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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.

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Danielle Austin was among the volunteers from the Southern Ute Wildlife Division who helped facilitate the drive-through testing. 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

Southern Ute COVID-19 testing event update

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

Greeting tribal members, tribal staff, and tribal community.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Southern Ute Incident Management Team would like to reiterate the gratitude for all voluntary tribal members, tribal staff, and tribal community members who participated in the Community-Wide COVID-19 Testing Event held June 9-11, 2020.

The Southern Ute Health Center has diligently been calling all participants as

stated in the educational material that were provided based on the information provided by each testing participant on the registration forms completed on each respective day of testing.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Incident Management Team is pleased to report we conducted 828 COVID-19 swabbing tests and received only one positive result. The positive result was not a Southern Ute tribal member and the testing participant has been notified and followed up with the contact tracing group for proactive measures to assist with recovery.

While the Health Center continues to call all voluntary participants, there are a few phone numbers that do not have voice mail set up or phone numbers are no longer working numbers. We encourage all participants to contact the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 or the Southern Ute Call Center at 970-563-0214 to inquire and/or clarify test result information. The Southern Ute Health Center continues to operate daily Monday through Friday, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. to facilitate modified services during the Stay at Home Order.

courtesy Devon Hayes/SU Environmental Programs

The Brownfields Program is working with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) on scheduled assessments on Southern Ute Tribal Campus for the Annex, Dining Hall, KSUT, Old Casino Site and two debris sites, based on 2019 planning.

BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

EPA to assess historic sites on Tribal Campus

Staff report
BROWNFIELDS PROGRAM

The Brownfields Program assists SUT to assess and clean up contamination on properties, so business and community organizations can use them. A brownfield is a property, the expansion, redevelopment, or reuse of which may be complicated by the presence or potential presence of a hazardous substance, pollutant, or contaminant. Brownfields projects across the U.S. have created 144,800 jobs and raised property values up to 15 percent.

In the 1990's, local gov-

courtesy Denver Public Library

Utes and other Native American students sit at wooden tables in the Southern Ute Agency school's dining room in Ignacio. The girls sit at one end, the boys at the other.

ernments launched Brownfields pilot projects and developed guidance and tools with EPA seed money. The 2002 Small Busi-

ness Liability Relief and Brownfields Revitalization Act codified many of EPA's

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CORONAVRUS

Southern Ute Tribe provides status update on reopening plans

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team (IMT) has been working hard over the last few weeks to develop reopening plans to implement a phased return to work for tribal employees. The IMT has continued to closely monitor national, regional, and local increases in demand to relax social distancing restrictions, closures, and modifications to work practices. We understand the pressure is rooted in concern over the emotional and economic toll caused by the pandemic. Individuals may have experienced frustration and even grief about the loss of opportunity to enjoy the "normal" activities of life. While we continue to take the utmost caution, it is important that we prepare for the "new normal," beginning with plans to reopen when the health risks to the tribal membership and staff are drastically reduced.

Reopening plans are currently in draft form. A final plan will be approved before relaxation of any orders or work modifications could begin. There is no guaranteed timeline for this event, and the phased reopening is dependent on the status and spread of COVID-19. The planning process is a proactive preparation and no implementation schedule has been developed or approved.

Many state and local jurisdictions have made the decision to reopen and return to normal activity levels more quickly than the Southern Ute IMT and Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council. A disturbing trend has begun to emerge nationally over the last two weeks. More than half of states are experiencing significant increases in the number of new cases and hospitalizations due to COVID-19. It is well doc-

umented that Arizona is rapidly approaching a crisis level in both those metrics, setting records for new cases almost daily. In the last week, both Colorado and New Mexico have shown increases in new cases as compared to the previous week. The United States, as a whole, has continued to see a rise in new cases.

Neither Tribal Council, nor the IMT, can ignore these trends; therefore, we must reiterate the tribal "Stay at Home" Order is still in effect until further notice. The highest priority of Tribal Council and the Southern Ute IMT is the health and welfare of tribal members and staff. The Tribe is quite fortunate to have avoided the virus and its effects, both known and unknown, unlike individuals who reside in San Juan County, N.M. or on the Navajo Nation. A few hastily made decisions could potentially have a devastating impact to the Tribe in a matter of days, or weeks. The Southern Ute IMT has been scrutinizing both national and regional trends in new cases and hospitalizations, which appear to be correlated with reopening too early and failing to maintain safe hygiene practices and expectations for social distancing and appropriate face mask use. Both the Tribal Council and IMT would hope the tribal membership and staff enjoy the upcoming holiday, but must emphasize that everyone do so safely. Please wear face masks in public. Wash and sanitize your hands frequently. Avoid group activities. Stay at home

when possible. Maintain social distance of at least six feet when you must go out. Please remember we all play a part in the overall safety of others.

The Southern Ute IMT has, and will continue to collect, organize, and evaluate all pertinent data on a daily basis to make safe and informed decisions. When the data clearly shows that we can relax the "Stay at Home" Order and implement an approved return to work program safely, we will clearly communicate any reopening plan and then execute said plan with prowess. The Southern Ute IMT will also announce notable changes in the Tribe's position on reopening and any other important COVID-19 information. Please continue to observe the tribal websites, Southern Ute Drum website, tribal social media and listen to KSUT Tribal Radio for updated information.

If you have questions related to COVID-19 or modified tribal operations, please call the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's COVID-19 Call Center at 970-563-0214. The Call Center is open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. The Call Center will be closed Friday, July 3, in observance of the Independence Day holiday.

If you are sick, self-isolate. If your symptoms worsen call your healthcare provider. Tribal members and Southern Ute Health Center patients can call the Health Center at 970-563-4581 to schedule an appointment. Walk-ins will not be permitted for the health and safety of patients and staff. Please first call to schedule your appointment and then call upon your arrival.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation during these challenging times. Please remain safe.

Youth officially break ground

Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) join the Southern Ute Tribal Council for the official groundbreaking ceremony of the new skatepark at SunUte park. SCSYAC members: Elijah Weaver, Nate and Elliot Hendren and Lexy Young join Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage and Councilman Cedric Chavez, to hold ceremonial golden shovels on the site of the new skatepark. Chairman Sage and Councilman Chavez offered words of praise and support during the groundbreaking ceremony, Friday, June 26.

See more groundbreaking photos on page 7.

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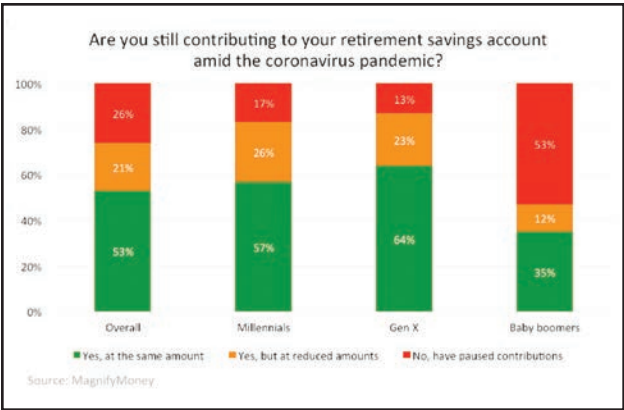
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Is the coronavirus emptying retirement accounts?

By Lorelei Cloud,
Treasurer
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Retirement accounts across the country are suffering, according to a new survey by personal finance company MagnifyMoney (www.magnifymoney.com/). Some Americans have either stopped contributing to their retirement accounts or have decreased their contributions because of the coronavirus crisis. Even worse, Americans are pulling money out of their retirement accounts to pay for essentials. The survey went out to people of all ages who had a retirement savings account. When asked the question “Are you still contributing to your retirement savings account amid the coronavirus pandemic?”, almost half of all respondents said they had either stopped their contributions or at least lowered them.

And as you can see, the Baby Boomer generation (ages 55 to 74) has been impacted the most.

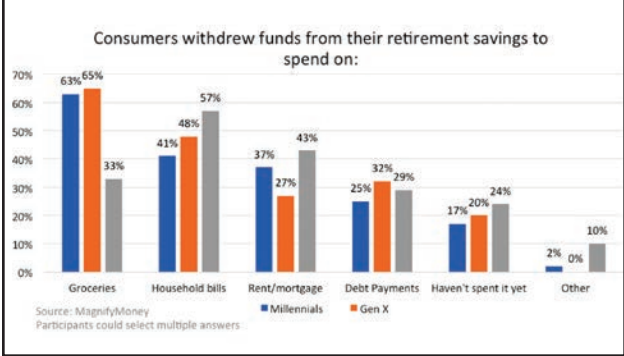


This is troubling because folks in their 50s and 60s are the ones who need to keep their contributions steady. No one wants to get to the



Lorelei Cloud
Treasurer
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

finish line only to find out that their retirement savings are insufficient and that they have to continue to work.



One of the most concerning outcomes of the survey is

Some of this can be explained by individuals taking advantage of new legislation allowing penalty-free withdrawals. But the majority of people pulling money from retirement accounts are doing it to cover day to day expenses.

The majority of the Baby Boomers said they needed the money to go towards household bills. The majority of millennials and Gen Xers needed the funds for groceries.

It makes sense that folks are searching for ways to come up with cash. More than 36 million jobless claims have been filed in

the last two months. And the unemployment rate exceeded 14 percent in April 2020 (according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics), a level which hasn't been seen for decades.

It's unfortunate that many have had to turn to their retirement nest eggs to cover necessary expenses. Many people in the U.S. have adopted the attitude of just surviving this crisis, but don't forget about an important goal: being able to retire when you want and live comfortably during retirement.

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SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

We Care About Your Health and Safety

Temporary closure update

Staff report
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

The Sky Ute Casino Resort has been temporarily closed since March 23, 2020 in response to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our first priority is the health and well-being of our guests, employees and larger community. As such, we are proceeding with an abundance

of caution as we begin to plan a reopening date. Though the situation remains uncertain, we are hopeful this date is getting closer. We are carefully listening to guidance from the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), the Colorado Governor's Office and our Tribal Council directives and taking their recommendations seriously.

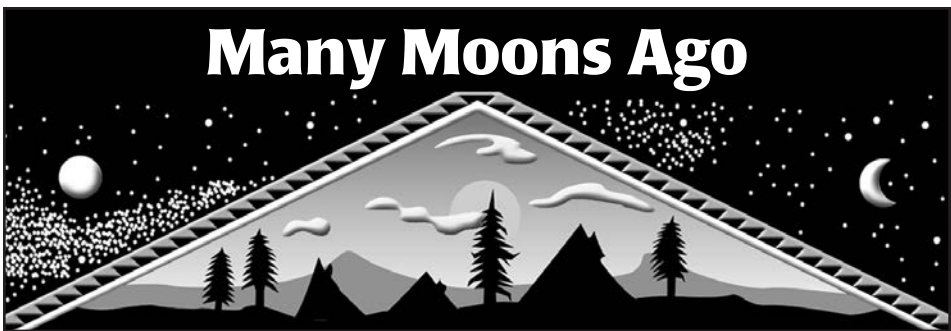
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all of our valued guests back to our casino, restaurants and resort soon. Our team is carefully planning how to do this in the safest manner possible with the information we have available to us. Thank you for your patience and understanding. We can't wait to see you again and will continue to provide updates as we have them during this time.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE UPDATE

Sky Ute Casino Resort remains temporarily closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are planning our reopening with an abundance of caution and look forward to welcoming guests back as soon as it is safe.

We look forward to greeting you all again soon.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Neida Ray enters the arena with other dancers during an exhibition powwow in Cascade Canyon. The Heritage Train on June 27 provided a cultural experience along the tracks of the Durango & Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad as Southern Ute tribal members shared stories and answered questions by the River of Lost Souls. Elders and traditional dancers also explained Ute regalia in preparation for the exhibition powwow. This photo was published in the July 2, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

On Wednesday, June 14, these young entrepreneurs took advantage of the hot summer day by erecting a lemonade stand on Goddard Avenue in Ignacio. They were trying to raise money for summer spending. Pictured (from left to right) are Tyler Baker, Megan Frost, Dravin Rock, Sairia Baker, Jonathan Chavez, Alex Chavez, and Gabriel Rock. This photo was published in the June 30, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Kids and staff enjoy summer activities as part of a partnership between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Recreation Department and the Colorado Rural Recreation Development Project. Pictured (left to right) are Patrick Hight, Rhett Herrera, Shane Dodd, Esther Olguin, Joe Naranjo, Jeremy Dodd, Aaron Gallero, Ella Joy, Marcie Herrera, Joe Weaver, Lenay Naranjo, Billy Valdez, Jr, Valdez. Kneeling, Julie Olguin, Rob Barth and Angelo "Mr. J." Valdez. This photo was published in the July 6, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Ed Marty speaks to a summer youth group at Ute Park. This photo was published in the July 4, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



COLORADO HISTORY

Hands-On History summer camp returns in July!

Staff report
UTE INDIAN MUSEUM

Hands-On History provides safe, engaging learning opportunities for elementary and middle school children. For summer break, the Ute Indian Museum will offer Thursday-Friday day camps to meet the needs of Montrose families.

With ongoing concerns about COVID-19, our staff's primary concern is the safety of all students and families at Hands-On History summer camp. Our camp will be limited to 10 children, and students will be required to wear masks in accordance with current

safety guidelines. Find out more about our protocols for Safe at Camp.

Parents: there are limited slots available for this summer. If you want to enroll your child in our summer program, please register online today. This email is an early announcement. Register Online.

- Kids ages 6 & up
- A fun, safe, affordable, history-based education program designed for working families.
- Thursdays and Fridays from July 16 to Aug. 7, 8:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- Cost is \$70 per week,

and with scholarships available for families who qualify for free/reduced lunch, families enrolling multiple students, and museum members.

The schedule:

- July 16-17: Renew! Recycling & Reusing
- July 23-24: Splash! Wild Water
- July 30-31: Persist! Survival Fun
- August 6-7: Create! Native Arts

If you have any questions, Carly Jones at 970-249-3098 or at carly.jones@state.co.us.

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policies awnd then the 2018 Brownfields Utilization, Investment and Local Development (BUILD) Act reauthorized them.

The SUIT Brownfields Inventory has over 70 sites reported since 2006. Sites range from initial reports, to assessments and sampling, removal actions, institutional controls, and no further action. Site status is in the Public Record on the website. Six sites are scheduled for EPA assessments this summer, while work continues on other sites.

SUIT's Brownfields grant focuses on identifying property development needs, prioritizing reported sites, developing policies, and getting adequate training to oversee environmental assessments, institutional controls, and remediation. So, how do you know when the property is safe for reuse?

To safely reuse the property, contamination is removed, reduced, and controlled enough to lower health risks during specific activities. The EPA created Screening Levels for chemicals in materials, soil, water, and tissue based on studies of the cancer and health risks. Contamination must be cleaned up to lower levels to be protective for

activities in a Residential Zone than in an Industrial Zone. This happens to be the case for the BIA Boarding School buildings.

Back in the 1930's the BIA built the Ignacio Boarding School with materials considered to be high quality. Asbestos is durable, fire resistant, sound-proof, doesn't conduct electricity, and was seen as decorative. Asbestos is a mineral that can be curly, which was used for insulation, or straight like a rod, which was used to strengthen floor tiles. From 1945-1989, asbestos was used in all sorts of products from hot plates to popcorn ceilings. Then people realized asbestos damages the lungs and causes cancer.

The Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act of 1986 required schools to inspect their buildings for asbestos and take appropriate abatement actions using accredited persons for inspection and abatement. This applied to public buildings and multi-family residences by 1992. Asbestos was banned from fireproofing and insulation by 1975, but a phase out rule was overturned in 1991 allowing asbestos use if hazard information is provided. The 2016 Significant New Use Rule approved

new uses for asbestos.

Lead also seemed helpful to make paint durable and brighter, until people realized it harms the brain and nervous system, and causes learning and behavior problems, so it was banned in 1978. EPA requires individuals and firms who perform abatement projects in pre-1978 housing and child-occupied facilities to be certified and follow specific work practices.

The Brownfields Program also scheduled assessments for two debris dumps. Removing and safely disposing debris, like televisions or batteries with hazardous metals, helps keep grazing units safe for healthy livestock and good water quality.

EPA assessments are scheduled for July 2020 for the Annex, Dining Hall, KSUT, Old Casino Site and two debris sites, based on 2019 planning. Staying on schedule depends on pandemic safety and we'll shift priorities as necessary.

To see the Brownfields Public Record, report a site, and learn more, please visit our website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/env-comp-brownfields/>

NATIVE JOURNALISM

#EndRacistMascots campaign to eliminate racialized mascots in media

Staff report
NATIVE AMERICAN JOURNALISTS ASSOCIATION

The Native American Journalists Association (NAJA) was joined on Jan. 23 by the National Association of Black Journalists, National Association of Hispanic Journalists, Asian American Journalists Association, and Society of Professional Journalists to call for the immediate discontinuance of race-based sports mascots in media. The demand also called for clear policy development and implementation that clarifies the harm these mascots cause, and the practical editorial methods to avoid their use on all platforms.

A growing body of scientific research clearly demonstrates the harm caused by the portrayal of race-based mascots in media. The harm includes negative impacts on the self-esteem of In-

digenous youth, increased prejudicial attitudes toward Indigenous people, and increased stereotyping of other minority groups.

This evidence has been ignored by media outlets to the detriment of Indigenous people, and media outlets owe it to their organizations, readership, and society to do better. The socially responsible remedy to this grave injustice is to cease any further dissemination of sports mascots, nicknames and logos.

This policy change is long overdue. NAJA has long held the stance that Indig-

enous-themed mascots and team names inherently reinforce racist attitudes and behaviors. They perpetuate stereotypes and act as a replacement for the accurate and authentic portrayal of history, culture and lived experience. This replacement "disappears" contemporary Indigenous lives in the broader fabric of society, rendering it more difficult to address the life or death issues confronting many Indigenous communities.

NAJA is asking its membership and supports to share the statement to help us #EndRacistMascots.



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Head Start Building Survey

Tribal Council requests tribal member input on Ute history!

The Head Start building is considered to be one of the last salvageable Indian Boarding School era structures in the State of Colorado. The building contains a mural, by artist Sam Ray, which depicts traditional Ute life. Tribal Council and the Cultural Preservation Department encourage enrolled Southern Ute tribal members to complete the survey which will assist in determining whether to rehabilitate and repurpose the Head Start building or if the building should be demolished. Your feedback is important.

The survey can be completed in the following ways:

Tribal Members can complete the survey by going to the Tribal Member Portal to find the Survey Monkey link, hard copies can be delivered to the drop box placed at the entrance of the Southern Ute Museum round-a-bout, or by calling the Tribal Council Comment Line at 970.563.4705, extension 7902.

Created & Published by Lindsay J. Box

Survey will begin on Monday, June 29, 2020 and conclude on July 28, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.

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

Fourth of July salad

By Lisa Smith, RDN
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Serve this nutrient packed salad for your Fourth of July celebration!
A combination of greens, fruit, nuts and healthy fats provide an array of nutrients to help complete your meal. This festive salad is not only delicious but colorful, too!



courtesy PBS.org

Red, White & Blueberry Salad

*Directions for Balsamic Vinaigrette

- 4 cups mixed greens (spinach, kale, endive, escarole, etc.)
- ¼ wedge chopped purple cabbage
- ½ cup sliced strawberries
- ½ cup blueberries
- ¼ cup feta cheese
- 1/3 cup pinion nuts
- Balsamic vinaigrette (see directions)*

- 1. ½ cup olive oil
- 2. 3 T balsamic vinegar
- 3. 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 4. 1 tablespoon honey
- 5. 2 cloves garlic
- 6. Salt and pepper to taste
- 7. Pinch of herbs such as basil, oregano or thyme (optional)
- 8. Place all ingredients in a container with lid and shake vigorously to combine. Keep refrigerated.

- 1. Place all ingredients in a large bowl and toss with dressing to combine.
- 2. Serve immediately.

Cooking with SunUte Fitness



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Abel Velasquez, a trainer with the SunUte Fitness program, partnered up with Deanna Frost, the Southern Ute Tribe's Food Distribution Program Director and Rebecca McKibben, Culinary Manager with Manna Soup Kitchen, to host the most recent video, which highlights cooking techniques based on protein forward recipes with an emphasis on nutrition and fitness. The demonstration took place in Ignacio on Tuesday, June 23.
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 used ground bison meat from the Food Distribution program to cook up healthy, yet delicious, tacos using fresh ingredients.

Stay tuned: Next week we highlight whole grains with Lisa Smith of Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.



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:** 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.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Mental health and racial tensions

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Today is a unique time in history - with the current pandemic and the call for system changes in our police systems, justice systems, and overall policies and procedures that have effectively created and sustained health disparities within certain populations rather than others. With this said, how does this affect the mental health of minority populations, especially people of color which includes Native Americans?

Mental Health and Racial Tensions

Let's be clear about one thing, there is a clear link to mental health disparities and demographics. According to the National Council for Behavioral Health, "Though communities of color, because of socioeconomic challenges, may be at higher risk for poor mental health, this stigma contributes to a reluctance to recognize the need for the help of a physician or therapist." And according to the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Office of Minority Health. "Adult Black/African Americans are 20 percent more likely to report serious psychological distress than adult Whites."

According to Mental Health America, "Native Americans experience serious psychological distress 1.5 times more than the general population." Native Americans have seen and felt their share of discrimination and forced assimilation. They've seen the effects of boarding schools and all the tools and decisions of the past that were used to "kill the Indian but save the man." We like to call this historical trauma, but it is not only "historical." Native American communities continue to face ongoing disparities

in access to health services and treatment, nutrient-rich foods, transportation, resources, education, supplies and goods, employment, and economic development. All these disparities affect our mental health state.

We might worry about becoming sick and how to pay for treatment. We might not have reliable transportation to travel more than 15 miles from home to get treatment or sign up for resources that are in bigger cities or towns. We might be looked at differently or talked to differently because of the color of our skin or our accent. All these examples can weigh heavily on our mental state and sometimes even stir up past traumatic incidents, especially for our elders who may have experienced racial tensions or discrimination in the past.

So how can we respond?

Some may look towards prayer to cope, or empathize with those who are still being discriminated against due to the color of their skin, their language, their sexuality, their gender, their race or country of origin, or just for being different. Some may look towards different forms of action and this could range from educating themselves and their households about discrimination and the history of the United States from a person of color's perspective. Some may write their political figures to ask them to stand up against racism of all forms (individual, interpersonal and institutional racism). And some might act out in violence or destruction because of the pain, sadness, and anger they feel. If you feel this way, there are many more productive and effective ways to channel those feelings, including art, journaling, poetry, music, and laughter with people who are close to us.

Whatever way we choose to participate to make this place we call home better for all, we must keep in mind it can also take a toll on our mental health. It is important and okay to take a step away from the news and social media and take some time for yourself.

If our mind is hurt, much like our body, we must give it time to heal and we must find ways that help the healing process.

What are some ways the mind can heal?

Here are some tips and ideas from the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division and the Native Connections Program:

- Get a full night's rest (Seven-nine hours of uninterrupted sleep).
- Volunteer your time to a purpose you believe in but that will not overwhelm you.
- Write down your thoughts and experiences in a journal.
- Take a walk, a jog, a bike ride, or workout at least once a day for five-30 minutes.
- Laugh more.
- And as always, it's good to schedule a conversation with a counselor or therapist. We go to the doctor when our body hurts, why shouldn't we go to a counselor or therapist when our mind hurts?

And for more information about how to fight racism, check out the United Nations website "Lets Fight Racism!" at www.un.org/en/letsfightracism.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

Looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma and start the discussion around suicide and prevention.

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

Contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

Upcoming Trainings

FREE online Suicide Prevention Training- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Southern Ute Tribe Employees and for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Let's all learn the warning signs and what to do if someone is experiencing a crisis.

Please contact Precious Collins at 970-306-8131 or email prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up.



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



STRONGHEARTS

Recognizing male victim-survivors

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE
HELPLINE

Men can be victims of domestic violence; domestic violence can happen to anyone. Media and socialization may lead you to believe otherwise, but the truth is men, and people of all genders, can be and are victims of domestic violence. Abuse against men can start at a very young age and the effect carries on with them into adulthood. When it comes to sexual violence, domestic violence, and dating violence, men who reported abuse have indicated that not only were they sexually assaulted both as a child and as an adult, but also their struggles with intimate partner violence continues indefinitely as victims and/or perpetrators.

Increased Rates of Violence in Indian Country

According to the recent National Institute of Justice report, statistics show that there is an increased rate of violence among intimate partners in Indian Country. In the male category alone, four out of five men have experienced violence in their lifetime; one in four has experienced sexual violence; one in three has endured physical violence by an intimate partner and nearly three in four have experienced psychological aggression by an intimate partner. Fortunately, there is work being done to reduce this rate of violence.

“There isn’t a lot of research out there especially when it comes to Native American men,” said Len-ny Hayes, MA, Executive Director of Tate Topa Consulting, explaining that even the highest rates of violence recorded are most likely underestimated due to the stigma associated with men and boys being sexually abused. “I feel that within the Na-tive community, we haven’t even begun to acknowledge or create a safe space for Native men to heal.”

Eliminating Barriers

As a mental health therapist, Hayes works with children, adults, Native people, Two-Spirit and LGBTQ individuals. He remains adamant that males need to break down the barriers of silence and the stigma of being a victim of sexual violence. Regardless of gender, all victims need to be acknowledged, supported and have resources available to them.

“If men weren’t brought up in a healthy environment, they don’t know how to have a healthy relationship in adulthood. We need to create a safe space for men in our communities to heal,” says Hayes.

Hayes is encouraged by Native men who have thanked him after they told him about their own personal experiences. “My response is to acknowledge [them] and express that I believed [them],” said Hayes explaining that acknowledgment is an important first step to finding the help they need.

Moving Forward

Understanding that males are victims of sexual, domestic violence, and dating violence includes breaking the silence and breaking down barriers. Being a victim is not a sign of weakness. Acknowledging a need to heal is a measure of a victim’s strength and ability to survive.

Here are a few ideas to help men affected by domestic violence:

- **Believe victim-survivors:** One of the most important things that we can do to support male victim-survivors is to simply believe. Listen without questioning the victim’s experience.
- **Document the abuse:** Suggest that they keep track of the abuse. They can take pictures, keep a calendar or start journaling as a way to document the abuse. Documenting the abuse can help in two ways: It can be a ca-

thartic way to deal with negative emotions and it may also help the victim to obtain legal aid later on. Remind them that if they decide to document the abuse, to keep their document secure so their partner can’t destroy the evidence and so they can remain safe while they figure out the next steps in the relationship.

- **Find a support system:** Perhaps there’s a good friend or relative that they can confide in when talking about what they are experiencing. Having a strong support system could be vital to their emotional well-being. Creating and nurturing healthy relationships can help heal some of the mental trauma from abuse.
- **Encourage them to take a proactive approach to their own safety:** Keeping their mental, emotional and physical sanity in check are great ways for them to remain grounded during and after a situation of abuse. Perhaps they like to play basketball, create art or read. Encourage them to do things that make them happy and feel good about themselves.
- **Reach out:** To explore your options for safety and healing, click on the “Chat Now” icon on this page to open a one-on-one chat with an advocate or call 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. Callers reaching out after hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline by selecting option one.

StrongHearts Native Helpline understands it can be difficult to talk about domestic violence in tribal communities. The alarming rates of Native Americans and Alaska Natives experiencing domestic violence demands that we unite, acknowledge and support all victims regardless of gender, sexual orientation, or relationship status.

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. Visit www.strongheartshelpline.org/ for more information.

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.



The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) is a comprehensive federal law passed in 1978. It's designed to protect American Indian Children, Families and Tribes unnecessary child removal and displacement. ICWA requires when American Indian Children need to be placed out of home, they are placed with extended family and in homes that reflect American Indian Culture.

ICWA PREFERENCE:

Placement of Native American Children will follow ICWA guidelines:

- A member of the child’s extended family
- A foster home, approved or specified by the Indian child’s federally recognized tribe.
- An Indian foster home licensed or approved by an authorized non-Indian agency
- An institute for children approved by an Indian tribe or operated by an Indian organization that has a program suitable to meet the child’s needs.

Who is Division of Social Service—Foster Care?

We are a dedicated team of professionals who engage in purposeful collaborations with Tribal, State and County agencies. We are essential in building momentum, energy and accountability to enhance the effort and improve the well-being of Southern Ute Indian children and families who reside on this beautiful southwest Indian reservation.

Contact me:

Lisa Burch Frost,
Foster Care Coordinator
Division of Social Services

Phone: 970/563-0100 Ext# 2330
Fax#970/563-0330
Email: lfrost@southernute.nsn.gov

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Division of Social Services
Tribal Services
Department

970/563-0209



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."



STRONGHEARTS
Native Helpline
1-844-7NATIVE

Southern Ute Social Services

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



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

Native Connections
Program presents...

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

ONLINE
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
TRAINING

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

Self-paced training:

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



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PRECIOUS COLLINS

970-306-8131 OR
prcollins@southernute.nsn.gov



LAND MANAGEMENT

The BLM asks public for help in preventing human-caused wildfires

Enjoy public lands safely and reduce wildfire risk

Staff report
BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT

The arrival of vacation season and increasing wildfire activity with hot, dry summer weather in the West is prompting the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) to ask the public to help prevent wildland fires, the majority of which are caused by people.

The Southwest and Alaska are currently experiencing fire activity, with numerous large wildfires occurring, and other states may experience significant wildfire activity over the next few months.

“Every year, human-caused wildfires comprise approximately 87 percent of all wildfire ignitions across the country, posing considerable threat to public and firefighter safety,” says William Perry Pendley, BLM Deputy Director for Policy and Programs. “These wildfires are preventable and this year, more than ever, our wildland firefighters need the public’s help in reducing human-caused wildfire risk.”

The National Interagency Fire Center’s (NIFC) Predictive Services unit, which assesses wildfire potential throughout the country, predicts above-normal wildfire potential this year in areas of Oregon, Washington, California, Nevada, Utah, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Arizona, New Mexico, and Hawaii due to expected

high temperatures, dry vegetation, and other weather factors including high winds. Because of these conditions, human-caused wildfire ignitions have the potential to quickly grow out of control and threaten lives, property, and precious natural resources.

People accidentally start wildfires during numerous activities, so the public is asked to help reduce ignitions from causes such as campfires, debris burning, equipment use, or even from an automobile’s hot tailpipe scorching dry grass. “We always encourage visitors to enjoy public lands,” adds Pendley. “We just ask them to enjoy their public lands responsibly; with a few simple precautions, they can reduce human-caused wildfires throughout the country. Fewer human-caused wildfires will allow our wildland firefighters to focus more on lightning-caused wildfires, which we cannot prevent.”

The BLM works with its local, state, and federal partners to provide wildfire prevention tips, tools, and techniques to reduce human-caused wildfires, including a recent video about how to prevent wildfires on public lands. Visit BLM Fire and Aviation’s Facebook page, or the National Interagency Fire Center’s wildfire prevention webpage, to find additional wildfire prevention resources.

Many states issue wildfire prevention orders every year to reduce human-caused wildfires, and some areas implement fire restrictions during periods of high wildfire risk. Visit www.blm.gov to find more information about possible fire prevention orders and fire restrictions in your area.

Additionally, people who live near wildlands should prepare their homes and communities for wildfire. A few simple landscaping techniques can greatly improve a home’s survivability during a wildfire event, so visit www.nfpa.org for more information.

Bureau of Land Management (BLM)

The BLM manages more than 245 million acres of public land located primarily in 12 Western states, including Alaska. The BLM also administers 700 million acres of sub-surface mineral estate throughout the nation. In fiscal year 2018, the diverse activities authorized on BLM-managed lands generated \$105 billion in economic output across the country. This economic activity supported 471,000 jobs and contributed substantial revenue to the U.S. Treasury and state governments, mostly through royalties on minerals.

Follow the BLM on Twitter, Facebook, and Flickr @BLMNational

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.

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.

Is CORONAVIRUS EMPTYING SAVINGS • FROM PAGE 1

Today, let’s go over three important topics: Your retirement savings rate, housing, and other debt levels, and how much you need in case of an emergency.

1. How much should you save each year for retirement?

If you want to achieve financial success in life, you need to save; there is no other way around it. You can’t rely on the Federal government or anyone else to take care of you when you enter your golden years. If you haven’t saved enough money, it will be hard to live the retirement lifestyle you are hoping for.

You should have a goal to save at least 15 percent of your pre-tax income. This includes employee and employer contributions.

Let’s say you work for an organization with a retirement plan like the Tribe and have an annual salary of \$50,000. If you contribute five percent of that to your 401(k) plan and your employer matches your contribution up to four percent as well as six percent profit sharing, you’ll end up saving \$7,500 each year. You are saving 15 percent of your salary, but don’t forget to save from other sources of income you have.

In the long term, you’ll need to start saving more. Of course, how much you need to save depends on your age when you start saving, and what your anticipated costs will be after retirement. If you started saving early, your savings will benefit from compound interest (please see prior article on compound interest for more information <https://www.sudrum.com/eEditions/DrumPDF/2020/SUDrum-20200228.pdf>).

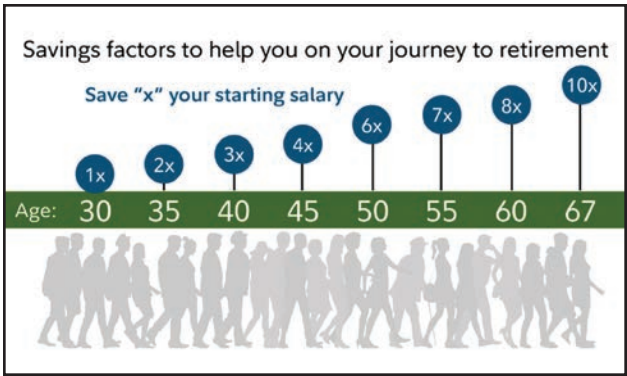
But if you haven’t started, start now and put a plan together to continue to increase your savings rate at least annually. One way to do this is to schedule an automatic annual increase to your retirement savings that aligns with your pay increases. That way, when your salary increases, so does your savings rate.

Every situation is different, but in general, you should follow these guidelines from Fidelity (the Tribe’s 401k provider) for how much you should have in your retirement savings. In the following graphic, the x is a benchmark for how much you should have saved by what age – for example, if you are 40 years old and earn \$50,000 per year, you should have \$150,000 (\$50,000 salary times 3) in retirement savings to be on track. If you are not on track, you may want to plan to increase your retirement savings rate. <https://www.fidelity.com/>

If you have children, grandchildren, or nieces and

nephews starting out in their careers, please be sure to stress the importance of saving. The earlier the better.

spreads across the world causing much of the economy to shut down. Be sure that when you



And even if you haven’t been saving since age 25, it’s never too late to start. Make saving money a priority. Make it a habit. Go without a \$100 meal once a month and sock that money away for retirement instead.

2. How much debt should you have?

For most of us, a house is the most expensive purchase we will ever make. You want a house that you can live comfortably in, but you also don’t want to get in a hole paying a mortgage or rent you can’t afford.

As a general rule, your housing costs should be less than 28 percent of your gross pay.

Housing costs include principal, interest, taxes, and home insurance. So, if your total housing costs are \$2,000 each month, you’ll need a monthly income of at least \$7,142 per month, or about \$85,000 per year.

If you calculate your housing costs and you are over 28 percent, you are paying too much for your housing, and it might be time to downsize.

And as you approach your retirement age, your housing costs should decrease and only make up about 5 percent of gross pay.

Also, if you throw in other debt such as car loans, student loans, or credit-card payments, your total debt shouldn’t exceed 36 percent of your gross salary, unless you are nearing retirement age.

Here’s the formula ... (Housing Costs + Other Debt Payments) / Gross Pay ≤ 36 percent interest rates are really low, but debt levels still need to be managed. Keep this formula in mind when you’re thinking about taking on more debt.

And ideally, your total debt should be about 10 percent or less of gross pay for someone nearing retirement age.

3. How much of a rainy-day fund should you have?

You should always have about three to six months worth of expenses in cash, savings, or other items that are easy to convert to cash.

In case you lose your job, you may need savings for unexpected costs such as medical bills, unexpected car repairs or, if a virus

calculate your monthly expenses, you include items such as groceries, education, clothing, and insurance. Don’t include discretionary expenses like vacations or a new car. In times of emergency, you can go without those.

How much you need in your emergency fund also depends on your situation. If you are the sole provider in your family, you should have an emergency fund closer to six months worth of expenses. If you and your spouse are both employed and both bring in roughly the same income, you could probably get away with three months worth of expenses.

But no matter what, always have an emergency fund of a minimum of three times your monthly expenses. This should be the minimum goal for all households.

If in times of crisis you need to dip into your emergency fund, make it a priority to replenish it as soon as possible.

Coronavirus and unemployment headlines are dominating the news right now, and that’s what most folks are talking about. But don’t lose sight of your financial goals.

No matter what age you are: save, keep your debt levels under control, and always be prepared for an emergency.

Also, did I mention the importance of saving?

If you want to learn more about saving, retirement, or budgeting, here are some resources for you to consider:

- www.suzeorman.com/
- www.daveramsey.com/
- www.kiplinger.com/
- www.decoda.ca/read-all-about-lit/five-indigenous-financial-literacy-resources/

If you’d rather have a face-to-face discussion with someone, there are a number of local advisors and you should find one you are comfortable with. Here’s a place to start your search: <https://www.letsmakeaplan.org/>

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me. Lorelei Cloud, Treasurer, Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970-563-0100 or via email locloud@southernute-nsn.gov.

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SUNUTE

Skatepark officially breaks ground

By Robert Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council were joined by members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) for the official groundbreaking ceremony at the under-construction skatepark in the SunUte Park, adjacent to the playground and basketball court. Participants kept a safe-distance under protocol and wore proper PPE (Personal Protection Equipment), while construction work was paused for the small ceremony.

The dedication included words from the SCSYAC, and Tribal Council members in attendance for the groundbreaking, which took place, Friday, June 19. Weeminuche Construction, out of Towaoc, Colo., began work the week of June 15, with a completion date scheduled for Thanksgiving of this year.

Much of the infrastructure for the skatepark is already in place at the Sun-Ute park, and the extra cost savings for a crosswalk and other amenities will benefit the alternate site, allowing for more skateable area and a better overall design. The



Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage speaks about the skatepark and the hard work it took to get to this point – breaking ground on the construction of the skatepark. Councilman Cedric Chavez (right) also offered some words to attendees during the groundbreaking.

original site was proposed across from the Thriftway convenience store in the old Pino Nuche and Sky Ute Casino lot.

The skatepark will provide many of the features

the young skaters desire, such as a skate bowl, which would not have been included in the initial version of the proposed design, the skaters will soon have a place they can call their own.



Brothers of the board, Nate Hendren catches a little air, as brother Elliot readies for some board time of his own.

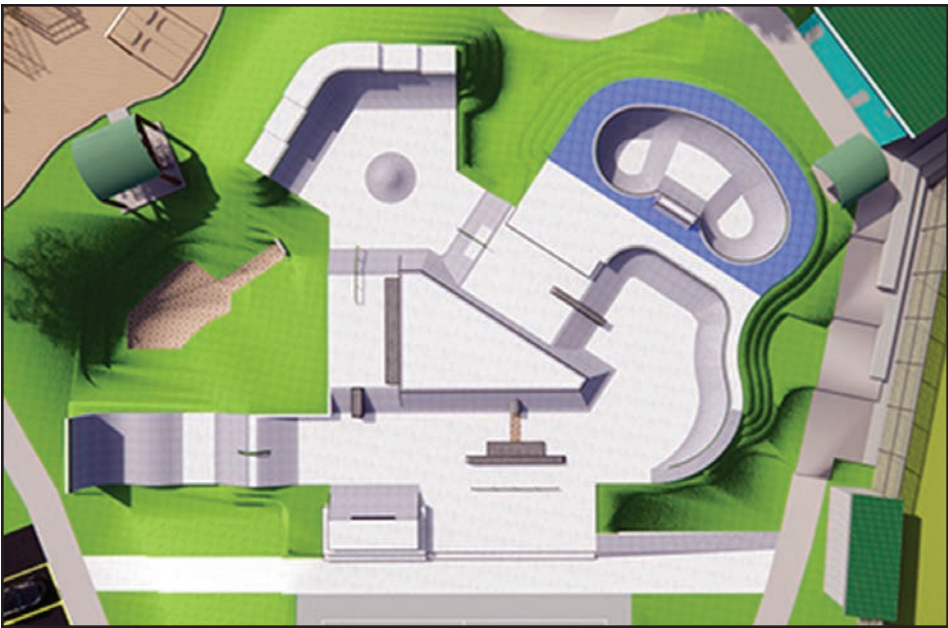


Members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council thank the workers of Weeminuche Construction after the groundbreaking ceremony.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Sunshine Cloud Smith Advisory Council and Southern Ute Tribal Council members load up a shovelful of gravel for the groundbreaking ceremony and spread it on the site.



A bird-eye-view of the 3D rendering of the skatepark. The baseball field is in the upper-right hand corner and the playground is to the left of the skatepark.

20+ Random Acts of Kindness

- leave some quarters in the car wash**
- Introduce yourself to someone you don't know.**
- Leave a positive note on a mirror**
Tip: Carry sticky notes, because writing on a mirror is no bueno. Try something like this: "You look gorgeous!" or "My, who let this amazing unicorn in here?" That sort of thing.
- Sidewalk chalk hearts = happy.**
They'll wash off in the next rain but brighten days until then!
- When you're making a dish, double it for a friend who you know is super busy right now.**
- Send dessert to the next table**
- Be kind to yourself**
- Buy a beer for a friend!**
Or coffee, or tea, or ice cream... Did you know in some places (like, the Courtyard & Cellar) you can "leave" a beer (or whatever the place sells) for someone else? Generally, there's a list on the wall o on a board, saying, "So and so buys _____ for _____." You pay for their drink in advance, and th next time they come in, it's on you! Fun!
- Facebook message genuine compliments to friends & family**
- Write or email someone who made a difference in your life**
- Forgive, forgive, forgive. Accept, accept, accept.**
Let's cut everyone a little slack.
- put down your phone**
- Say yes at the store when the cashier asks if you want to donate \$1 to whichever cause.**
- Buy lemonade from a lemonade stand**
- Pick up trash & bring it to the nearest can.**
- Anonymous cards**
A piece of mail literally asking someone to "Open Me!?" Fun! Write positive or uplifting cards, and then tuck them away around town... ideas? In a library book, on a bulletin board or an empty seat at the coffee shop.
Or you could write thank yous to specific folks in community making positive change!
- Bring your neighbor a treat**
Baking on a rare, chilly summer morning? Make extra and bring some over to a neighbor.
- Hold the door for someone**
It's the Midwestern way!
- smile**
- Pass some kids clothes on to another family.**
- Leave more than a 20% tip next time you dine out. And tip at the coffee shop!**

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

- Completed paperwork
- Need blank paperwork
- ★ Registration table
- ★ Paperwork fill out parking

If you bring completed paperwork and have payment ready or have paid online, please follow the blue route and stop at registration table.

If you need paperwork to fill out, please follow yellow route and stop at registration table for paperwork. You may then proceed to the parking lot by the green star to park and fill out your paperwork in your vehicle. Once it is completed, please re-enter the blue route.

Please do not exit your vehicle.



FIRE UPDATE

Six Shooter Fire fully contained

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The Six Shooter Fire was reported on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at approximately 3:30, Tuesday, June 16. The fire was located in the Six Shooter Canyon.

The Six Shooter Fire is now 100 percent contained. Crews spent time strengthening the control lines and mopping up the interior. Fire personnel remained on the fire area through Monday.

The Durango Interagency IMT 3 managed the Six Shooter Fire. Multiple assisted with the fully extinguishing the fire. A total of 110 personnel worked on the fire. Ground resources included fire personnel, two crews, four modules, 7 type-6 fire engines, and one dozer.

To monitor the air quality on or near the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, 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/

Oil and gas operations were able to resume normal operations this week.



courtesy Rich Gustafson/BIA Southern Ute Agency

Air resources aided in the initial fire response. The Six Shooter Fire was reported on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation Tuesday, June 16, and has since been fully contained by fire management teams.

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.

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

FIRE UPDATE

Strong winds increase Sand Creek Fire acreage

Staff report
ROCKY MOUNTAIN INCIDENT
MANAGEMENT TEAM

Current Situation: The Sand Creek Fire has grown to 88 acres. An infrared flight on Monday mapped the increased acreage that occurred on Sunday. The fire's growth was primarily on the northwest corner, as the fire crept uphill through heavy fuels.

On Monday, gusty winds over the fire kept the fire creeping through heavy fuels, but little smoke was produced. The fire remains in the Little Sand Fire scar moving through heavy dead and downed fuels. On Tuesday, firefighters will utilize Unmanned Aerial Systems (UAS) to monitor the fire's progression and validate safe possibilities if directly engaging the fire becomes an option.

Tuesday will be Team Black's last day on the Sand Creek Fire. The fire will be turned back to the local unit and a Type 4 team, led by Incident Commander Jon Freeman from the Columbine Ranger District, will take command of the fire on Tuesday evening at 10 p.m.

Weather & Fuel Conditions: A dry cold front brings cooler temperatures and partly cloudy skies on Tuesday. As the front passes through the area, winds are expected to gust 25-28 mph. Temperatures will range in the low 70s. A Fire Weather Warning and a Red Flag

Warning have been issued for the area until 8 p.m.

Evacuations and Closures: A forest closure remains in effect around the fire area. The full text and a map of the closure can be found at <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/closures/6790/>. The Piedra River Trail (596), Little Sand Creek Trail (591), Lower Weminuche Trail (595), Coldwater Trail (597), and Coldwater Stock Trail (598) are all presently open. The Sand Creek Trail (593) and North Ridge Trail (594) are the only trails that are closed at this time. Mosca Road, NFSR 631 is also closed within the fire area. NFSR 631 east of the fire area is restricted to local traffic only. Please see today's map for the extent of the Mosca Road closures and restrictions.

Smoke Outlook: Air quality jumped into the Moderate category for a couple of hours around midnight Monday-Tuesday and returned to Good within an hour. Continued increased afternoon fire activity can be expected to generate smoke that will impact air quality. Smoke from fires in Arizona, Utah, and now Nevada continues to be pushed into western/southwestern Colorado, and may be noticed more as southwest winds push it through the area at higher elevations.

Today's smoke outlook will be the last produced

for the Sand Creek Fire. Questions and concerns regarding air quality and smoke may be directed to the Pagosa Ranger District, at 970-264-2268, or email at PagosaRD@usda.gov.

Fire Restrictions: Fire danger across the region is rated as extreme. Fire restrictions are in place on the San Juan National Forest. Archuleta County and Hinsdale County have both enacted Stage 1 Fire Restrictions.

Temporary Flight Restrictions: A Temporary Flight Restriction is in place over the Sand Creek Fire. Wildfires are a No Drone Zone. If you fly, we can't. Every time a drone is spotted near the fire all aircraft are grounded until we can be sure the drone is clear of the area. For information, visit <http://knowbeforeyoufly.org>.

For More Information:

- **InciWeb:** <https://inciweb.nwcg.gov/incident/6790>
- **Facebook:** facebook.com/2020SandCreekFire
- **Twitter:** twitter.com/sanjuannf
- **Location:** Approximately 20 miles northwest of Pagosa Springs, Colo.

Sand Creek Fire Statistics:

- Size: 88 acres
- Containment: 0%
- Total Personnel: 163
- Cause: Lightning

WILDFIRES

Play it safe this summer

Use best practices for preventing wildfires

Esther Godson, PMP
SAN JUAN NATIONAL FOREST

Summertime out on your public lands can be loads of fun if you practice the right safety measures. The Southwest Colorado Wildfire Coalition, comprised of partnering members of the Durango Interagency Dispatch Zone, reminds us of some best practices for preventing wildfires:

- Fire restrictions are in place in counties and on public lands across Southwest Colorado. Visit the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center fire restrictions page and know before you go.
- Possessing, discharging and/or using fireworks are prohibited public lands.
- Practice proper vehicle maintenance, ensure that tow chains are se-

cured and your vehicle has no dragging parts, check tire pressure, and properly maintain your brakes.

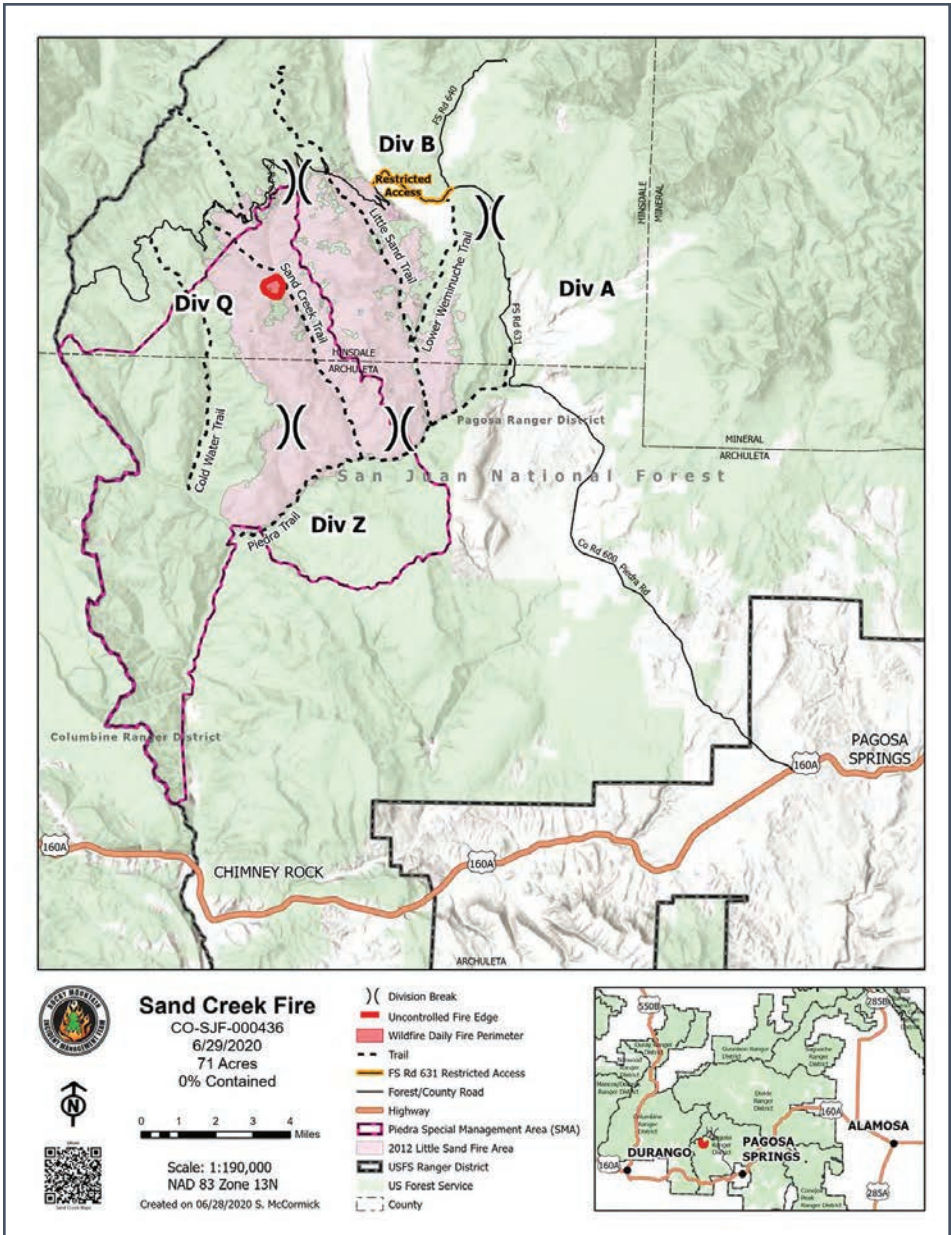
- When target shooting, a few simple precautions can prevent sparking a wildfire: place your target on dirt or gravel, switch to paper targets, avoid incendiary targets and exploding ammunition, bring a shovel and fire extinguisher.
- Avoid driving and parking in tall grasses. Exhaust particles and hot exhaust pipes can start grass fires.
- Report any fires by calling 911.

As we approach the Fourth of July holiday weekend remember that fire danger is very high to extreme across Southwest Colorado. Visit One Less Spark for more great tips on how to prevent wildfire and

be prepared for fire season.

For more information on fire restrictions, please visit the Southwest Colorado Wildfire Coalition partner websites:

Bureau of Land Management Tres Rios Field Office, San Juan National Forest, Mesa Verde National Park, Colorado Division of Fire Protection and Control, La Plata County, San Juan County, Montezuma County, and Archuleta County.



Have a safe and enjoyable 4th of July!

Please adhere to the current fire restrictions.

From the staff of The Southern Ute Drum.

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.



CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH weekly COVID-19 emergency response summary

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Local Case Count:

- La Plata County cases: 97 (+13 from last Friday)
- Archuleta County cases: 8 (same)

Our team has been discussing how to appropriately communicate information about non-resident individuals who test positive in Archuleta and La Plata counties who cannot be counted in our case counts since they are not residents. We have also received quite a bit of feedback from local residents wanting this information. We hope to be reporting this information next week on our data dashboard.

Testing and Disease Investigation:

SJBPH continues to work with a variety of

businesses, organizations, and populations in La Plata and Archuleta counties to expand COVID-19 testing options.

Since May 18, SJBPH has supported over 40 locations for workplace, facility, and at-risk population testing and tested roughly over 1,200 individuals.

SJBPH reminds everyone that the latest info on community wide testing location info can be found here on SJBPH's website.

With the significant increases in cases this week, SJBPH was busy performing disease investigations for positive COVID-19 cases which includes contact tracing, isolation and quarantine guidance and follow-up, and coordination with state and county public health agencies on non-resident individuals who tested positive in either Archuleta or La Plata counties.

See all testing locations and information here: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>.

Business guidance and self-certifications:

To date, 1,007 self-certifications have been filed for local businesses, and 138 have been filed for restaurants.

You can check to see which businesses have self-certified at <https://datastudio.google.com/navigation/reporting>, and which restaurants have self-certified here.

Below is a script for business owners to have a conversation with customers who may be reluctant to wear face coverings. Please share!

Communications:

Check out this video created by CDPHE on contact tracing: <https://www.facebook.com/CDPHE/videos/254799719115359/>

CORONAVIRUS

Successful testing partnership reaches 1,000-Test milestone

Staff report
San Juan Basin Public Health

A successful San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and Mercy Regional Medical Center (MRMC) COVID-19 testing partnership has reached a milestone of over 1,000 individuals tested. The drive-through site operated by MRMC in conjunction with SJBPH has tested over 1,051 people, as of June 20th. Testing continues to increase with an average of 75 tests per day.

Community-wide coronavirus testing is a key strategy in slowing the spread of the virus so SJBPH, MRMC and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) worked together to provide free testing since May 7th, 2020. High testing rates are vital as restrictions on businesses and community gatherings continue to be relaxed by the State of Colorado, and the state has indicated that future stages on the road to recovery may be dependent on availability of community testing.

The MRMC drive through testing site is one of five community testing options in Archuleta and La Plata counties. Thanks to healthcare providers' participation, SJBPH coordination, and CDPHE support, Archuleta and La Plata counties have been able to maintain a high testing rate since early May.

The MRMC drive through site has also been utilized as part of SJBPH's targeted

testing for local businesses and organizations that experience a high level of interactions with the public, such as first responders, restaurant workers, and retail employees. Over twenty businesses and government agencies have taken advantage of this testing opportunity to provide the safest possible experience for their patrons and staff. For more information on local testing options, including workplace testing, see: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>.

SJBPH thanks community members, and local businesses and organizations for taking steps to slow the spread of the virus by following public health orders and guidance. As a result, both Archuleta and La Plata counties have maintained low case counts and encouraging public health statistics: Both counties are in the bottom twenty percent of Colorado counties in cases per capita, despite high growth rates in neighboring states.

Thanks to hard work on the part of long-term care facility staff and SJBPH, there are no outbreaks of COVID-19 among residents at local facilities. There have been 337 such outbreaks elsewhere in Colorado. Local hospitals have completed a medical surge plan and are able to care for patients without resorting to crisis standards of care.

SJBPH has the capacity to follow up on every lab-confirmed positive test with contact tracing, isolation and quarantine resources, and case monitoring.

As part of its commitment to keep the communities it serves safe and healthy, SJBPH reminds everyone to continue to adhere to the following public health guidelines to slow the spread of the virus, especially as the region experiences an influx of visitors from other locations and local businesses begin to lift restrictions.

- Avoid close contact with others.
- Keep at least six feet from other people.
- Remember that some people without symptoms may be able to spread the virus.
- Wear face coverings when around others.
- Stay home if you are sick.
- Wash hands frequently or use hand sanitizer if unable to wash hands.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched surfaces daily.
- Monitor your health.
- Be alert for symptoms. Watch for fever, cough, shortness of breath, or other symptoms of COVID-19.

For information on coronavirus see: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.

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.

Sample Script for Employees about Face Covering Requirements
Updated June 8, 2020

"Hello! Welcome to [business name]. I see that you aren't wearing a face covering. Do you have a face covering available to put on now?"

If no, "Are you willing to wear one?"

If no, "In order to protect our staff and the public, we will need to make alternate arrangements to provide this service to you. Thank you for understanding. We're doing our part to keep everyone safe, and to follow all the requirements of the State's Safe-At-Home Order." Select the option(s) that work best for your situation.

If yes, consider providing face coverings to customers.

If yes, "Greet and thank you for bringing on! Please put your face covering on now and we'll continue [checking you in, placing your order, browsing the products]. Thanks again for putting your face covering on and for coming in today!"

Offer to complete the transaction online or by phone.

Move the transaction outdoors.

Offer to conduct personal shopping indoors on behalf of the customer.

If the options above are not possible, "Do you have a disability that prevents you from wearing a mask?"

If yes, Do not inquire further what the disability is. Places of public accommodation should make reasonable efforts that allow individuals with a disability (i.e. breathing issues, facial disfigurement, etc.) that prevent them from wearing a mask to enter or use a place of public accommodation, unless the place of public accommodation can demonstrate that it would cause an undue burden or that it would require any additional expense that would not otherwise be incurred. For example, consider altering procedures to complete the transaction quickly to have less possible exposure time and with extra distancing and cleaning protocols in place. Please note if the individual's presence would result in a direct threat to the health or safety of others, you may exclude that individual.

If no, "Unfortunately we won't be able to provide you any [services/products] right now. Thank you for understanding. We're doing our part to keep everyone safe and to follow all the requirements of the State's Safe-At-Home Order that allows our business to operate. We don't want to jeopardize this in any way. When you are willing to wear a face mask, please [re-book online, call to reschedule, come back and shop], however, I must kindly ask you to leave now."

See the state guidance about providing reasonable accommodation or sco.co.gov/COVID19/business for additional information. Thank you for helping our community remain as healthy as possible.

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

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

Credit: Raj Chaudhuri

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Stay at Home Order

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING
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.

STAY HOME

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

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

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box

How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering
Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2

USE THE FACE COVERING TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear a face covering to help protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms
- Keep the covering on your face the entire time you're in public
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, clean your hands

FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available

TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTH FACE COVERING CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water

Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a cloth face covering, see: [cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

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PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ID: 080890001

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Treatment Plant

Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for 2019

Esta es información importante. Si no la pueden leer, necesitan que alguien se la traduzca.

We are pleased to present to you this year’s water quality report. Our constant goal is to provide you with a safe and dependable supply of drinking water. Please contact the Utilities Office at 970-563-5500 with any questions about the Drinking Water Consumer Confidence Rule (CCR), for public participation opportunities that may affect the water quality or for information on the Source Water Assessment Plan.

GENERAL INFORMATION

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or by visiting <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants>.

Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791).

The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity. Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants:** Viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants:** Salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides:** May come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants:** Can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants:** Including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) prescribes regulations limiting the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. The Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water that must provide the same protection for public health.

LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems (especially for pregnant women and young children). It is possible that lead levels at your home may be higher than other homes in the community as a result of materials used in your home’s plumbing. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. Additional information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426-4791) or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

The source of the water treated at the Southern Ute Indian

Our Water Source	
Source	Source Type
Los Pinos River	Surface Water

Tribe Water Treatment Plant is the Los Pinos River, also called the Pine River.

VOLUNTARY FLUORIDE PROGRAM

Not only is the water safe, but it also has a measured amount of Fluoride added to it to reduce Dental Carries (cavities) in any users who drink the water. Fluoride acts on teeth much like Calcium in bones to make them stronger, especially in young children. This is an added cost of about \$4,500 per year to the Tribe.

TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to

health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.

- **Violation (No Abbreviation)** – Failure to meet a Colorado Primary Drinking Water Regulation.
- **Formal Enforcement Action (No Abbreviation)** – Escalated action taken by the State (due to the risk to public health, or number or severity of violations) to bring a non-compliant water system back into compliance.
- **Variance and Exemptions (V/E)** – Department permission not to meet a MCL or treatment technique under certain conditions.
- **Gross Alpha (No Abbreviation)** – Gross alpha particle activity compliance value. It includes radium-226, but excludes radon 222, and uranium.
- **Picocuries per liter (pCi/L)** – Measure of the radioactivity in water.
- **Nephelometric Turbidity Unit (NTU)** – Measure of the clarity or cloudiness of water. Turbidity in excess of 5 NTU is just noticeable to the typical person.
- **Compliance Value (No Abbreviation)** – Single or calculated value used to determine if regulatory contaminant level (e.g. MCL) is met. Examples of calculated values are the 90th Percentile, Running Annual Average (RAA) and Locational Running Annual Average (LRAA).
- **Average (x-bar)** – Typical value.
- **Range (R)** – Lowest value to the highest value.
- **Sample Size (n)** – Number or count of values (i.e. number of water samples collected).
- **Parts per million = Milligrams per liter (ppm = mg/L)** – One part per million corresponds to one minute in two years or a single penny in \$10,000.
- **Parts per billion = Micrograms per liter (ppb = ug/L)** – One part per billion corresponds to one minute in 2,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000.
- **Parts per trillion = Nanograms per liter (ppt = ng/L)** – One part per trillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000 years, or a single penny in \$10,000,000,000.
- **Parts per quadrillion = Picograms per liter (ppq = pg/L)** – One part per quadrillion corresponds to one minute in 2,000,000,000 years or one penny in \$10,000,000,000,000.
- **Not Applicable (N/A)** – Does not apply or not available.

DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

The Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal Law. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019 unless otherwise noted. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination.

Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

Note: If no tables appear in this section then no contaminants were detected in the last round of monitoring.

Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System						
Contaminant Name	Year	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MRDL	MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2019	0.26 - 0.79	ppm	4.0	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Summary of Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System				
Contaminant Name	Results	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement: 100%	For any two consecutive months, At least 95% of samples (per month) must be detectable	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Lead and Copper Sampled in the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Time Period	90th Percentile	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	90th Percentile AL	Sample Sites Above AL	90th Percentile AL Exceedance	Typical Sources
Copper	6/14/2018	0.268	10	ppm	1.3	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion
Lead	6/14/2018	2.0	10	ppb	15	0	No	Corrosion of household plumbing systems; Erosion of natural deposits

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Highest Compliance Value	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2019	37.2	37.2	ppb	60	N/A	37.2	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalome thanes (TTHM)	2019	32.4	32.4	ppb	80	N/A	32.4	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2019	.039	0 - 0.170	ppm	1.0	0.8	0.170	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection



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Disinfectants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System							
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	TT/MRDL Requirement	TT/MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2019	1.20	0.33 – 1.86	ppm	TT = No more than 72 hours with a residual below .2 mg/L	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine Dioxide	2019	0.07	0 - 0.220	ppm	MRDL = 0.8	No	Water additive used to control microbes


Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System					
Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Continuous	Highest single measurement: 0.183 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Continuous	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100%	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

Radionuclides Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System									
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Sample Size	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Gross Alpha	2019	3.5	3.5	3785 ml	pCi/L	15	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Radium	2019	<0.40	<0.40	3785 ml	pCi/L	5	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits
Combined Uranium	2019	.2235	.2235	3785 ml	Ug/l	30	0	No	Erosion of natural deposits

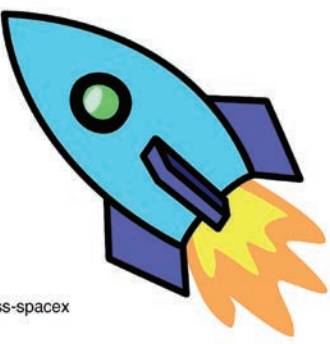
Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	2019	0.70	0.58 – .81	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2019	.097	.097	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite	2019	< 0.020	< 0.020	ppm	1	1	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits

Unregulated or Secondary Contaminants**					
**Secondary standards are non-enforceable guidelines for contaminants that may cause cosmetic effects or aesthetic effects (such as taste, odor, or color) in drinking water.					
Sodium	2019	2.86	2.86	ppm	N/A

No Violations or Formal Enforcement Action




did you know?



The University of Colorado Boulder has sent scientific instruments to every planet in our solar system.

Source: <https://connections.cu.edu/stories/cu-closely-watching-progress-spacex>

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



Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program


To order detector contact
Randi Rock
Tribal Housing
970.563.4710
285 Lakin St.

To schedule installation contact
Polly Blakenship
Construction Services
970.563.2500
270 Hwy 151

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

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

Safety Tips





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

Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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



Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak

-  Yellow or orange flames, rather than blue.
-  Dark stains on/around appliances.
-  Increase condensation around windows.
-  Pilot lights that frequently blow out.

In the event of an Emergency

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

SUPD - 970.564.4401

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!

COLORADO SPORTS

An update on the 2020-21 season from CHSAA

Staff report
COLO. HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION



We are encouraged by the recent guidelines from the Governor's office that align with the Association's plans to resume all education-based athletics and activities for the 2020-21 school year.

The CHSAA associate and assistant commissioners are proceeding with guidelines and standards for resuming fall sports on their scheduled start dates.

The recent "Safer at Home" and "Protect our Neighbors" guidelines from the state have provided our staff with more flexibility to construct regular season, postseason and contingency plans for fall programs.

All sport-specific plans will have the oversight and review of the CHSAA's sports medicine advisory committee, which includes mental health professionals, before they are released to the membership for implementation.

As our educational leaders work diligently to construct their "Return to Learn" models, our staff is preparing to adjust and modify our programs to meet the diverse educational platforms that will be introduced this fall.

We are a statewide organization, so our task becomes more complicated when educational and health mandates vary at district levels, much less from county to county. Although we are moving forward, we know that our plans must be flexible and subject to change to provide equitable participation opportunities across the state.

A shutdown in one area, impacting one classification, would send our staff

back to the white board. The state and county data, and decisions, are fluctuating so we continue to plan for the knowns of today and the unknowns of tomorrow.

Our primary and only objective, while acknowledging that we are still in the midst of a national pandemic, will be to resume athletics and activities with the safety and well-being of our participants, coaches, officials, staff and school communities in the forefront.

Visit the Colorado High School Activities Association website at <https://chsaa.org/> for the latest Colorado High School Activities updates

COLORADO GIRLS BASKETBALL

Closing the book ... hopefully

Snuffed out by COVID, All-Staters hope games are a go

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

When the 2020 Colorado High School Activities Association State Basketball Championships' final rounds – both boys' and girls', in all classifications – were suddenly canceled back in mid-March following completion of the first of three whirlwind days, folks looking at the glass half-full could have gone home happy that the players at least got to play one last time.

Even if that meant hooping inside mostly-empty venues before skeleton crowds.

Other places weren't even that lucky; a few hours north of Loveland and the Budweiser Events Center, for example, fans filling Casper, Wyo., College's 'Swede' Erickson Thunderbird Gymnasium and/or the Casper Events Center to watch the WHSAA Class 3A and 4A tourneys wind down were told just after 10:30 a.m. that same day (Thurs., March 12) that all remaining action was being immediately scrapped.

The primary sports headline in the next morning's Wyoming Tribune Eagle aptly declared: One and done.

Not one day, like in the Centennial State; in the Equality State, that literally meant one game.

So, yeah; confused CHSAA squads and their supporters could have left somewhat satisfied, if not satiated.

Nevertheless, a lack of closure to the season certainly lingers for many 'ballers – including since-graduated seniors such as Ignacio's Makayla Howell and Pagosa Springs' Taylor Lewis, fortunately afforded one final chance to play as Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games picks. "You're used to going head-to-head with them, you know, so it'll be fun to play with them," Howell said. "It'll be familiar, so I'm excited. It'll be really fun."

"She's always been competition," said Lewis, the 3A Intermountain League's Winter Female Athlete-of-the-Year, "and now we can finally be on the same team – maybe – for one time. So yeah, I think it will be fun!"

Normally held in early June, and since 2011 at Adams State University in Alamosa, the 64th Games are currently re-scheduled for July 13-18 and are being relocated to the CSU-Pueblo campus – making for a longer, but perhaps more memorable drive permitting the southwesterners extra time to reflect upon their student-athlete days ending under unusual circumstances.

"I think I really haven't thought about it that way," the ASU-bound, Ag Business-minded Lewis said, "but I'm definitely excited for that. 'The end is here,' I guess, is



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Makayla Howell aids in the ceremonial net-cutting following the Lady Bobcats' defeat of Rocky Ford in the 2020 Class 2A-Region VIII championship game played inside IHS Gymnasium. The victory would send the Ignacio to the eight-team, three-day 2A State Championships inside the Budweiser Events Center up in Loveland for a third time during her four years in school.

what you could say."

According to rosters posted to the CHSAA website, Howell and Lewis will both suit up for the swan-song showcase's ASG-Red team, and will be joined by PSHS' Hailey Griego – making familiarity a possible plus for chosen coaches Sam Gilmore of 5A Highlands Ranch ThunderRidge and Rick Carothers of 1A Kiowa.

Filling out the team will be: Leah Anderson (1A Yoder Edison), Lindsey Anhalt (ThunderRidge), Keoni Boswell-Gude (3A Aurora West College Prep Academy), Bailea Carothers (Kiowa), Emily Cavey (4A Berthoud), Casandra Olivias (4A Thornton Skyview), plus Isabelle Trujillo (3A Denver Arrupe Jesuit).

John Baumgartner of Holyoke – which IHS faced in the Class 2A 'Great Eight' at the BEC – will coach the Blue Team alongside 4A Colorado Springs Sand Creek's Payden Goldberg. White will fall under the guidance of 4A Parker Ponderosa's Cory White and 4A Colorado Springs Sierra's Joseph Williams, while 2A Del Norte's Gilbert Sanchez and 5A Centennial Arapahoe's Jerry Knafelc will direct Black.

Competition inside Masari Arena is presently slated to commence at 11 a.m. Friday, July 17, with girls' semifinal action between Red and White. Following the boys' Red-White semi, the girls' Black-Blue showdown will tip off at around 2 p.m., with the boys' Black-Blue battle then wrapping up the afternoon.

Girls' third-place play will begin the next morning at 9 a.m., followed by the boys' third-place game, girls' championship and boys' championship, with all introductions of players, their respective high-school coaches, and players' parents occurring before each contest.

"In a way, I think it's still

not going to compare to playing St. Mary's ... finishing with my 'real' team," Lewis said, alluding to the fact Pagosa Springs' season ended prior to a Final Four test inside University of Denver's Hamilton Gymnasium versus the two-time defending 3A State Champions from Colorado Springs – who'd have entered the game standing 24-1 overall (PSHS stood 20-4), and with a jaw-dropping 97-7 varsity record during their seniors' careers (PSHS was a stellar 80-17 during Lewis' and Griego's time).

"But I think it's definitely going to be fun to play one last time," she continued. "And I know it's going to be 'one last time,' rather than how [the season] did end."

"I wouldn't say it's full closure, but I definitely think it's a good ... or a better ending than what we got up at State," concurred Howell, alluding to the fact the Lady Bobcats (18-6 overall in '19-20) were denied a consolation-bracket survival try versus vaunted Rye (24-1) – shocked by Sanford (16-7) on Day 1 – after falling 47-34 to Holyoke (23-1).

"I'm honestly really excited; it's a good 'last hurrah' and should be fun – hopefully it doesn't get canceled again!"

CREDIT WHERE IT'S DUE

In early June, Howell was announced as the Durango Herald's Girls Athlete-of-the-Year, beating out Durango High's Princeton-bound cross-country/track-and-field standout Madeleine Burns. A varsity performer in both volleyball and basketball since her IHS arrival, Howell said the recognition came as a surprise.

"I honestly wasn't expecting it at all," she said. "I mean, I don't really go

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Osprey raise their young



courtesy Southern Ute Wildlife Division

After last year's unfortunate nesting failure, the osprey are back in 2020 and have successfully produced two chicks. Although the timing is about a month later than the nesting efforts in 2017 and 2018, both parent osprey are doing a great job of protecting the two chicks, and keeping them well-fed with fish caught out of Lake Capote. Under the current schedule, Wildlife staff will likely apply leg-bands to the chicks in late July, and the young birds will then likely fledge from the nest sometime during the second week of August. Then, with the onset of the cooler fall season, the osprey family will begin their southward migration to Mexico or Central America, where they will spend the winter. The cycle should start all over when the same parent birds return to their nest at Lake Capote in March 2021.

BEATS & BRAIDS

A no-cost, multi-media training opportunity with six Indigenous recording artists. Open to youth ages 13-19. (Space is limited to 15 participants)

Towaoc Program Training dates:
July 20-24, 2020

Applicants must provide a letter of interest by Monday, July 13, 2020.

For more information and to apply, contact Mark Wing at (970) 739-6443 or markwing@utemountain.org



Training will take place Virtually



This project is a partnership between KSUT, Colorado Health Foundation, and the Dream Warriors Collective.

LAKE CAPOTE & SCOTT'S POND REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Both venues are open to enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and their immediate family. When visiting Lake Capote, all visitors must check-in at the bait shop window for permitting.

Please continue to practice social distancing and maintain a 6 foot distance from others when visiting both Lake Capote and Scott's Pond.

Lake Capote Modified Schedule Until Further Notice
 Thursday through Sunday
 Bait Shop 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



TRIBAL OBITUARIES



CUTHAIR – Jeremy John Cuthair passed away Sunday, June 21, 2020. He was 43 years old.

Jeremy was born July 19, 1976 to Larry Floyd Cuthair and Evelyn Gay Shelton in Durango, CO. He was a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Jeremy

loved his people and his culture. He became the Catman for Southern Ute Bear Dance. Jeremy was known for having the biggest heart and loved to socialize with everyone he came into contact with. He adored his dogs and everyone else's. Jeremy would feed and let all dogs on his lap, even when the owners objected! He will forever be remembered for his love of house music especially, ATB and Tiesto. Jeremy loved Disneyland so much, he wanted to live there.

He is survived by his wife Kara, daughter Ivy, and grandson Tuku; his parents Larry and Evelyn; siblings: Julie, Floyd, Sidona, Abby, Frankie, Joy, and KJ; many extended family members and Jeremy's beloved dogs: Yoda, Beeethoven, Harley Quinn, Thor, Britney, and Yes CHUGGLES!

A visitation was held Monday June 29, 2020 at Hood Mortuary Chapel. A Funeral Service was held Tuesday June 30, 2020 at Southern Ute Memorial Park, with burial to follow at Ouray Memorial Cemetery. Guests are encouraged to continue social distance, but may attend at their own discretion.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

To Robert Jack and family

I wish you all good things and strength this summer. Also to Jake, Preston and families.

From Joseph Rael Jr.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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PO Box 737 #18, 149 CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-0068-CV-PR
Chandler Herrera, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **AUGUST 11, 2020 at 10:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 26th of June, 2020,
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,
Alden Burch Naranjo Jr, Deceased
Notice to: Case No.: 2020-0067-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **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.

Dated this 12th of June, 2020
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

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.

TRANSPORTATION

Fourth of July DUI enforcement period begins tomorrow

Campaign offers 50 percent off BACtrack breathalyzers

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

While many Coloradans celebrate Fourth of July weekend, statewide law enforcement officers will keep their eyes out for impaired drivers. From July 2-6, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies will conduct the Fourth of July DUI enforcement period to prevent impaired drivers from endangering themselves and others on the road. CDOT is also introducing a new campaign, Take Some Time, to encourage the use of smartphone breathalyzers as a way to prevent impaired driving.

So far in 2020, of the 215 fatalities on Colorado roads, 66 fatalities, or 31 percent, have involved an impaired driver. During the Fourth of July five-day DUI enforcement period, 73 law enforcement agencies will increase patrols. During last year's Fourth of July enforcement period, 311 DUI arrests were made.

"The Fourth of July is a moment when, together, we celebrate our country. While everyone is eager to get out and celebrate over the holiday weekend –especially this year – we have a duty to keep ourselves and each other safe at the same time," said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. "We tend to see more impaired driving around summer holidays like the one coming up, and this year it is imperative that we all do our part to end that dangerous trend. The simple things we do to stay safe – wearing masks, social distancing, or getting a sober ride – are the fine margin between a fun holiday and a preventable disaster."

During the recent Summer Blitz enforcement period, 89 law enforcement agencies arrested 397 impaired drivers on Colorado roads from June 14-24. Compared



to the 585 motorists cited for impaired driving during the same period in 2019, this was a decrease in total arrests. Among the participating law enforcement agencies, Colorado Springs, Denver and Loveland police departments reported the highest DUI arrests.

"Summer holidays are a reason to celebrate safely and responsibly," said Col. Matthew Packard, chief of CSP. "Planning a sober ride home beforehand ensures that you won't endanger yourself or others on the road. Law enforcement will always be on the road, so remember to drive sober or not at all."

Starting this weekend, Coloradans can expect to see CDOT's latest DUI prevention campaign across the state on billboards, buildings, in liquor stores, and on social media reminding people to wait the appropriate amount of time between consuming alcohol and driving.

CDOT's new Take Some Time campaign aims to educate and raise awareness of the time it takes for a person's BAC to return to zero after consuming alcohol. View and download the campaign creative here: dropbox.com/sh/d7xzbb8kd6j9sei/AACCAzHtXzPzJeSI6DMLHXzva?dl=0

The Fourth of July also marks the start of another partnership between CDOT and BACtrack®, a leading personal breathalyzer company. CDOT is teaming up with BACtrack to offer Colorado residents the chance

to buy a personal breathalyzer for 50 percent off in an effort to make breathalyzers more accessible, educate Coloradans about blood alcohol content (BAC) levels, and ultimately reduce impaired driving. For more information about previous CDOT and BACtrack breathalyzer campaigns, visit heatisoncolorado.com.

This discount will be available through Sept. 15, or while supplies last. Colorado residents can visit codot.bactrack.com to purchase either the BACtrack Mobile Pro, Trace Pro, C8, or C6.

"We're excited to continue this partnership with CDOT to make breathalyzers more accessible to Coloradans," said Keith Nothacker, founder and CEO of BACtrack. "This exclusive discount is made possible because of CDOT and BACtrack's shared values: safety, building awareness about alcohol consumption and impaired driving, and providing resources to make responsible decisions."

BACtrack's ZeroLine® technology estimates how long it will be before a person's BAC returns to zero after drinking. ZeroLine is featured in the C8 model, and also in the BACtrack app, which is compatible with the Mobile Pro and C6.

For more information on CDOT's efforts to keep Colorado roads safe this summer, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety>.



Drum Deadline

**Next issue
July 17**

**Deadline
July 13**

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

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REQUEST FOR COMMENT 2021 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan

Tribal Membership Invited to Consider and Comment on the FY 2021 Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan

In consultation with other Southern Ute Indian Tribal Departments and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Southwest Regional Division of Transportation, the Tribal Planning Department has developed the next fiscal year's **Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan**, or TTIP. The TTIP must follow the *Southern Ute Long-Range Transportation Plan (L RTP)*, the *Tribal Transportation Safety Plan (TTSP)*, and tribal priority list. The TTIP requests allocation of federal transportation planning and construction project funding for the next five years. The plan must be approved by the Tribal Council and submitted to the BIA and the Federal Highways Administration for their approval in order to be eligible for transportation-related funding through a Public Law 93-638 contracting program. Out of Southern Ute's total share this year, the largest share proposed for allocation to support the Cedar Point Roads Rehabilitation Project. This project is a continuation of last year's planning and engineering assessment and recommendation to improve every road in the Cedar Point neighborhood. The total engineering estimate for these improvements may be \$3 million. The current value of the 93-638 contract for Cedar Point Roads Rehabilitation, including this year's request is of \$750,000 is still about two thirds of what's needed. In addition, leftover funds from completed projects can be trans-

ferred to Cedar Point Roads. Other projects already being funded through the TTIP include:

- A transportation planning contract, from which L RTP and TTSP updates will be completed in the next year.
- A contract to make safety-based improvements to reservation roads. Beginning this summer and continuing into next year, the main focus of this contract will be construction of Hwy. 160 wildlife overpasses, in coordination with the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT).
- Two road reconstruction projects for improvements to a primitive hunter access road (SU 152, or Deep Canyon/Round Meadow Rd.) and for SU 169 (Juanita Rd.) providing better linkage via Trujillo Rd. to Dulce NM.

Finally, our proposal requests \$250,000 be allocated for road maintenance. Many individual roads have been identified for a variety of maintenance activities that would extend the useful life of the roads and make them safer and easier to use.

Copies of the draft TTIP can be obtained by contacting the Tribal Planning Department, 970/563-2271. Questions or comments may be sent to dmcdonald@southernute-nsn.gov or by calling the phone number above. Comments on the draft TTIP can be made until July 17, 2020.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority in Ignacio, CO is accepting proposals for the Fiscal Years 2020/2021 Financial Audit. The audit will include an audit of accounts and records of the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority (SUIHA) for two 12-month periods ending September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2021. In accordance with Government Audit standards and the auditing and reporting provisions of the applicable Housing and Urban Development Audit Guide for the Lower Income Housing Programs for use by Independent Public Accountants, the provisions of OMB Circular A-133, 2CFR200 and GASB34. Basic Financial Statements are to be prepared by the Auditor in accordance with General Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP). This includes assistance with electrical submitting to Federal Audit Clearing House. Onsite visit must take place on or before November 9th of current audit year. The Final Audit MUST be completed and issued by November 30th of the current audit year. Approximate 50 days, from Year

End to Final Audit Report!

SUIHA currently uses Aliba and HDS software. SUIHA has 111 Low Rental Units and 2 Mutual Help Units. The SUIHA receives an annual Indian Housing Block Grant of approximately 1.1 million.

Qualified firms shall be experienced in Public Housing Agency Audits, particularly in Indian Housing. We would like to negotiate a 2 year contract. Preference will be given to Indian Owned Business. Proposals must be submitted to the Housing Authority by July 24, 2020, 12:00 p.m. Mountain time.

For additional information, please contact:
Eric Spady, Executive Director
Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority
P.O. Box 447
Ignacio, CO 81137
970-563-4575
E-Mail: espady@suiha.org

REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Powwow Committee

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

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

Notice: SU 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.

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.

Douglas McDonald, Tribal Planner
P.O. Box 737
Ignacio, Co 81137
dmdonald@southernute-nsn.gov
970-563-2270

The deadline for making your comments available to the Tribal Planning Department 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.

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 a.m. 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.



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



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.

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)

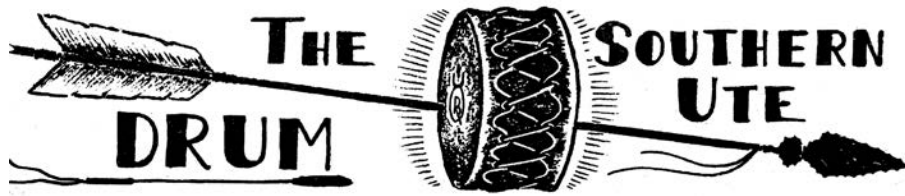
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Hay For Sale to Tribal Members

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.



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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

Elementary Teacher

Closes 7/2/20 – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. This position is paid on the Education Scale.

Occupational Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

Closes 7/2/20 – A professional position within the Department of Private Education. Works with Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students in need of occupational therapy services. This position is a grade 20 / \$23.51/hour.

Physical Education Teacher

Closes 7/6/20 – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. This position is paid on the Education Scale.

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.

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/year.

Lifeguard (Full-time)

Open until filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community 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.

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/year.

TEAM Worker

Open until filled – Southern Ute Tribal Member only. 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. 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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

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 SUT 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



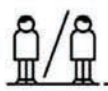
Desired Skills: Knowledge of the Four Corners community, organized, and a team player.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 Call Center

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

970.563.0214



PRACTICE SOCIAL
DISTANCING



STAY
HOME



STAY
IN TOUCH



PRACTICE GOOD
HYGIENE

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



FLY FISHING

Be prepared, think ahead

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If I remember correctly, the motto for the Boy Scouts is “Be Prepared”. That should also be the motto for those of us that fly fish. Not being prepared as you head out for a day of fly fishing is similar to flying an airplane without a check list. It can lead to problems. For those of us with older minds, it helps to make a list of everything that is needed for any trip. Then check off each item as you pack it. Checking all the items a second time is also a good idea. This exercise proved to be of great benefit to me on a recent fly fishing trip.

Two old minds were invited for a day of fly fishing on the Rio Grande River by a person with a very young and sharp mind. Needless to say the two guys with the old minds were excited beyond words. They were so excited that only one of the old minds remembered to bring everything that should be on a check list for floating down the Rio Grande River. The young sharp mind also hurried through his check list and left an important item at home. It’s hard for me to understand how only one old mind realized they would be on an inflatable raft and had plenty of room to store fly fishing stuff. That old mind also knew that once the boat was launched there was no going back for forgotten items.

Since the trip was passing through private property there was no need for waders. In Colorado it’s against



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the law to step onto private property from a boat. Had the weather stayed beautiful all day everything would have been fine. It didn’t.

After a great morning of catching lots of brown trout on dry flies, storm clouds began to move in. This is common in Colorado, so no one was particularly concerned, especially one old mind. However, the clouds got bigger and darker. There was the distant rumble of

thunder, and where there’s thunder there’s lightening. Shortly after the rumbling began it started to rain. Here is where being prepared paid off for one old mind. The young sharp mind and one old mind put on their rain jackets. The other old mind put on his rain jacket and the rain pants he had on his check list. This is when the rain turned into a full-fledged summer, mountain storm. There was wind, rain, lightening, thunder, hail, and a fifteen degree drop in temperature. As all this weather unleashed itself on the trio, one stayed dry and warm. The other two discovered that fishing pants won’t keep your legs dry. They were also re-taught that wet legs make for cold legs. Needless to say the old mind that remembered to have the right gear was not offering to give his rain pants to either of the others. He might have even made some sarcastic remarks about being dry and warm.

Being prepared goes further than a pair of rain pants. When on a boat or walking into and out of an area be sure you have a first aid kit. Having a spare rod and reel in the truck or stowed on the boat is also a good idea. Dry clothes to put on, if and when, I suddenly find myself wet works for me. One other item to think about is a spare set of truck keys. I know of one old mind that dropped his set of keys into a lake. If it hadn’t been for that extra set of keys hidden away he wouldn’t have been able to make it to the Rio Grande River with rain pants.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Veteran fly fishing guide and columnist, Don Oliver, emphasizes the value of preparedness when venturing out on rivers and lakes. Not only for personal comfort, but also the safety and wellbeing of those around you.

Southern Ute Drum logo and website information

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER Your weekend forecast! Friday, July 3 90°F mostly sunny Saturday, July 4 90°F mostly sunny Sunday, July 5 93°F sunny

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play for the awards, but ... it was really exciting to get it. It was a good look-back at everything I’ve done this past year and my whole high-school career. It really meant a lot.”

LANDED A WHOPPER

Looking ahead to the future, Howell indicated an interest in studying business (or business administration) when she begins coursework at Fort Lewis College in Durango. With that goal in sight, plus all extracurricular elements taken into consideration, she received one of seven available scholarships (78 individuals reportedly applied) offered by La Plata Electric Association.

And not just any one, but THE one: the LPEA Scholarship, good for up to \$28,000 towards tuition, books, fees, etc.

“I had done ... over 15 scholarships [applications], and that one was seven thousand [dollars] for all four years of college,” she said. “I had to write an essay and obviously put a lot into it because, you know, scholarships are important! When I got that it was so exciting.”

Burns, a prospective engineering major, received the \$1,000 Basin Electric Power Cooperative Scholarship.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Makayla Howell drives the ball into the lane versus Holyoke during the 2020 Class 2A State Championships inside the Budweiser Events Center up in Loveland. It would be the only game at the three-day event for both teams, and the last for Howell and the Lady Bobcat seniors.

ACTION’S BEEN AXED

Unfortunately, the worries of cancellation Howell and Lewis expressed were justified. When this story was first submitted on deadline (Friday, June 26), the All-State Games were a go. On Monday, June 29, that all changed:

“It is with heavy hearts that we inform you that we will not be able to hold the 2020 CHSCA All-State Games,” read a declaration posted to the CHSCA website. “So many things

have fallen into place and we were hopeful that the final pieces would as well. However, we were informed late last week of some new restrictions and directives from the Governor’s office and the health department that do not allow us to continue moving forward. Though the 64th All-State Games will not be able to take place,” it stated, “we will still recognize the athletes and coaches who earned the honor of participating in this prestigious event.”

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle grid and answers