via Twitter @coloradodot and Facebook at [Facebook.com/coloradodot](https://www.facebook.com/coloradodot).

REMEMBER: SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Be patient!



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.

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

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.

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

SUMMER CLUB2GO

June 22- August 14

The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe values the safety and welfare of our club members, staff, and families. We will continue to do

Whatever. It. Takes.

To Build Great Futures for the youth that we serve.

Summer club will look different this year. This Summer, we are going **VIRTUAL!** Everything will be available from the comfort of your home!

We will facilitate a drive through registration process and that's when you will receive all instructions for accessing the online program platforms.

Registration Instructions

- Visit bgcsu.org for the Member Application and Virtual Consent Form. Fill out and email to casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov OR print, fill out and bring to drive through registration. (We will have paper copies for those who are unable to do so). At least one email and one cell phone number for Remind 101 per family is REQUIRED.
- Pay via credit/debit card on bgcsu.org Donate page. Fees are \$5 for So.Ute Tribal Members and First Descendent. Community Members are \$15. In the notes section of the donation form, list your child(ren)s name(s). Cash or check will be accepted during drive through registration. Club members who are already registered do NOT have to pay.
- Show up during drive through registration to receive program supply kits, program schedules, and further instructions.

Drive Through Registration

SunUte Park Parking Lot

June 19th 2:00pm-5:30pm

June 20th 10:30am-2:00pm

Please do not exit your vehicle. A staff member will come to assist you.

For questions, please call (970) 563-4753 or email Cass @ casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov

2020 Summer Club2Go Drive Through Registration Map

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

Notice from The Southern Ute Drum

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

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

Over 50 years of publishing!

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Tribe partners on Covid-19 mass testing



Southern Ute tribal elders were given preference each morning between 8 – 9 a.m. to insure their testing experience was quick and easy.

Photos by **Jeremy Wade Shockley**
The Southern Ute Drum



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe collaborated with International Medical Relief and the Colorado Dept. of Public Health and Environment for the mass testing event. A total of 828 tests were administered over the three-day period encompassing Southern Ute tribal members, their households, tribal employees and members of the Ignacio community.



The Southern Ute Indian Tribe called on volunteers to facilitate the three-day voluntary drive-through viral testing program for COVID-19, Wednesday, June 10. Members of the Southern Ute Wildlife Division and many other tribal departments were on hand each day to facilitate with testing.



Southern Ute tribal members, Amy Barry and Heather Frost check in cars for voluntary testing each day at the Casino.



The mass drive-through testing event took place outside of the Sky Ute Casino Resort, in the heart of the Southern Ute Reservation. Test results were provided to everyone, regardless of the outcome. Those results had turnaround times ranging from 2 to 5 days.



TRIBE WIDE TESTING A SUCCESS • FROM PAGE 1

(PIO) for the Tribe’s Incident Management Team.

The medical support that made this testing a success came from the Colorado based organization, International Medical Relief out of Loveland, Colo. Shauna King, Founder and President of IMR was on-site all week with her staff administering the physical test in collaboration with Tribal employees and the Incident Management Team.

“It was a really great team effort by the IMT, the IMR and Southern Ute leadership to make it happen in such a short time, and the Southern Ute Tribal entities who volunteered,” Barry explained.

“Everybody contributed, from logistics to security, to operations.”

“Shauna King and her group were very beneficial during those days that they were here,” Barry explained. “They were very motivated to learn about the Southern Ute community, and even were able to take a tour of the Southern Ute Museum to gain a better understanding of the community they were working for. The Southern Ute Tribal Council thanked them for working with the team, and their effort – it was just amazing.”

A blessing was given on the first morning by Sun Dance Chief Hanley Frost.

Southern Ute Tribal Council attended the blessing, and the majority also volunteered to be tested during the three-day program, setting an example for others as tribal leadership.

“From a tribal perspective, the leadership was listening to the membership,” Barry said. “They heard that and delegated this to the IMT to make it happen – the membership wanted to be tested. It was voluntary, but [the overall message] is encouraging to keep yourself and your families safe as we continue to have zero tribal members and their households testing positive!”



Lee Williamson, Safety Officer with the Tribe’s Incident Management Team, takes an inventory of PPE and other critical supplies acquired by the Tribe for this community wide testing event, Wednesday, June 10.



TRANSPORTATION

CDOT’s new campaign reminds drivers to drop the distraction

90% of Coloradans admitted to driving distracted

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

As many Coloradans get back on the road heading into summer, CDOT is reminding drivers to leave distractions behind and just drive. According to the AAA Foundation, over 95% of drivers in the United States view reading or typing a text/email on a hand-held cellphone while driving to be very or extremely dangerous. Yet in a 2019 survey of Colorado drivers conducted by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), 91% of Coloradans admitted to driving distracted weekly. With handheld technology more prevalent than ever, distracted driving is one of the biggest threats to safety on Colorado’s roads, causing thousands of crashes each year. The latest data from CDOT shows:

- 15,673 crashes involved a Colorado distracted driver in 2018, amounting to an average of 42 crashes a day.
- Overall, 53 (6%) of the 890 drivers in a fatal crash in 2018 were distracted.
- Of the 81 drivers aged 15-20 involved in a fatal crash, 17% were distracted, the highest percentage of distracted drivers for any fatal crash age group.

With increasing numbers of Coloradans beginning to leave their homes following the governor’s Stay-at-Home order, CDOT is finding unique ways to remind drivers to stay focused on the road. In its latest campaign, Distraction Reactions, CDOT shines a light on the impact and impression distracted driving leaves on others by harnessing the power of human reactions and social stigma. Coffee sleeves in local shops, videos on gas station televisions, and digital ads on mobile devices ask the question: if drivers saw how others reacted to their distracted driving, would they change their behavior?

“When you get behind the wheel, you’re not only in control of your own safety, your actions impact the safety of everyone around you,” said Shoshana Lew, executive director at CDOT. “Just as we are all doing our part to protect each other during this pandemic, we need to protect each other on the roads as well and that means eliminating dangerous distractions.”

CDOT’s goal with its new campaign is to highlight the stigma around distracted driving and shift people’s behavior towards safer driving. The reactions of others can be a powerful deterrent to negative behavior, and CDOT hopes to

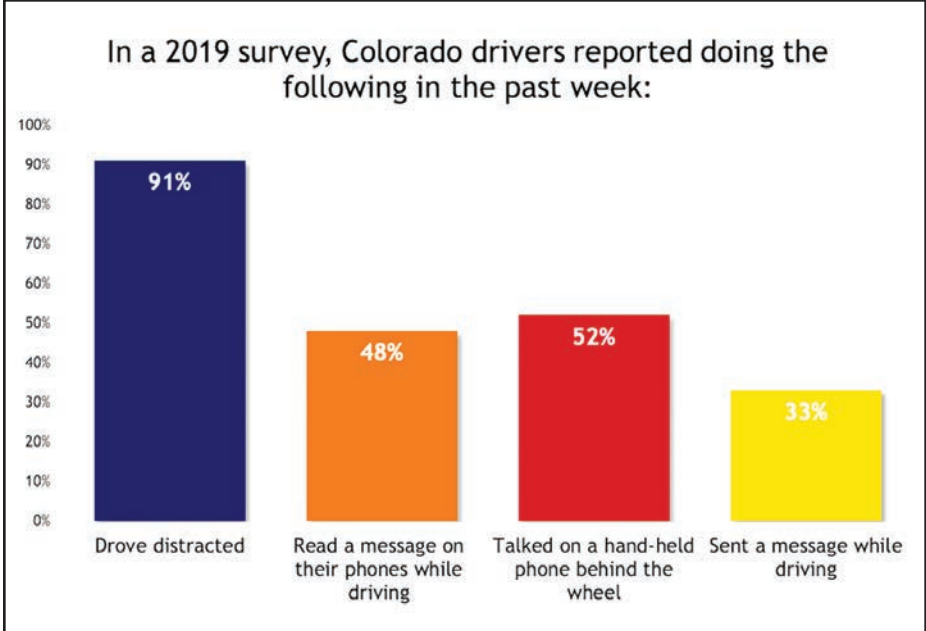
highlight those reactions to benefit the safety of everyone on the road.

“As drivers get back on the road and head out to enjoy the summer weather, our officers continue to work to help all Coloradans get home safely,” said Col. Matthew Packard, Colorado State Patrol Chief. “Unfortunately, while the risks associated with distracted driving are well documented, studies show the majority of Coloradans still choose to engage in this behavior – and that’s a very disturbing problem.”

To view the Distraction Reactions campaign PSA video and materials, visit: <https://bit.ly/CDOT-distraction-reactions>.

CDOT also continues to encourage the use of phone features and apps that help drivers turn off distractions, such as enabling “Do Not Disturb While Driving” mode on iPhones which blocks incoming text messages and notifications while driving. Android phones offer a similar function, and there are also other third-party apps designed to achieve the same goal regardless of the type of phone a person uses.

For more information about distracted driving in Colorado and to learn more about the Distraction Reactions campaign, visit distracted.codot.gov.



TRANSPORTATION

Reducing cannabis-involved traffic crashes and fatalities

CDOT releases key findings from two-year study

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

While the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) has worked to eliminate marijuana-impaired driving since recreational legalization in 2014, Colorado has continued to see cannabis-involved traffic crashes and fatalities. In 2018, 13.5 percent of drivers involved in fatal crashes tested positive for cannabis.

To view the full report, visit www.codot.gov/safety/alcohol-and-impaired-driving/drugged-driving/assets/2020/cannabis-conversation-report-april-2020.pdf

To confront this ongoing challenge, CDOT launched The Cannabis Conversation, a two-year, statewide initiative to engage Coloradans in a meaningful discussion about marijuana-impaired driving and learn more about the public’s attitudes, beliefs and behaviors on the topic. The purpose of this first-of-its-kind campaign, which wrapped up in late 2019, was to ultimately help CDOT develop fresh strategies, messages and solutions that would better resonate with cannabis consumers and influence decision making when it comes to marijuana-impaired driving.

CDOT connected with more than 18,000 Coloradans through in-depth surveys, public meetings and focus groups to learn how to best cater messaging, outreach and education based on consumers’ perspectives. CDOT gained valuable insights through self-reported behavior from consumers, including the following key takeaways:

- **Key Takeaway #1:** People who consumed cannabis more often considered driving under the influence of marijuana to be less dangerous.

Although many users have normalized driving high, most still consider the travel conditions, their alertness, and how recently they consumed cannabis before driving.

- **Key Takeaway #2:** Many cannabis users are highly skeptical of the laws, policies and enforcement regarding driving impaired — and want credible, nuanced information.

Respondents expressed a desire for more research on detection methods and guidelines for self-assessment of impairment, dosage-based legal limits, and how long to wait before driving.

Most cannabis users were sensitive to any messages or ads they perceived as overstating the dangers of driving high, stereotyping cannabis users, or that were unrealistic.

- **Key Takeaway #3:** The key to reaching some skeptics is to lead with feelings and follow with facts.

Users liked safety campaign materials, like PSA ads, that have an honest tone, a straightforward approach, and feel more like they are being talked to by a friend, not a parent.

“We talked online and in-person to thousands of marijuana users across Colorado,” said Sam Cole,

CDOT traffic safety communications manager. “We learned how different groups of people respond to different types of messages – and will use that knowledge to try to influence people to make smart choices. After all, there is no ‘typical’ marijuana consumer.”

An important takeaway was challenging cannabis consumers to rethink the choice to drive under the influence and how it unnecessarily puts others at risk. Those skeptical about the risks associated with cannabis-impaired driving responded to campaigns that invoked feelings counter to their deeply held beliefs that driving after consuming is solely a personal decision.

CDOT is now applying these insights to their campaigns. The agency is currently developing a series of PSAs based on a concept vetted and chosen by the public. CDOT continues to work closely with dispensary companies, a trusted voice for consumers, with in-store educational collateral and budtender training. The state is also making strides in more cooperative and comprehensive data collection.

More states each year legalize recreational and medical cannabis, and CDOT hopes its takeaways from The Cannabis Conversation will help others in transportation, law enforcement, prevention and academia learn how to effectively approach impaired driving education and awareness.



COLORADO
Department of Transportation

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



OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE DAYS

Monday
Wednesday
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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





PUBLIC HEALTH

SJBPH issues public health order to improve infection prevention

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is committed to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to take strong actions to keep our community healthy. SJBPH's actions and the community's sacrifices have resulted in Archuleta and La Plata counties having some of the lowest COVID-19 case counts per capita in Colorado. To continue to control the spread as the state allows developed recreation activities, short-term rentals, and houses of worship to reopen with capacity restrictions and requirements for social distancing and cleaning, SJBPH has issued a public health order for La Plata County to require that these operations complete an infection prevention checklist and self-certify their compliance with state public health orders to SJBPH.

Developed recreation activities allowed to open with strict infection prevention requirements in the latest state public health order include:

- Guide services for fishing, biking, hunting, etc.
- Raft, ATV, and jeep tours
- Swimming pools and hot springs
- Organized recreational sports leagues
- Gyms and fitness centers

SJBPH's order will help protect La Plata County residents from COVID-19 as the agency continues to work aggressively to mitigate the spread of the virus, while also supporting the safe re-opening of specific types of businesses. "We all know that staying at home to contain

this novel virus was extraordinarily difficult for everyone," said SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon. "Recreation, travel and worship, when done safely, can be the most important outlets to reduce stress and combat the effects of social isolation," said Jollon. "We know that these operations want to provide a safe and welcoming environment and we've already seen many of them come up with creative solutions to open once and open right."

Operations in La Plata County needed to self-certify by June 11, or prior to opening to the public. The SJBPH order does not apply in Archuleta County but recreation businesses, houses of worship, and short-term rentals there are encouraged to complete the self-certification checklist to ensure that their infection prevention plans comply with state requirements.

Over 1,000 businesses and community organizations have already self-certified their infection prevention operations to SJBPH in compliance with the Safer La Plata Public Health Order that SJBPH issued on April 28. "This simple requirement places good public health practice in the forefront of the business operation in a time when we all need to take care of each other to control the spread of disease," said Jollon.

Good practices at retail and service businesses, along with social distancing, widespread wearing of face coverings, and partnerships between SJBPH, the medical community and government agencies have limited the spread of

COVID-19 in Archuleta and La Plata counties:

- Both counties are in the bottom twenty percent of Colorado counties in cases per capita, despite high growth rates in neighboring counties
- Local hospitals have completed a medical surge plan and are able to care for patients without resorting to crisis standards of care
- Both counties have widespread testing availability and SJBPH has the capacity to follow up on every lab-confirmed positive test with contact tracing, isolation and quarantine resources, and case monitoring

"We have been successful so far," added Jollon, "but we should not get complacent. The virus is still circulating in our community. SJBPH reminds everyone that staying at home is still the safest option, and we encourage people taking advantage of newly reopened activities and facilities to do so close to their own home, rather than traveling into other communities that may have higher burdens of disease or less public health capacity. We all need to be thoughtful about recreation, travel, and group gatherings to keep our community safe."

The order will be in effect until July 1 unless extended, amended, or rescinded by SJBPH.

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/>

SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

CORONAVIRUS

Gov. Polis cuts red tape for restaurants

Executive Order allows more flexibility in licensing

Staff report

OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

Governor Jared Polis signed an Executive Order cutting red tape for restaurants and suspending certain statutes to remove bureaucratic barriers to serving alcoholic beverages in temporary outdoor dining spaces.

"We know this is a difficult time for so many Coloradans, especially those in our restaurant and service industry. That's why we want to cut as much red tape as we can to ensure that restaurants can get creative in serving customers for outdoor dining in as safe and easy a manner as possible," said Governor Jared Polis. "I'm proud of the entrepreneurial spirit of Coloradans and know many business owners have had to find new, innovative ways to



serve their customers these past few months. It remains critical that Coloradans continue wearing masks when they leave the house and washing their hands as much as possible. While we are able to slowly take these steps toward some semblance of normalcy, we are far from how things used to be and we must continue taking the necessary steps to keep ourselves and our

neighbors safe."

This Executive Order allows restaurants to obtain temporary approval from State and local licensing authorities to modify their licensed premises to include outdoor dining areas within 1,000 feet of the restaurant, and also allows for the consumption of alcoholic beverages on a public right of way that has been authorized by ordinance, resolution, or rule adopted by a municipality, city and county, or county.

This Executive Order also requires the Department of Revenue's Liquor Enforcement Division to respond to the submission of an application for the temporary modification of a license within 24 hours to prevent any delays in restaurants offering safer outdoor service during the pandemic.

CORONAVIRUS

Risks and benefits of activities during the COVID-19 pandemic

State health department releases guide to help

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

As restrictions on gatherings are loosened, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has released a guide to help people understand the potential risks of travel and a variety of other optional activities.

In Colorado, most things that can be done with prevention precautions in place are open. While there is no way to ensure zero risk of infection, deciding whether an activity is worth the risk is an individual decision.

"People need to be informed, then use their

judgement to make individual decisions about what works best for them, their household members, and their communities," said state epidemiologist Dr. Rachel Herlihy, CDPHE. "We really need everyone's help to contain COVID-19 in Colorado. We all need to have fewer interactions with fewer people while maintaining social distancing."

People should first consider whether they or the people they live with have any extra risk of serious illness from COVID-19, Herlihy said. People with extra risks should aim to limit in-person interactions with others as much as they can,

and carefully consider the risks and benefits of activities in which they choose to participate.

After that, there are a number of important considerations, including whether the activity is indoors or outdoors, the group size, and the amount of time spent doing the activity. And there are a number of ways to make activities safer, including wearing a face covering, spending less time, and maintaining physical distance.

Visit the department's risk and benefits web page to learn more. Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

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



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

SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

**STAY HOME**

By staying home and removing exposure for yourself and to the public, the virus is denied the ability to spread.

**WASH HANDS**

The virus can live on surfaces for varying amounts of time. **PROPERLY WASHING HANDS FOR 20 FULL SECONDS WITH SOAP AND WATER** helps to protect you and those around you.

**KEEP DISTANCE**

Keeping at least a 6 FOOT DISTANCE from all people reduces the risk of transmission.

**COVER NOSE AND MOUTH**

SURGICAL MASKS TO BE SAVED FOR USE ONLY BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE SICK
If you **MUST** go out, a homemade cloth mask combined with a 6 foot distance can further reduce the risk of transmission to and from you. Ensure you **SAFELY** place and remove the mask and **WASH IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH USE.**

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

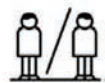
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PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



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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Check out the Drum online at www.sudrum.com

To resume all athletics and activities this fall

**COLO. HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION**

In a tweet Saturday morning, June 6, Colorado High School Activities Association (CHSAA) commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green announced that the staff “will begin constructing safety and implementation guidelines to resume ALL athletics and activities, including football, beginning this fall.”

Since the cancellation of spring sports, the CHSAA staff has been laser-focused on preparing to resume all



sports and activities in the 2020-21 school year.

The recent relaxation within state and health guidelines has allowed the CHSAA staff to plan more

definitively for the 2020-21 school year.

Check CHSAA.now for the latest in Colorado high School sports updates.

A 3D rendering shows the working design for the skatepark located in SunUte park. The basketball court is visible at the top of the rendering.

tion Authority from Town of, Colo. has begun official construction for the new skate park, located between the baseball field and playground at the SunUte Park.

As protocol dictates, the Southern Ute Tribe's Building Inspector will be on-site daily to monitor construction activities.

The project team leaders, SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth, Property and Facilities Director, Tyson Thompson, and Director of Tribal Housing, Garry Fulks will oversee the skate park project. "We are glad to finally get the skate park construction off the ground," Southern Ute Tribal Housing Director, Garry Faulks said.

The Southern Ute Tribal Council approved the relocation of the skate park to the new site, which was initially proposed as an 'alternate site' from the original planned site across from the Thriftway convenience store.

As the newly appointed Executive Officer, McKean Walton approached SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth and expressed a desire to get the skate park built and operational. Duffy-Wirth stated, “McKean really pushed to get it going,” and with that, SunUte Recreation Manager Virgil Morgan, Walton and Duffy-Wirth took members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) on a skate trip, of sorts, visiting and skating at various skate parks throughout the Four Corners region, and other states.

The SCSYAC visited, and skated various skate parks in Albuquerque, N.M., Phoenix, Ariz., Du-

rango, Colo., Farmington, N.M., to name a few, and expressed their opinions on what they liked about each skate park they visited.

Enter Brad Siedlecki – designer, skater, action-sports enthusiast, and owner/operator of Pillar Design Studios. Pillar Design Studios, LLC is a Landscape Architecture firm that specializes in Action Sports design (Skate/BMX/Moto), planning, construction and process services; founded in 2006.

Siedlecki visited with the Ignacio skating community and guided them through stages of building the skate park. Asking them what they wanted, how they skated, what they envisioned their skate park to look like. Siedlecki said in a previous article published in the *Southern Ute Drum*,

“you will need to show success in these first stages of the skate park masterplan,” Siedlecki emphasized to the young skaters at a meeting held last year with Tribal

Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Construction Services Department lends a hand with equipment to remove surface material, which is stockpiled for later use, and haul in gravel to the new skate park site neighboring SunUte Park, Wednesday, June 17.

Council members, contractors, planners, designers and community members.

With wishes and desires in hand – contractors, planners, and various departments took their vision to the Southern Ute Tribal Council and got the go-ahead to proceed. However, a few obstacles still laid in the path of the new skate park.

Safety, security and management were going to need to be addressed before the skateboard wheels hit the concrete.

In the original Master Plan, the proposed skate park site was to be constructed directly across from the Thriftway, on the old Pino-Nuche hotel and the Sky Ute Casino grounds. Safety became a major concern with skaters needing to cross HWY 171 to get to Thriftway for snacks, drinks and such. A walkway and pedestrian lights were ideas to address this, but would prove costly and working with the Colorado Department of Transportation would have taken extra time and money.

Funding for the project would suffer, as money would be diverted towards issues of safety, security and other amenities. The

SCSYAC were shown an alternate site to move the skate park, away from the busy highway, thus freeing up funds towards more skatable park surface that would

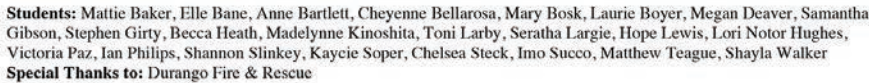
have gone to a crosswalk and additional infrastructure. A skate bowl was born.

More importantly, the infrastructure is already present on the SunUte property. Bathrooms are available as well. Upkeep will be overseen by SunUte and the grounds maintained by the Southern Ute Grounds Maintenance Dept. These will offset costs, and with the additional savings, a skate bowl, initially part of the alternate design could now be added.

“We wanted to do what the kids wanted,” said Thompson. “But we were facing budget challenges,” he said.



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Cooking with Manna Kitchen



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Together, Deanna Frost and Rachel McKibben prepared a delicious meal solely using items made available to the community through the Southern Ute Food Distribution program in Ignacio. They emphasized the importance of canned goods and other staples such as pasta for their long shelf life and accessibility during times like these. **Cooking Matters** Colorado's free resources for families to use at home: <https://cookingmatters.org/cooking-matters-home> **Double Up Food Bucks (DUFb)** and how the program works for families who use SNAP, and can take advantage of DUFb: <https://doubleupcolorado.org/>

Rebecca McKibben, Culinary Manager with Manna Soup Kitchen partnered up with Deanna Frost, the Southern Ute Tribe's Food Distribution Program Director to host a video series highlighting culinary ideas and cooking techniques in Ignacio on Wednesday, June 10. **Stay tuned for cooking videos to be posted on sudrum.com.**



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Hobbies: Family farm "Flip Flop Farms," we ave chickens, ducks, geese, turkeys and quail.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
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before the Tribal Court at the above address on **JULY 6, 2020 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

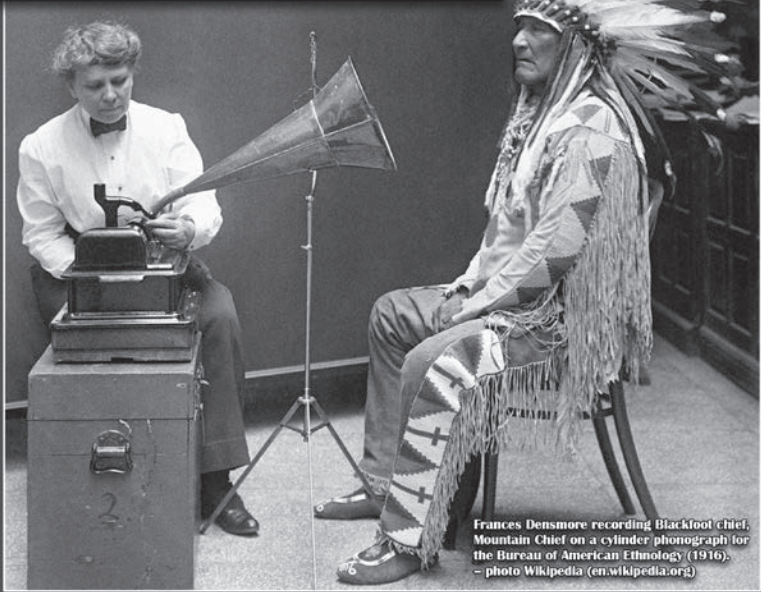
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Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

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.



To apply: Submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at 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.



CORONAVIRUS

Update from Colorado's COVID-19 response

Gov. Polis on the importance of wearing a mask

Staff report OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

Masks are the passport to the Colorado we love. According to a recent study by Cambridge and Greenwich Universities, social distancing is not enough to reduce the rate of infection, but when paired with widespread mask-wearing, the results are dramatic.

According to the report, mask-wearing is "an acceptable way of managing the pandemic and re-opening economic activity" until we have a cure or vaccine.

That's why the state launched a public service announcement campaign about mask-wearing.

Wearing masks is one of the easiest things Coloradans can do to reduce the economic damage and help the state reopen as quickly and as safely as possible.

Can Do Colorado Community Challenge

As Coloradans continue to learn how to live with COVID-19, the Governor would like to encourage creativity and innovation among leaders so we can reopen parts of our economy as safely and as quickly as possible.

To do that, Governor Polis launched the Can Do Colorado Community Challenge today, a new program that rewards companies and local governments who are getting creative with teleworking and reducing in-person interactions.

Teleworking has a range of benefits beyond helping to stop the spread of COVID-19, including:

- Less traffic for commuters
- Significantly less air pollution
- Time and energy saved
- Increased worker productivity
- Reduction of wear-and-tear on roads and transportation systems
- Health benefits such as: Lower blood pressure
- Higher likelihood of exercise from more flexible schedules

This program is the result of a partnership between many of the state's departments and agencies – all doing their part to encourage these practices with businesses and communities across our state.

The multi-agency effort will be complemented by a small, rapid grant program from the state with micro-grants for business telecommuting plans and mini-grants for local government changes that will reduce in-person interactions, such as street repurposing for dining and

recreation, or e-bike pilot programs for workers to continue to reduce congestion, traffic, and air pollution.

More information about the program is available on candocolorado.org.

Youth Behavioral Health Survey

In 2019, the Colorado Department of Human Services was directed to spearhead Colorado's Behavioral Health Task Force to improve Colorado's behavioral health system.

The task force is collecting data from many different sources so they can hear firsthand how our behavioral health system impacts the residents of our state. It is especially important to hear from young people, aged 12-26, about their mental health experiences, so the task force is soliciting input using a new survey.

Given the well-documented uptick in mental and behavioral health issues among young people in our state, it's more critical than ever to have people share their stories.

The survey will be open until June 22, and can be accessed by visiting coloradoyouthsurvey.com.

2020 Census

The 2020 Census is happening right now and it is incredibly important for everyone to get counted. The Census helps determine the state's level of representation in Congress and funding from the federal government that every Coloradan benefits from.

Getting Colorado's fair share of our federal resources is always important, but it is absolutely crucial that we get what we need to fight this devastating pandemic.

The Census form should have arrived at your home with a unique number provided to you. If you don't have the form or the number, that's okay -- just visit 2020Census.gov to make sure you can fill out the online form and get counted.

The Census may call you if they have questions, but be on the lookout for scams – an official Census call will not ask you for money or bank information.

Let's make sure all Coloradans get counted.

Behind the Numbers: Mike's Story

The importance of continuing safety precautions, such as wearing your mask and other sanitary practices to prevent the spread of COVID-19 cannot be overstated.

We want to share this story about one of our state employees' experiences with COVID-19

Mike Clark, a Civil Engineer with the Colorado Department of Transportation in Region 1 came down with COVID-19 on Sunday, March 15, and spent nine days in bed getting progressively weaker and sicker. He went with his wife to urgent care and the next thing he remembers is waking up nearly two weeks later in the ICU at St. Anthony's Hospital.

He woke up to nurses in white plastic space helmets, a ventilator down in his lungs with no way to talk, and a constant thirst that couldn't be satisfied because there was no way to swallow.

Two or three days after waking up, the ventilator was removed, which Mike said felt like having his toenails pulled through his throat, but at least he could whisper and beg for ice cubes to re-hydrate.

After being in bed for so long, he lost up to three percent of muscle mass per day, with no strength to walk and barely enough strength to roll onto the bed pan. Mike puts this pandemic into perspective:

"If there is anything that should prompt you to wear a mask at work, it is the thought of lying in bed, in a hospital, atop a bed pan."

Mike had to learn to walk again with the help of a walker, and even needed physical therapy to swallow again. Today, Mike is able to eat solid food again and has regained his ability to walk with the assistance of a cane.

After 34 days and a terrifying near-death experience in the hospital, Mike was finally able to return home.

There have been tens of thousands of COVID-19 cases in Colorado. Behind each case is a person. Although we hesitate to say Mike was "lucky," we know that not all have had as fortunate of an outcome.

Mike is deserving of our thanks for being willing to share his story, so we can all remember what's at stake. He is a true public servant, and we wish him all the best on his road to recovery.

As businesses and recreational areas open up, it is essential that we:

- Wear a mask: non-medical or homemade
- Stay at least six feet from each other
- Follow all other safety precautions
- Be safe on work sites to prevent the exposure of this virus

These are common sense steps that everyone can take to keep themselves and their loved ones safe, healthy, and out of the hospital.

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NOTICE: Review and Comment Period for Draft La Plata County Regulations

The Southern Ute Department of Tribal Planning is announcing the opportunity for Tribal Members to provide comment on the Draft La Plata County Land Use Code

It is important to note that all Trust Land – including allotments and assignments – are not regulated by this county code, but Native Americans, including Southern Ute Tribal Members owning fee simple interest in property could be affected. The SUIT is formulating an official response to the draft code, as requested by the County. Planning, Economic Development, Legal, Natural Resources, and Cultural Protection Departments are weighing in on issues of sovereignty, resource protection, land use rights, and formalizing future mutual cooperation agreements – to name just a few. Within the Tribal Planning comments, there is a section for Tribal Member responses where appropriate comments would be included in the Tribal review. For more information or to make comments,

please use the method below that is most convenient.

- Email
- Phone, text,
- Facebook
- mailed

The deadline for making your comments available to the Tribal Planning Dept. is July 15. For your reference, the code can be accessed on-line at NewCode@co.laplata.co.us or, go to www.co.laplata.co.us to navigate directly to upcoming meeting schedules and user tools for reviewing the new code. Of course, any La Plata County resident can access the code and comment directly to the county's website. They can also attend on-line webinars being conducted several times each week throughout June and leave comments there.

Hay For Sale to Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division has a limited amount of hay for sale to Tribal members. This hay is being produced on a parcel of Tribal land managed by the Agriculture Division. The hay is about 50% alfalfa mixed with grass. It will be baled in small-square bales weighing approximately 65 pounds each and large square bales weighing approximately 1250 pounds each.

The price is \$7 per bale for small bales and \$125 per bale for large bales.

There is a limit of 160 small bales or 8 large bales per customer. Small lots of less than 30 bales may be picked up at the Agriculture Division. Purchases exceeding 30 bales may be delivered by Division staff within a 15 mile radius of Ignacio. This hay is available to Tribal members only and on first come first served basis. Contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900 to purchase.

REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Powwow Committee

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee are accepting bids for the upcoming 2020 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dona Frost at 970-553-9291 or at donalfrost331@gmail.com

Tribal Fair weekend: September 18 – 20, 2020

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Notice: Southern Ute Construction Services Work Station Hours

Construction Services staff will be monitoring 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. If you have any questions, call Danny Abeyta, Construction Services Division Head at 970-563-0260.

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. 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.

Updated Tero Lawn Service Hours

The TERO Division started lawn maintenance services for Tribal Elders.

- 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)

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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
- **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:

- **E-mail:** wqs@southernute-nsn.gov
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Notice of Intent to Issue Clean Air Act
Minor New Source Review Permit

United States Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8, Air and Radiation Division

Take notice that the United States Environmental Protection Agency (U.S. EPA) has received an application for a revised minor new source review (MNSR) permit that regulates air pollution emissions from the following source located within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, La Plata County, Colorado:

**Red Cedar Gathering Company
South Ignacio Central Delivery Point
Latitude 37.053917,
Longitude -107.625222
La Plata County, Colorado**

The U.S. EPA issues Clean Air Act (CAA) minor new source review permits in Indian country under Part 49 of Title 40 of the Code of Federal Regulations (40 CFR Part 49), where EPA has not approved a tribe to implement a new source review program.

The purpose of this proposed permit action is to, at the Permittee’s request, remove facility-wide hazardous air pollutant (HAP) and formaldehyde emissions limitations, relax monitoring and testing requirements for the rich-burn compressor engine and remove carbon monoxide (CO) and/or HAP emissions limitations for seven other existing compressor engines and two triethylene glycol dehydrators. As a result of the proposed permit revision, the source will become major source of CO for the Prevention of Significant Determination permit program at 40 CFR 52.21, and a major source of HAP emissions, such that it will become subject to the requirements of the National Emissions Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants at 40 CFR part 63, subparts ZZZZ and HH, which are equivalent to the requirements contained in the current effective MNSR permit. This proposed permit does not authorize the construction of any new emission sources, nor emission increases from existing units.

Members of the public may review a copy of the proposed permit (permit number: SMNSR-SU-000031-2019.004) prepared by the EPA, the technical support document for the proposed permit, the application, and all supporting materials, at the U.S. EPA Region 8 Technical Library, at 1595 Wynkoop Street, 2nd floor, Denver, Colorado 80202-1129. All documents will be available for review Monday through Thursday from 8:00 am to 4:00 p.m. (excluding federal holidays). To obtain information, please contact Suman Kunwar at (303) 312-6095. Please be aware that government identification with a picture, such as a driver’s license, is required to enter the EPA building.

The proposed permit, technical support document, and supporting materials are also available for review in hardcopy and electronically at the following location: Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Environmental Programs Division, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, Phone: 970-563-2265.

Electronic copies of the proposed permit, technical support document, and all supporting materials are also available for review on EPA Region 8 website at: <https://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permit-public-comment-opportunities-region-8>.

The public comment period on this proposed permit action will begin on June 19, 2020 and will end on July 20, 2020. All comments should be addressed to Suman Kunwar, Air and Radiation Division, Air Permitting and Monitoring Branch (8ARD-PM), U.S. EPA, Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129, or submitted electronically by email at Kunwar.suman@epa.gov, or to R8AirPermitting@epa.gov, or through <https://www.regulations.gov>, Docket ID #(EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0290).

[We have been informed that Regulations.gov is temporarily routing users to the beta version of their site. The direct link to the permit docket above may redirect you to the beta site main page. To access the Red Cedar South Ignacio Central Delivery point permit docket on either Regulations.gov or the beta site, please use the search box provided and enter the docket number for this permit action: EPA-R08-OAR-2019-0290. For assistance in accessing the docket, the eRulemaking Help Desk will be available during normal working hours at 1-877-378-5457 (toll

free) or 303-312-6095 (locally)].

All comments received on or before the end of the public comment period will be considered in arriving at a final decision on the permit. The final permit is a public record that can be obtained upon request. A statement of reasons for changes made to the proposed permit and responses to all significant comments received will be sent to all persons who submitted comments and contact information on the proposed permit, or who requested notice of the final permit decision.

If you believe any conditions in the proposed permit are inappropriate, or that our initial decision to prepare the permit is inappropriate, you must raise all reasonably ascertainable issues and submit all reasonably ascertainable arguments supporting your position by the end of the public comment period. Any supporting materials that you submit must be included in full and may not be incorporated by reference, unless they are already part of the administrative docket for this permit proceeding or consist of State, Tribal, or Federal statutes and regulations, EPA documents of general availability, or other generally available referenced materials.

All comments received will be included in the public docket without change and will be available to the public, including any personal information provided, unless the comment includes Confidential Business Information (CBI) or other information whose disclosure is restricted by statute. Information that is considered to be CBI or otherwise protected should be clearly identified as such and should not be submitted through e-mail. If a commenter sends e-mail directly to the EPA, the e-mail address will be automatically captured and included as part of the public comment. Please note that an e-mail or postal address must be provided with comments if the commenter wishes to receive direct notification of EPA’s final decision regarding the proposed permit. Any interested person may request a public hearing on the proposed permit. The request must be submitted in writing and must state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised at the hearing. The request should be addressed to Suman Kunwar, Air and Radiation Division, Air Permitting and Monitoring Branch (8ARD-PM), U.S. EPA, Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129. Public hearing requests must be received by the EPA on or before the end of the public comment period. The EPA will hold a hearing whenever there is, on the basis of requests, a significant degree of public interest in a proposed MNSR permit. The EPA may also hold a public hearing at its discretion, whenever, for instance, such a hearing might clarify one or more issues involved in the MNSR permit decision.

The EPA will proceed with final permit issuance consistent with the proposed permit action. In accordance with 40 CFR §49.159, the final permit becomes effective 30 days after permit issuance, unless: (1) a later effective date is specified in the permit; or (2) the permit decision is appealed to EPA’s Environmental Appeals Board pursuant to 40 CFR §124.19; or (3) no comments resulted in a change to the proposed permit or a denial of the permit, in which case the EPA may make the final permit effective immediately upon issuance. The EPA will add the final MNSR permit to a list of final MNSR permit actions which is posted on the EPA Region 8 website at <http://www.epa.gov/caa-permitting/caa-permits-issued-epa-region-8>. Anyone may request a copy of the final MNSR permit at any time by contacting the Region 8 Air Permitting and Monitoring Branch at 1-800-227-8917 or sending an email to R8AirPermitting@epa.gov. If you would like to be added to our mailing list to be informed of future actions on this or other CAA permits issued in Indian country, please send your name and address to Tribal Air Permitting Contact, Air Permitting and Monitoring Branch (8ARD-PM), U.S. EPA Region 8, 1595 Wynkoop Street, Denver, CO 80202-1129, or by e-mail to R8AirPermitting@epa.gov.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe’s website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.
ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE
Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis. Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

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

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



PUBLIC SAFETY

San Juan Basin Public Health warns of potential scam

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is warning local businesses of a potential scam that references false infraction hearings related to violations of public health orders. The scam is in the form of a letter falsely representing SJBPH and refers to a case number and a hearing scheduled at the agency.

Authentic notices of public health violations would be served to an establishment by a process server and would refer to specific allegations and findings of fact and law. If you receive a letter you believe to be false please contact your local law enforcement agency.

SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

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

The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

UTILITIES

Can't pay your electric bill? LPEA can help

Now open for \$50,000 in residential bill-pay assistance

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

Residential members of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) who cannot pay their electric bill due to COVID-related economic hardship, are now able to apply for support through the LPEA COVID-19 Emergency Relief Fund. The fund, approved by the LPEA Board of Directors in March 2020, provides one-time emergency financial assistance of up to \$100 per residential member to persons who are usually self-sufficient but are unable to pay their electric bill due to COVID-19.

Members can apply online at: <https://lpea.coop/covidrelief>. Hard copy application forms are also available at the drive-through windows of LPEA's offices in Durango and Pagosa Springs. To be qualified, applicants must hold an active residential account or sub-account within LPEA's service territory and must carry a past due balance. Applicants should have

a solid payment history with LPEA prior to COVID-19 and must provide documentation that their economic hardship is COVID related. Applications are due no later than Mon., June 22 at 5 p.m. As there are not enough funds available to help all LPEA members in need, nor to clear all debt owed, LPEA asks its members to call 970-247-5786 to arrange flexible payment plans on past-due balances to avoid being disconnected. LPEA also encourages its members to explore other funds available for utility assistance at:

- Southwest Colorado Disaster Assistance: swco-da.org
- Pine River Shares: pinerivershares.org 970-884-6040
- Housing Solutions of the

Southwest: swhousingsolutions.com 970-259-1086

- Durango/Bayfield Family Center: lpfcc.org 970-385-4747
- Low Income Energy Assist: colorado.gov/pacific/cdhs/how-do-i-apply 866-432-8435

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 34,000 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit www.lpea.coop.



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

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

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Check out the Drum online at www.sudrum.com

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, June 19

82°F sunny

Increasing afternoon winds 20 mph

Saturday, June 20

85°F mostly sunny

Light to variable winds 25 mph

Sunday, June 21

90°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

June 21 June 28 July 5 July 12 July 20

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Place for a bucket of food

4 Nabe shows

10 Advanced in years

11 Helen Hunt Jackson book highlighting discrimination against Native Americans

12 Female Centaurs?

14 Meriwether --- and William Clark

15 Good earners for Sky Ute Casino

17 Juliette Binoche movie of 2000

20 Soccer body based in Tampa

23 "Loco-Motion" singer Little ---

24 Web encryption standard

25 Pete's cat upset to sit on the sidelines

28 Spanish pineapple

29 Northern California people whose name means "People" in their own language

33 Lt. Dan Band founder and actor

36 Choice

37 Arable land

38 --- Dome scandal

39 SLC Church

Down

1 Eyeliner powder

2 Floating ice

3 Reusable data storage option

4 Flash flood

5 It has proverbially long arms

6 "As I see it," in an e-mail

7 Small band

8 Prepares to be dubbed

9 Anna, Barbara and Clara

13 [Not my mistake]

16 Letters on a Cardinal's cap

18 Old Roman eggs

19 Plant favored by grimalkins

20 What makes a business singularly attractive

21 Keg peg?

22 Delaware people

26 King John's Magna ---

27 Bard's evening

30 "Good --- Hunting" (1997 movie)

31 Pre-loved

32 Openers

34 --- Harburg, who wrote the lyrics to "Somewhere Over the Rainbow"

35 The --- Canals

Answers for this crossword will appear in July 2 issue of the Drum.

Answers for June 5, 2020:

Across: 1 Tuba, 5 Cart, 9 Brunot, 11 Amir, 12 Aerial, 13 Peso, 14 Nans, 15 Amulet, 17 DDT, 18 Sit-ins, 19 OCD, 22 GAO, 23 Cashew, 26 Rad, 29 Ottawa, 30 Kale, 31 AWOL, 32 Uintah, 34 Sank, 35 Greene, 36 Trey, 37 Haws.

Down: 1 Turn to stone, 2 Unis, 3 Boa, 4 Atlas, 5 Caputa, 6 Ameliorates, 7 Risen, 8 Trots, 9 Band, 10 Read, 16 MiG, 20 Chalky, 21 Dew, 23 Coast, 24 At war, 25 Waugh, 27 Alan, 28 Dehe, 30 Knew, 33 Ira.