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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.



Makayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Makayla Taylor concentrates on placing the correct pieces into a globe puzzle during class at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Thursday, Jan. 30. Sensory learning is vital in the Montessori way of teaching.

EDUCATION

SUIMA seeks parent input on reopening plans

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy met with the Ignacio School District to hear comments and concerns about the announced re-opening of Ignacio schools via a Zoom meeting on Friday, July 24.

In the Zoom meeting, the Ignacio School District provided the Southern Ute Tribe with their plan to re-open the Ignacio public schools, including guidelines for two options to return to school in 2020-21. The options can be seen in detail in the Ignacio School Re-opening Snapshot.

Option 1 – On Campus Learning: With safety precautions in place

Option 2 – Remote Learning: This option requires each student to virtually attend classes as they occur within the school day.

Chris deKay, Ignacio

School District’s Curriculum Director expressed, “things have changed over the last month, and things might change over the next month.” And added, “we will be responsive to change to State mandates or Federal mandates as the case may be.”

The school re-opening plan stresses safety and encourages flexibility through cooperation with staff, parents/guardians, and students. The goal will continue to be high academic growth for students in a safe and supportive environment.

LaTitia Taylor, Southern Ute Education Director said, “the Ignacio District is re-opening in similar ways to Bayfield, Durango, and Denver schools. The schools will follow the Colorado standard, by offering an option with in-class or online, and also offering hybrid learning.”

Taylor also added, “In-person is the best way to learn, social interaction with students, friends [is] human na-

ture. This build characteristics, as we’re social beings through sensory such as – touch and sharing emotions.”

In a paper released by the Center for Disease Control (CDC), “The Importance of Reopening America’s Schools this Fall,” the CDC stated in the paper, “aside from a child’s home, no other setting has more influence on a child’s health and well-being than their school. The in-person school environment does the following: provides educational instruction, supports the development of social and emotional skills, creates a safe environment for learning, addresses nutritional needs and facilitates physical activity.”

The CDC also stated in the paper, “children appear to be at lower risk for contracting COVID-19 compared to adults.” The CDC backed this information from the CDC COVID Data Tracker. Avail-

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HEALTHCARE

Medical benefits of the Southern Ute tribal member health benefits plan

Erika Atencio
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Greetings Southern Ute Tribal Membership,

At the beginning of this year, the Health Department wrote an article to provide clarity on the tribal member health benefits plan. The department would like to continue the effort to help individuals understand the sometimes-complex world of health. This article will cover some, but not all basic information in the medical portion of your plan.

All enrolled Southern Ute tribal members have a medical benefit plan that covers many typical medical expenses. These expenses include, but are not limited to, primary care visits, emergency room (ER) visits, and specialty clinic visits such as nephrology, cardiology or podiatry. Each member has 60 combined visits for chiropractic, massage and acupuncture care per calendar year starting

in January. Inpatient substance abuse treatment is covered when coordinated through the Tribal Health Department or the Tribe’s third-party administrator (TPA) with a maximum allowance of \$40,000 per calendar year. Hearing Aid services are covered at an unlimited amount when utilizing the Audiology clinic through the Southern Ute Health Center. Otherwise outside services are set at a maximum of \$5,000 per calendar year. Outpatient therapy such as occupational therapy allows for 20 visits per calendar year, physical therapy allows for 40 visits per calendar year and speech therapy allows for 20 visits per calendar year. Bariatric surgery is covered at \$7,500 per occurrence and that is inclusive of all providers for that service. Post-bariatric cosmetic surgery procedures are covered at \$15,000 per 120 months (10 years). It is important to know that some services

or procedures do require a pre-authorization before being approved for payment. Pre-authorization of services are provided by Hines and Associates, a group contracted through Forrest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID), the tribe’s TPA. There is a pre-authorization phone number for providers to call on the back of your medical card to receive the pre-authorization of the service(s) being requested.

The following services require a pre-authorization: Inpatient hospital stay (required for non-emergency services before medical and/or surgical services are provided), emergency air ambulance, cardiac rehabilitation programs, chemical dependency, chemotherapy, cochlear implants, cosmetic services (treatment of congenital malformation or accidental injuries or illness), dialysis, growth hor-

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Public Health Order of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

WHEREAS, authority is vested in the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council by the Constitution adopted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and approved November 4, 1936, and amended October 1, 1975, and August 27, 1991, to act for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1 of the Constitution, “The inherent powers of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, including those set forth in [the Indian Reorganization Act], as amended, shall be exercised by the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, subject only to limitations imposed by the Constitution and Statutes of the United States, by the regulations of the Department of the Interior and by this constitution.”; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(e) of the Constitution, “The Tribal Council may enact ordinances and codes to protect the peace, safety, property, health and general welfare of the members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe”; and

WHEREAS, under Article VII, Section 1(n) of the Constitution, Tribal Council has the authority, “To protect and preserve the property, wildlife and natural resources of the Tribe, and to regulate the conduct of trade and the use and disposition of tribal property upon the reservation.”; and

WHEREAS, in Res. No. 2004-225, the Tribe approved the Southern Ute Community Emergency Operations Plan (“Plan”), the purpose of which is to identify the emergency management process and principles for managing and coordinating the overall response and recovery activities during periods of emergency/disaster resulting from a natural-or human-caused hazard; and

WHEREAS, Section IV(B) of the Plan identifies Emergency Management operational phases, including the Response Phase, which may include incident mitigation activities designed to limit the loss of life, personal injury, property damage, and unfavorable outcomes; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plan, Section IV(B)(3), response activities may include ongoing public health and testing processes, immunizations, isolation or quarantine; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Plan, Section V(F), the Tribal Council’s duties in an emergency or disaster include, among other things, signing a resolution declaring an emergency or disaster to protect life and preserve property and the environment by ensuring prevention, preparation, and response measures are in place; and

WHEREAS, under the Plan, Section V(F), the Tribal Council’s duties in an emergency or disaster include making emergency decisions regarding quarantines; and

WHEREAS, in Res. No. 2020-025, Tribal Council declared a state of emergency to respond to the spread of the coronavirus, which included, among other things, the state of emergency continuing “until the conclusion of response activities including attendant documentation is complete”; and

WHEREAS, in Res. No. 2020-031, Tribal Council approved the Southern Ute Health Center Communicable Disease Response Plan, which allows for, among other things, infection control precautions, including contact, droplet, and airborne precautions; and

WHEREAS, cases of coronavirus continue to rise in Colorado and neighboring states; and

WHEREAS, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (“CDC”) recommends face coverings in public settings where other social distancing measures are difficult to maintain and to prevent people who have COVID-19 from spreading the virus to others; and

WHEREAS, based on the danger that the coronavirus continues to pose and the identified cases of the coronavirus in surrounding counties, the Tribal Council finds it in the interests of public health and safety, to require face coverings indoors at all times and outdoors when other social distancing measures are not possible.

1. NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

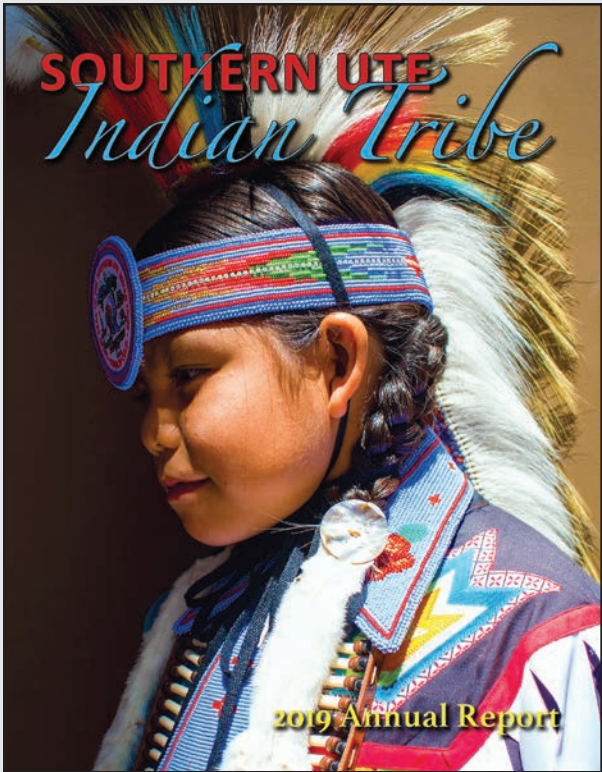
The Tribal Council hereby finds it essential that the COVID-19 virus be slowed to protect the tribal membership, the community, tribal employees, and especially our most vulnerable people, including health care providers.

2. The Tribal Council hereby ORDERS:

- All individuals over two years old must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth when entering or moving within any public indoor space.
- All individuals over two years old must wear a face covering over their nose and mouth in outdoor public spaces when other social distancing measures are not possible.
- Face covering means a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face, and that fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and remains in place without the use of one’s hands. Face coverings include, but are not limited

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2019 Annual Reports available!



The 2019 Annual Reports are available to Southern Ute tribal members and Tribal Departments.

The membership can request to have a physical copy mailed to them through Tribal Information Services, 970-563-0100 or pick up a copy in person at the TIS office during their modified business hours.

The Annual Report can also be viewed online and downloaded via the Tribal Member Portal, the pdf is on members.southernute-nsn.gov Resources > Tribal Member Downloads > PDFs

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- to, bandanas, medical masks, cloth masks, buffs, and gaiters. Face coverings do not include any mask that incorporates a one-way valve (typically a raised plastic cylinder about the size of a quarter on the front or side of the mask) that is designed to facilitate easy exhaling, and such masks are not to be used to comply with this Order. Valves of that type without filters permit droplet release from the mask and can put others nearby at risk.
- Public indoor space means any enclosed indoor area that is public or privately owned, managed, or operated to which individuals have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, and that is accessible to the public, serves as a place of employment, or is an entity providing services. Public indoor space does not mean a person's residence, including a room in a motel or hotel.
 - Outdoor public space means any outdoor area that is public or privately owned, managed, or operated to which individuals have access by right or by invitation, expressed or implied, and that is accessible to the public.
 - No owner, operator, or manager of a public indoor space may provide services to individuals or allow an individual to enter or move within that public indoor space, unless the individual is wearing a face covering as required by this Public Health Order.
 - Owners, operators, or managers of public indoor spaces must post signs at entrance(s) instructing individuals of their legal obligation under this Order to wear a face covering when entering or moving within a public indoor space.
 - Individuals two years old and younger are exempt from the requirements of this Order.
 - Individuals performing the following activities are exempt from the re-

- quirements of this Order while the activity is being performed:
- Individuals who are hearing impaired or otherwise disabled or who are communicating with someone who is hearing impaired or otherwise disabled and where the ability to see the mouth is essential to communication;
 - Individuals who are seated at a food service establishment;
 - Individuals who are exercising alone or with others from the individual's household and a face covering would interfere with the activity;
 - Individuals who are receiving a personal service where the temporary removal of the face covering is necessary to perform the service;
 - Individuals who enter a business or receive services and are asked to temporarily remove a face covering for identification purposes;
 - Individuals who are actively engaged in a public safety role such as law enforcement, firefighters, or emergency medical personnel;
 - Individuals who are officiating at a religious service; or
 - Individuals who are giving a speech for broadcast or an audience.
 - The Stay At Home Order issued on March 25, 2020 remains in full force and effect as originally promulgated.

- BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Order shall become effective at 11:59 a.m.** on July 17, 2020 and will continue until it is no longer necessary as deemed by the

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council,
Cheryl Frost
July 17, 2020

Many Moons Ago



Amy Barry/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

During the Opening Ceremonies of the Tri-Ute Games, Robert Chapoose, Sr. spoke to the athletes of his days as a football player. He spoke of his selection in All-State in football at Union High School and his induction into the Dixie State College Athletic Hall of Fame. Chapoose also displayed his various football uniforms. Manuel Hart, Vice-chairman of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe spoke of unity during and good sportsmanship during the games.

This photo was published in the July 30, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Dorothy Naranjo, Southern Ute Tribal Council Member Corliss Taylor, Alden Naranjo, Colorado Springs Mayor Mary Lou Makepeace, and Terry Knight stand with Ute Mountain Ute Royalty after cutting the ribbon to open the exhibit at the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. No Photographs were allowed of the actual exhibit.

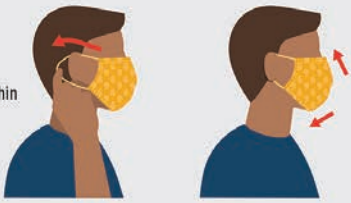
This photo was published in the July 28, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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)



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

United in One Spirit - 90th San Ignacio Fiesta Parade; Southern Ute Tribal Council member Orian Box rode on his horse by the carriage. Lindsey Box also rode with her Dad part of the way.

This photo was published in the August 3, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Left to right, Silver Streak Sylvian Valdez, Vince Mirabal, Tony Gallero, and Muzzy Pinnecoose received the 2nd place trophy from umpire Ron Larson and one of the hosts, Kathy Lucero.

This photo was published in the August 1, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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.



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Denver, CO 80219

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For more info call:
(303) 936-2688 ext. 203
or email:
steve@denverindiancenter.org

Funding for this project was provided by the United States Department of Health and Human Services, Administration for Children and Families, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Native American Affairs. Denver Indian Center will not discriminate on the basis of race, ethnicity, color, religion, sex (including sexual harassment, pregnancy, gender identity, and sexual orientation), national origin, age (40 years of age or over), disability (physical or mental), family medical history or genetic information.



Meeting the needs of employers and individuals

Fort Lewis College has been working with Guild Education (formerly Entangled Solutions) on new programs we could offer to meet the needs of employers and individuals in the Four Corners region.

Because we want to design for the Four Corners community, we hope to conduct interviews with individuals who have chosen to pursue a certificate, degree, or continuing education while working full-time (whether currently enrolled in a program or graduated).

We believe the project could benefit from interviews with employees at SUIT. Guild has created an interest form for potential interviewees and would appreciate it if you could forward this email to your employees (either all or a select subset) by Monday, Aug. 3.

Once Guild receives responses to the interest form, interviewees will be selected for a 60-minute interview and compensated with a \$60 Amazon gift card.

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



TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

"TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"

CHALLENGE

Effective Friday, July 17, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will require the use of face coverings indoors at all times and outdoors when social distancing measures are not possible. The tribal "Stay at Home" Order remains in effect until further notice. Together, we can fight COVID-19 and keep our community and future safe!

WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

Win a Tawi Nuuchu Na-gukwi-vani COVID-19 shirt by submitting your photo wearing a face covering. Stopping the spread of COVID-19 takes each one of us to do our part to keep our community safe! We want to feature our community in this campaign. Individuals who submit their photo(s) will receive a long sleeve shirt in the mail to help spread awareness to wear your face covering. Submit photos to Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970.553.0287 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov. A limited number of shirts are available and will be distributed on a first come, first serve basis.

Challenge is open to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members & tribal staff.



SOUTHERN UTE COVID-19 CALL CENTER - 970.563.0214, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe Dept. of Natural Resources

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

Call for appointment - 970.563.0130

Office Hours

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

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100TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR CONTEST POWWOW

September 18th-20th 2020

SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER

Ignacio, CO

CANCELLED

HEAD STAFF
Head Gourd Dancer: Russell
Arena Director: Bart Powau
Head Drum Judge: Marcus Den
MC: Hal Eagle
Head Lady Dancer: Kayla Armstrong
Head Man Dancer: Tyla Frost
POWOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS
Kayla Armstrong
Tyla Frost
Patricia Leroy
soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov

DANCE CATEGORIES
Men & Women's Golden Age (65+)
Men & Women's Senior Age (46-64)
Men's (18-45) Fancy Grass,
Old Style Grass,
No. & So. Traditional, Chicken
Women's (18-45) Fancy Shawl,
Jingle, Old Style Jingle,
No. & So. Cloth,
No. & So. Buckskin
Teen Boys (13-17)
Teen Girls (13-17)
Junior Boys (6-12)
Junior Girls (6-12)

DRUM CONTEST
Northern & Southern Combined 1st-9th
1st place \$16,000 and drum
2nd place \$13,000 and prize

SPECIALS
All Around Men's & Women's
Men's War Bonnet
Women's Red Dress

Poster design by So. Ute Powwow Committee

THE POWWOW COMMITTEE IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR ACCIDENTS, INJURIES, OR THEFT. ALCOHOL, DRUGS AND WEAPONS PROHIBITED.



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.

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**Survey Deadline has been extended until
Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.**



HEALTHY RECIPES

Homemade vinaigrette

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

Salads are a great way to enjoy summers’ bounty of vegetables. From delicate greens, to spinach and kale, radishes, to-matoes, carrots, peppers and green beans to name a few. Homemade dressings, particularly vinaigrettes, complement the season well. Fresh tasting and healthy, these dressings are so simple to make. Having fewer ingredients than store bought versions, bringing out the nutrients from the dark leafy greens and ease in their creation are reasons to give them a try.

A good rule of thumb is a 3:1 ratio of oil to vinegar. For example, ¾ cup extra virgin olive oil to ¼ cup balsamic vinegar or 6 tablespoons of oil to 2 tablespoons of vinegar, depending on the amount of dressing you want. It doesn’t



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have to be exact but that is a good place to start. The more vinegar you have, the tangier the dressing. A good balance to this ratio is the sweetness of a small amount of honey or maple syrup. Garlic, herbs and other flavor enhancing ingredients are a great addition.

Lisa B. Smith, RDN is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist with the Southern Ute Shining Mountain Health and Wellness.

Basic dressing

Oil, vinegar, Dijon mustard, honey/maple, herbs/spices, salt and pepper
Anyone can make these; you can even employ the kids. Along with the vegetables in the salad, try adding walnuts or sunflower seeds, feta or gorgonzola, chickpeas or berries. Get creative, experiment with different ingredients or amounts and enjoy!

Balsamic Vinaigrette

- 1. 1/2 cup + 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2. 3 tablespoons balsamic vinegar
- 3. 1 tablespoon Dijon mustard
- 4. 1 tablespoon honey or maple syrup
- 5. 2 cloves garlic
- 6. Salt and pepper to taste
- 7. Pinch of herbs such as basil, oregano or thyme (optional)

Place all ingredients in a mason jar and shake vigorously to combine. May be stored in refrigerator for up to 10 days, simply take out of fridge, let rest for 10 minutes, shake and serve.

Asian Vinaigrette

- 1. 4 tablespoons extra-virgin olive oil
- 2. 2 tablespoons sesame oil
- 3. 2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
- 4. 1 teaspoon soy sauce
- 5. 1 teaspoon ginger (fresh minced or ground)
- 6. 1 teaspoon garlic (fresh minced or ground)
- 7. Salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a mason jar and shake vigorously to combine. May be stored in refrigerator for up to 10 days, simply take out of fridge, let rest for 10 minutes, shake and serve.

Citrus Dressing

- 1. 1/2 cup + 1 tablespoon extra-virgin olive oil
- 2. 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3. 1 tablespoon apple cider vinegar
- 4. 1 teaspoon Dijon mustard
- 5. 1 teaspoon honey or maple syrup
- 6. Salt and pepper to taste

Place all ingredients in a mason jar and shake vigorously to combine. May be stored in refrigerator for up to 10 days, simply take out of fridge, let rest for 10 minutes, shake and serve.

BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

BEE Heard: Warrior veterans and mental health

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Through out Native American communities and tribes, our warrior veterans are held in great esteem and honor. Before we became citizens of this country, our warriors protected our lands, food, and our people. They were tasked with both providing and protecting their people many of the times. However, times have changed, and we’ve had to adapt to a new way of life. Our warriors had to find a new way to follow their path and destiny.

Our military veterans have experienced many similar things our ancestor warriors did, but there’s a difference in how they cleanse, protect and return to civilian life now. In the past, many of our spiritual leaders would perform ceremonies on the warriors before and after their journey so they would be okay. These ceremonies were performed to protect that individual (physically and mentally), prepare them for the battle ahead of them, and to also help them after returning from battle.

Today, these ceremonies may look different from those that were performed by our ancestors and some current veterans may not have had any ceremonies performed before or after their service. But the need is still there. The need for protection, for assistance from our creator, for cleansing and for blessings, and for reconnection. All of these are key and vital to our warrior’s mental health. So how can we help our veterans with all of this? We can recognize them, talk to them, include them, and help them if they ask for help.

MENTAL HEALTH FOR VETERANS

According to a 2014 study in JAMA Psychiatry, nearly one in four active duty members showed signs of a mental health condition. Our Native veterans can experience multiple mental health and physical health concerns, which can create a difficult battle for them to adjust to civilian life. Two common examples of some mental health concerns during or after serving in the military are: Depression and PTSD.

Depression is a common and serious condition that

negatively affects how you feel, the way you think and how you act. Fortunately, it is also treatable. Depression causes feelings of sadness and/or a loss of interest in activities once enjoyed. It can lead to a variety of emotional and physical problems and can decrease a person’s ability to function at work and at home.

- Symptoms include:
- Feeling sad or having a depressed mood.
 - Loss of interest or pleasure in activities once enjoyed.
 - Changes in appetite – weight gain or loss unrelated to dieting.
 - Trouble sleeping or sleeping too much.
 - Loss of energy or increased fatigue.
 - Increase in purposeless physical activity (e.g., hand-wiggling or pacing) or slowed movements and speech (actions observable by others).
 - Feeling worthless or guilty.
 - Difficulty thinking, concentrating or making decisions.
 - Thoughts of suicide.

Posttraumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) is a psychiatric disorder that can occur in people who have experienced or witnessed a traumatic event such as a natural disaster, a serious accident, a terrorist act, war/combat, rape or other violent personal assault.

PTSD has been known by many names in the past, such as “shell shock” during the years of World War I and “combat fatigue” after World War II. But PTSD does not just happen to combat veterans. PTSD can occur in all people, in people of any ethnicity, nationality or culture, and any age. PTSD affects approximately 3.5 percent of U.S. adults, and an estimated one in 11 people will be diagnosed with PTSD in their lifetime. Women are twice as likely as men to have PTSD.

- PTSD Symptoms include:**
- Intrusive thoughts such as repeated, involuntary memories, distressing dreams, or “flashbacks” of the traumatic event. Flashbacks may be so vivid that people feel they are re-living the traumatic experience or seeing it before their eyes.
 - Avoiding reminders of the traumatic event, including avoiding people,

- places, activities, objects and situations that bring on distressing memories. People may try to avoid remembering or thinking about the traumatic event. They may resist talking about what happened or how they feel about it.
- Negative thoughts and feelings may include ongoing and distorted beliefs about oneself or others (e.g., “I am bad,” “No one can be trusted”); ongoing fear, horror, anger, guilt or shame, decreased interest in activities previously enjoyed, or feeling detached or estranged from others.
 - Arousal and reactive symptoms may include being irritable and having angry outbursts, behaving recklessly or in a self-destructive way, being easily startled, or having problems concentrating or sleeping.

Veteran assistance and support

- Veteran’s Outreach Center of La Plata County 970-426-4499
- Farmington VA Clinic 505-326-4382

If you are a Veteran having thoughts of suicide – or you’re concerned about one – free, confidential support is available 24/7. Call the Veterans Crisis Line at 1-800-273-8255 and press 1, text to 838255, or chat online at VeteransCrisisLine.net/Chat.

The Department of Defense sponsors coaching and support at In Transition (1-800-424-7877). Medical professionals can help you come out of this transition stronger than before.

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 Meetings

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.

Contact us at Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division 970-563-4581.

Native American Veterans Assoc.

NAVA Breakfast Circle is now NAVA Talking Circle on Zoom. The 2nd Saturday of every month. Next Circle: August 8, 10 a.m. Check out the website for registration: www.navavets.org



Envision:You Garden Party

Colorado Crisis Services is a proud sponsor of the second annual Envision:You Garden Party that will be held on Aug. 1 in Denver’s Park Hill neighborhood. The event is intended to increase awareness around the behavioral health needs of the LGBTQ+ community and to build support for combating the stigma and marginalization that exacerbate those needs. Envision:You is a LGBTQ+ mental health and substance use disorder initiative that aims to connect individuals to LGBTQ+-friendly behavioral health resources in Colorado. Get involved or sign up to attend virtually on Envision:You’s website, <https://envision-you.wixsite.com/envision-you/virtual-behavioral-health>

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!

LOCAL RESOURCES

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

24/7 STATE & NATIONAL RESOURCES

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

WANT TO
BECOME A
RECOVERY COACH
ONLINE TRAINING
COMING SOON
SPACE LIMITED!

What is a Recovery Coach?

A Recovery Coach promotes recovery and removes barriers and obstacles to recovery, serving as a personal guide and mentor for people seeking or already in recovery from an addiction to alcohol and/or other drugs.

While we believe in the title Recovery Coach, there are many other titles that are used for this sought after position. What distinguishes a coach from other peer positions is that we stay in the lane of providing support for people in recovery from an addiction to alcohol and/or other drugs.

Training institute will be:
CCAR Recovery Coach Academy

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



5 Days (August 10-14, 2020) 5-8 hours each day online.



SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts Native Helpline adds sexual violence advocacy

Staff report
STRONGHEART NATIVE
HELPLINE

Reaching the mark and every milestone with determination and dedication, StrongHearts Native Helpline is preparing to launch sexual violence advocacy on Monday, August 3 at 8 a.m. (CTZ). Adding this type of advocacy will address a long-standing need in Indian Country.

“It’s an atrocity that Native Americans continue to experience the highest rates of sexual violence across the nation and until now, there hasn’t been a national culturally-appropriate service for them,” said Anna Nicolosi, Operations Manager. “In response, we have developed advocacy training to prepare our advocates to meet the needs that are unique to Native Americans and Alaska Natives.”

According to the National Institute of Justice research, 84 percent of Native women experience

violence in their lifetimes, while 56 percent experience sexual violence. Of those victims who experienced sexual violence - an astounding 97 percent were victimized by non-Native perpetrators. Additionally, 82 percent of Native men experience violence in their lifetimes, while 28 percent experience sexual violence.

The dispiriting truth is that when compared to other races in the United States, Native American women are twice as likely to experience sexual assault or rape and most likely at the hands of a non-Native. It’s an extension of abuse that began with European contact and has continued to this day, adding up to over 500 years of abuse. This continued tool of colonization

represents a lack of respect for Native peoples and an assault on humanity.

StrongHearts advocates are prepared to handle the devastating impacts of sexual violence in Indian Country and will continue to provide peer to peer support, crisis intervention, assistance with safety planning, education and referrals to Native-centered resources.

For free, confidential and anonymous advocacy, call 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) or visit StrongHearts Native Helpline online at strongheartshelpline.org daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. (CST). Callers reaching out to StrongHearts outside of operating hours may connect with the National Domestic Violence Hotline by choosing option one.



TRIBAL MEMBER HEALTH BENEFITS • FROM PAGE 1

more therapy, home health care, hospice care, mental disorders (partial day admissions), morbid obesity (bariatric surgery), positron emission tomography (PET) scan, and transplants (all services related to transplant management).

Members do not have to see an in-network provider, and they do not have to pay a co-pay, co-insurance or deductible. If the provider does charge an upfront cost, you may be reimbursed by submitting your receipts directly to FCPID or to the tribal health department and we will forward them to FCPID for you. Reimbursement will come in the form of a check from FCPID and can take up to 30 days for completion.

The medical plan is administered by the Tribe’s current Third Part Administrator (TPA), Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID), as a TPA their roll is to process all medical claims. FCPID will receive the provider’s billed claim for services and ensure the rates for each service are correct and then they pay the lowest possible rate. FCPID forwards this information to the Tribe and payment is authorized. Tribal members were mailed the newest card in September 2019; if you did not receive a card please call the Tribal Health Department at 970-563-4742 or FCPID Customer Service at 1-800-960-5479. If you are unsure if a service or

procedure is covered under your Tribal Member Health Benefit plan, please call the FCPID Customer Service number as mentioned above.

Thank you for your time and please look forward to the next article summarizing your vision benefits through Vision Service Plan (VSP). The THD Benefits Team continues to serve you during this uncertain time; we are available to assist the tribal membership between 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, please call our office phone at 970-563-4742. We hope that each and every one of you are continuing to stay safe and follow the public health orders issued to help slow or stop the spread of COVID-19.

HEALTH

Colorado Medicaid: Why is enrolling important?

Anita L. Brock, MSHS, MPH
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

Not only does Medicaid provide critical, often lifesaving health care, long term services and community support to children, adults and those living with disabilities, it also helps to stretch our tribal dollars so that funds can be utilized for other health-related care. Indian Health Service funding no longer meets the healthcare needs of our patients. Therefore Medicaid, as well as other resources, give patients more options for their care. Medicaid allows you to be seen locally rather than traveling to another Indian Health Facility. It will also pay for specialized care if needed at other healthcare providers or facilities.

During the years of 1975 and 1976 Congress reformed the Indian Health Service System by taking three major steps: passing the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act, Indian Self-Determination and Education Assistance Act and provided 638 Tribal Health Facilities with greater access to Medicare and Medicaid.

Under the Indian Healthcare Improvement Act of 1976, the IHS/MOA rate was established providing Tribal 638 health facilities, like SUHC, a higher reimbursement rate for each medical visit. This increased reimbursement rate provides Tribal Health Centers increased revenue, which translates to

additional and more specialized health services.

Only Tribal Health Facilities can acquire this increased reimbursement rate on per patient visit.

Additionally, with the passing of Obama Care or the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act in 2010, Tribal 638 Health Facilities were provided with an expansion of billable medical services through the State Medicaid system. This expansion of billable medical services allows 638 Tribal Health Facilities to reach a level of financial solvency and not to solely rely on IHS dollars.

As many of you are aware, Medicaid is jointly funded by state and the federal government. Each state designs their Medicaid program to provide federally mandated programs in addition to services for special populations that are a priority in the state. Federally mandated services are directed to both children and adults based on specific eligibility criteria and includes hospital services, home healthcare services, laboratory and x-ray services and Nursing Home Care.

States must also provide Early Periodic Screening, Diagnosis and Treatment services for eligible children. States may also offer optional services including prescription drugs, dental care, physical and other therapy services. Medicaid is also important for individuals with disabilities and chronic health conditions which

may require long term care to maintain their health, independence and wellbeing.

The Southern Ute Health Center is growing, we have hired two additional full-time medical providers, one who specializes in internal medicine and managing complex disease; the other is a well-respected primary care physician in the Durango area. We also are welcoming our first fulltime [in-house] physical therapist, who is board certified in orthopedic medicine.

When members of the Southern Ute Tribe utilize the services at the health center, we exercise the Tribe’s sovereignty and provide expanded healthcare services to our membership.

We are proud to serve the people of the Southern Ute Tribe, and welcome you to meet our staff and learn more about how we provide healthcare. This is the first article in a series of articles introducing our new providers and sharing our passion for good health.

If you are interested in enrolling in Medicaid, please contact Savannah Benally at 970-563-2204. Savannah can help you with the process including reviewing the exemptions in place for tribal members when it comes to qualifying for Medicaid. We encourage everyone to take advantage of this program to expand your options for care as well as stretch our funding for other healthcare options.

DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES NOTICE

Seeking Community Member for Child Protection Team

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

Southern Ute 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, 1 – 5 p.m., by appointment only. Call 970-563-2374 for all inquiries.
- DENTAL: Open from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- 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 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) by telemedicine or at the outised provider’s location.
- All BEHAVIORAL HEALTH Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

* Recently updated information.

Native Connections Program presents...

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

ONLINE SUICIDE PREVENTION TRAINING

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

Self-paced training:

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

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT PRECIOUS COLLINS
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IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Return to School Snapshot 2020-21

The school plan stresses safety and encourages flexibility through cooperation with staff, parents/guardians, and students. The goal will continue to be high academic growth for students in a safe and supportive environment.

Please register online at ignacioschools.org by August 7, 2020. This will enable the schools to plan and schedule students in the safest and most appropriate way possible. Each student will have two options when registering. Please refer to the District Plan for Opening Schools on the website if you need more information or detail.

- 1. OPTION 1 – ON CAMPUS LEARNING: With safety precautions in place.**

 - a. Parents will be expected to take their child’s temperature each day. If your child has a fever, do not send them to school.
 - b. The district will follow state mandates regarding the wearing of masks and shields.
 - c. Students will be transported to school via bus, walking, or parent transport. The buses will no longer pick up and drop off at any residences or businesses within the town limits. Also, they can only pick up and drop off at one residence. Please contact the bus garage if you child needs to ride the bus 970-563-4216.
 - d. Students will be directed to their home-room class at the beginning of each day where breakfast will be served.
 - e. Students will proceed with their daily schedule for classes and lunch. All schools will employ systematic spacing and sanitization.
 - f. At the end of each day, students will be released from schools using a staggered dismissal for both buses and walkers.
 - g. Schools will be cleaned each evening using a disinfectant fogger in all areas of use. Custodians will be vigilant in cleaning high use areas and equipment.
- 2. OPTION 2 – REMOTE LEARNING: This option requires each student to virtually attend classes as they occur within the school day.**

 - a. After registration is complete, please call or email the district receptionist 970-563-0500
 - b. There will be training for families before the start of the school year.
 - c. Students will go through exactly the same schedule as the campus learning students but they will do it virtually through google hangouts.
 - d. Families must ensure their children have access to the internet to access classes.
 - e. Students will access Google Hangout for each class and attendance will be taken.
 - f. Students will be able to observe instruction, interact with both the teacher and their classmates, and access assignments through the virtual classroom.
 - g. A modified daily schedule will be used in the elementary school.
 - h. Students will move through their school schedule by changing to each google hangout for the class in which they are enrolled at the appropriate time.
 - i. Students will have the opportunity to access extracurricular activities in the district.

- CONTACT INFORMATION**
- Ignacio District Office: 970-563-0500
 - Ignacio High School: 970-563-0515
 - Ignacio Middle School: 970-563-0600
 - Ignacio Elementary School: 970-563-0650
 - Website: ignacioschools.org



CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019
(COVID-19)

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)

Parents, you may have questions about how your child will return to school this fall during the COVID-19 pandemic. A new decision-making tool is available to help keep your family safe and prepare for the upcoming school year. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3f3Q1EA>.

SU Education Dept. 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 www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/.

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

Virtual Enrollment Nights

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, and upcoming sessions.

SUIMA SEEKING PARENT INPUT • FROM PAGE 1

able at <https://www.cdc.gov/covid-data-tracker> and provided the following statistics, “according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), as of July 17, 2020, the United States reported that children and adolescents under 18 years old account for under seven percent of COVID-19 cases and less than 0.1 percent of COVID-19-related deaths.”

Not everyone agrees. Many parents, students and school staff are apprehensive to send their students to school, to an environment that will need to see drastic changes with the way students would normally engage with each other and teachers.

The Ignacio School District announced in a virtual school board meeting on July 9, board members voted unanimously against a mandatory face-covering requirement for staff members and students.

Colorado Governor Jared Polis issued an Executive Mandatory Mask Order on July 16. The mandatory mask order, has been extended until Aug. 15, and applies to any indoor area, publicly or privately owned. Anyone older than 10 years of age must wear a nonmedical face covering.

As for the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy’s (SUIMA) reopening, Taylor stated, “We are trying to do the right thing. This isn’t something we’re all used to, everyone is being proactive and planning it out.”

SUIMA staff took their re-opening guidelines to the SUIMA School Board and were directed to conduct a survey with parents to see what they would like SUIMA to do. The deadline to get the survey turned in to SUIMA is Tuesday, August 4, and a decision on the academy’s re-opening will be decided then.

Safety is the number one concern for re-opening. Both the Ignacio School District and SUIMA are



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Sakarii Goodtracks draws a portrait of herself while Tia Howe picks out a new color of crayon to finish coloring her eyes during the first day of school at the Academy in 2019. Social distancing and other safety measures will play a major role in how classrooms will be structured in 2020-2021.

giving the responsibility to the parent to ensure they are not sending their kids to schools with Coronavirus symptoms. Checking their child’s temperature prior to bringing them to school, for example.

In SUIMA, masks and social distancing will be enforced. Teachers will receive training and the Southern Ute Shared Service (SUSS) department will be installing cameras for those students who will be learning from home remotely.

Mari Jo Owens, SUIMA Principal said, “The biggest challenge was to get the Montessori lesson taught with limited computer access for SUIMA students,” as electronic devices such as tablets, and computers were needed to piece-mill the lessons remotely.

Internet connection was another obstacle in learning for the SUIMA students and teachers. Some teachers were even conducting class from their vehicles to access Wi-Fi, as internet connections in remote locations are not always readily available. Having a strong internet signal is especially important when conducting a virtual class lesson through Zoom.

“Overall last year went well. When we teach in person on campus, we do the best teaching hands on. It’s different from pencil and paper,” Owens said in

reference to online classes.

SUIMA had 109 registered students last fall, with 115 students overall for the 2019-2020 school year. SUIMA employs 45 administration staff members, 21 teachers, with two teachers in each class, Upper Elementary having one teacher and one aide.

“We want to keep the pandemic ordinance in mind and not violating that,” Taylor emphasized. “SUIMA will have a head count, incorporating social distancing with no overcrowding.”

SUIMA is still looking to re-open Monday, August 24. “We have been working with SUSS, and we will have our enrollment packet online for the first time, starting Saturday, Aug. 1 through Monday, Aug. 10,” said Owens. The online registration packet can be found at www.suima.org.

Returning SUIMA students will need to submit enrollment packets. Enrollment will re-open again for winter enrollment in December. If students are on the waiting list from the fall registration, they will have priority to be registered at that time.

Once the re-opening guidelines for SUIMA to re-open are approved by the SUIMA School Board, the guidelines will be published on their website and online in The Southern Ute Drum.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY’S ENROLLMENT PERIOD IS OPEN!
AUGUST 1, 2020 - AUGUST 10, 2020

ALL STUDENTS MUST SUBMIT A NEW 2020-2021 REGISTRATION PACKET

CURRENTLY ENROLLED student information **must be updated** via the registration process.
NEW STUDENT information **must be submitted** via the registration process.

REGISTRATIONS MUST BE SUBMITTED BY AUGUST 10TH, 2020

REGISTRATION PACKETS are available by going to the parent section of:
www.suima.org
OR
Call SUIMA at 563-0253

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.

ENERGY

LPEA takes next step in charting its energy future

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

As a next step in exploring its future power supply options and charting its energy future, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) is seeking updated power supply proposals from national power providers. The cooperative is asking providers who submitted proposals in a June 2019 RFP process to refresh their numbers to capture current market conditions. Pricing updates will be completed by August 14, 2020. This move takes place following the July 10 ruling by a Colorado Public Utilities Commission (PUC) Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) in favor of LPEA's efforts to obtain a just and equitable exit charge from its power provider Tri-State Generation & Transmission (Tri-State). LPEA formally asked Tri-State to provide a fair and equitable exit charge in July of 2019 as the LPEA Board of Directors wanted to explore multiple power-supply options to minimize costs and maximize local control and environmental sustainability. These options included staying with Tri-State and working to increase contract flexibility, fully exiting the Tri-State relationship, or finding a middle option. "Now that we have a favorable ruling from the ALJ, we are able to move full steam ahead on all three options," said LPEA's CEO Jessica Matlock. "I am looking forward to finally having all the pieces of this puzzle so we can begin analyzing options to determine what will deliver the most benefits, at the lowest rates, for our members in the future."

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 34,500 members.

LPEA

La Plata Electric Association, Inc.

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GARDENING

Why you should plant a fall garden

By Denee Bex
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM


The month of August is exciting for gardeners. We are starting to see bountiful harvests. It seems like we have corn, squash, and tomatoes everywhere we look. For some, it might be difficult to figure out what to do with so many vegetables. For my family, our garden is overflowing with squash. We're having to add zucchini to everything. We're also freezing it. Frying it. For what is left over, it is going into casseroles. For summer crops, like squash, those plants will start to be killed off by the cold in October, depending where you are located. If you want to keep the harvest continuing over the next couple of months, now is the time to start planning for your fall garden. Basically, a fall garden is a garden that you plant in the fall. This sounds simple, but there is a little math involved. For our area, we have a very short growing season. As a result, we need to start thinking about starting any seeds that you might want to transplant in about four-six weeks. You'll have to choose plants that will come to maturity before the end of October. For example, my first frost date is September 25, so that means I need to count backwards about eight weeks before this date so I know when to start my seedlings, because many cold-tolerant vegetables have a maturity time of eight weeks. I plan to transplant my seedlings when they are about four weeks old outside. A fall garden can be a way to extend your harvest of fresh vegetables. This is because a fall garden typically includes plants that do not mind a light frost, anything from 28°F to 32°F. A fall garden comes to maturity during the colder months. This includes cold-tolerant vegetables such as lettuce, spinach, leafy greens, kale, broccoli, cabbage, peas, and root vegetables. The neat thing with root vegetables is that you can even leave them in the ground over the winter and dig them up as needed. I did that with carrots last winter. Amazingly, the carrots survived the winter. I was digging them earlier this year. We used the carrots for stew. Also, garlic is best planted in the fall and will be ready in the following spring. A fall garden is also easier to manage because there are fewer insects that could destroy your plants. Pests are usually more active before and during the hottest days of summer. They are breeding and need food to reproduce. Their food is from our garden. The insects calm down as the cooler weather comes near. So, to keep your harvest coming well into the fall months, you should consider starting your fall garden now. Good luck fellow gardeners.



courtesy Denee Bex

Beets are a wonderful addition to your fall garden; they are cold-tolerant and offer many nutritional benefits.

Denee Bex is a Registered Dietitian and advocate for healthy traditional diets and home-grown foods within Native American communities. She can be reached at Denee.Bex@gmail.com.




BEAT THE HEAT:

Extreme Heat


Heat related deaths are preventable

WHAT:


Extreme heat or heat waves occur when the temperature reaches extremely high levels or when the combination of heat and humidity causes the air to become oppressive.




Children




Older adults



More males than females are affected




Outside workers




People with disabilities


WHERE:



Houses with little to no AC




Construction worksites




Cars


HOW to AVOID:



Stay hydrated with water, avoid sugary beverages



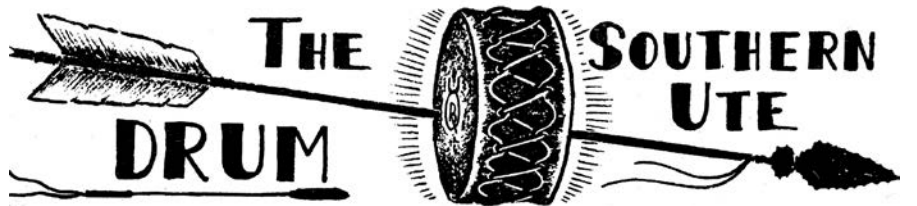
Stay cool in an air conditioned area



Wear light-weight, light colored, loose fitting clothes

THE SOUTHERN UTE


DRUM



Visit the Drum online at www.sudrum.com

eEditions at www.sudrum.com/eEditions

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.

Connected Parenting


with Rachel Turiel

How to listen so kids will talk

When our kid says that thing that infuriates us we often focus on how we feel about the statement rather than what our child is trying to communicate with us. We try to fix, teach, or correct, when simply hearing and reflecting what's important to our kids would serve relationships better. When we cultivate skills of empathy we can meet all behavior and expression—even that which presents as blame—in a way that gets under the words and actions, bringing clarity to what's really driving our children.

How to talk so kids will listen


Did you know that kids can smell a parent with an agenda a mile away, no matter how you present yourself? If your children tune out when you talk or get suspicious when you begin sharing your perspective, come learn new ways of expressing vulnerably without blame or shame. In this class we'll learn ways of understanding our inner landscape, and then communicating what's up for us without judgment, while still delivering our truth. When we can speak truth with care we're much more likely to be met by our children with willingness to listen and collaborate.



TWO PART ONLINE PARENTING COURSE

Thursday, July 23rd 3:00-4:30 PM & Thursday, July 30th 3:00-4:30 PM

To Enroll, please call 970-385-4747





Southern Ute Indian Tribe & CDPHE Drive-thru COVID-19 Testing

August 12-13, 2020

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

**Sky Ute Casino Resort
Overflow Parking Lot**

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and immediate household family members (including those who are not enrolled). Testing will be open to the community on August 13, 2020 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. **In accordance with the public health order requiring the use of face coverage, face masks are required.**

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



COVID-19 Symptoms

Symptoms can develop 2-14 days after exposure

Fever

Cough

Shortness
of Breath

Seek medical
care if your
symptoms are
severe.

Test, Trace, and Treat



An effective fight against the coronavirus has multiple fronts. It includes widespread testing campaigns, the tracing of infection chains, and the race to create vaccines and develop effective treatment.

Priority will be given to elders and persons who have special vulnerabilities for the first hour each day from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Tribal Members are required to wear a face mask to the viral testing area on the scheduled day of testing.

Drive-thru Testing Procedures

Staff will assist with completing the COVID-19 Testing Demographic and Consent Form. All individuals must complete form to receive voluntary testing. Tribal Members are required to wear a face mask to the viral testing area on the scheduled day of testing.



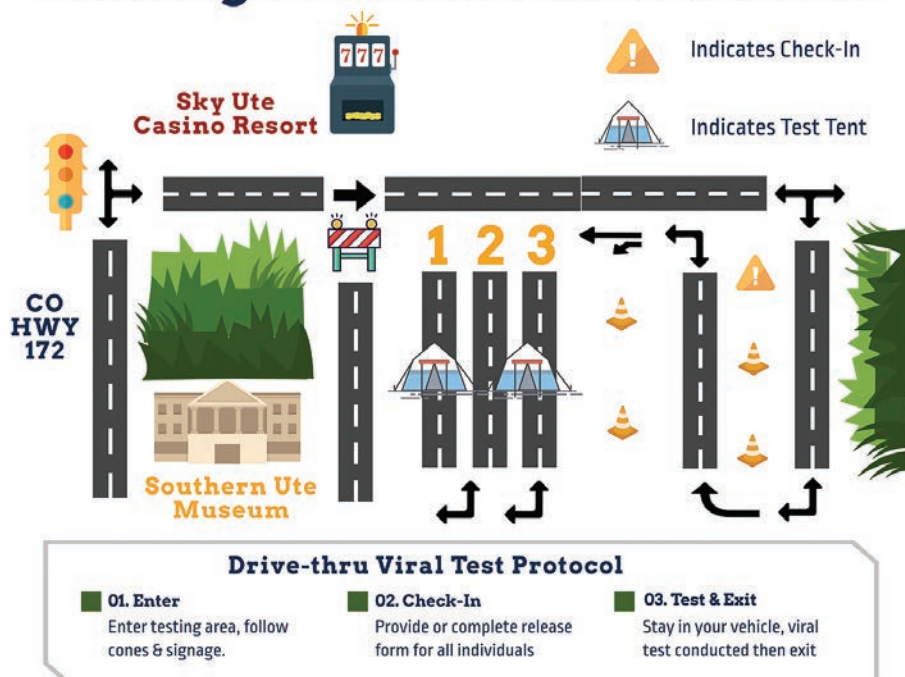
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| Follow cones to entrance of drive-thru testing. Line up and wait in vehicle | Stay in vehicle, check-in with TIS & complete release form | Follow staff instructions to one of three lines entering testing area | Healthcare professional will conduct testing swab for all individuals | Exit testing area toward Museum & onto County Road 517 | Test results are reported as they arrive. SUHC staff will call with results |



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

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

COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing Protocol Illustration



Aerial View of SUCR Overflow Parking Lot



If you are exhibiting symptoms



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

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

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



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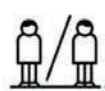
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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 Call Center

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

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**PRACTICE SOCIAL
DISTANCING**



**STAY
HOME**



**STAY
IN TOUCH**



**PRACTICE GOOD
HYGIENE**

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

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

For up-to-date 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

San Juan Basin Public Health reports continued increase in cases

Staff report

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment has determined that La Plata County now qualifies as an area of significant community transmission of COVID-19. This may result in continued increases in case counts. The cases reported over the last three weeks include workplace, family, social, and household transmissions of the virus, as well as persons who contracted the disease

- Stay at home. Only leave your home for things such as grocery shopping, getting needed medication at the pharmacy, or to going to work.
- If you do leave your home, wear a face covering over your nose and mouth. Anyone older than 10 in Colorado is required to wear a mask or

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.

Mercy community testing site reduces hours, tests

Staff report

- High priority: people with COVID-19 symptoms and those notified of an exposure by SJBPH or another public health agency.
- Medium priority: people with no symptoms or identified exposure but who live or work with high risk popula-

“We at SJBPH recognize that a reduction in community testing will be very concerning to all of us,” said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Exec-

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Gov. Polis provides update on Colorado COVID-19 response

Staff report

“We know we can’t be-
have the way we did last
summer, or even the way we
did in February. Though we
have taken steps to open up
more of our economy, we
have to remain vigilant,”
said Governor Jared Pol-
lis. “If we continue keeping
a safe distance of six feet
from others, mask up when
we leave the house, and con-
nect with each other virtual-
ly when possible, we’ll start
to see less tests coming back
positive for COVID-19 and

Amidst rising cases, CD-PHE has created a system

View the Governor's presentation.






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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE


Stay at Home Order



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



STAY HOME

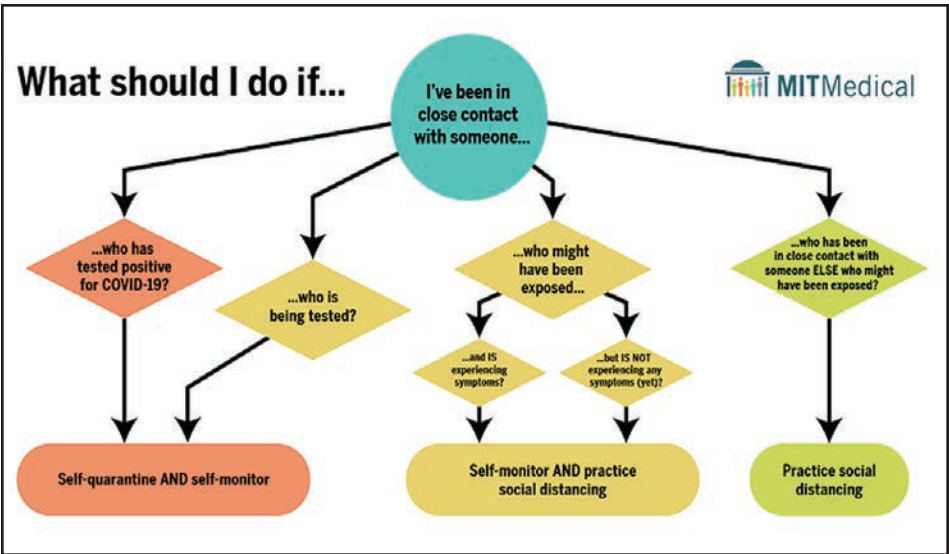


PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

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

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

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Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Contact Information

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Members are working remotely while under the tribal "Stay at Home" Order. While tribal members are unable to stop in to the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building and Tribal Council Affairs, Council is still available for questions via phone and email.

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TRANSPORTATION

Region-wide bridge maintenance completed in southwest Colorado

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation has completed work on regional bridges requiring maintenance and repair. The project included improvements to six structures:

- US Highway 160/550 bridge (also known as the "high bridge") in Durango over the Animas River at Mile Point 86
- two US 550 bridges near the Colorado/New Mexico state line at MP 1 and 2
- US 160 bridge over the San Juan River in Pagosa Springs at MP 144
- CO Highway 151 bridge over the Piedra River near Arboles at MP 18.5
- US 550 bridge over the Hermosa Creek in the Animas Valley north of Durango at MP 32

ing the high bridge over the Animas River in Durango and two US 550 bridges just north of the New Mexico state line. Work on the Animas River structure included improved approaches at the north abutment, improved drainage structures and grading improvements with concrete and asphalt pavements. The US 550 structures received new and improved polyester concrete deck surfacing, drainage improvements, and repairs to wildlife fencing.

This spring, crews performed repair work on the US 160 Pagosa Springs and CO 151 Arboles bridges where they performed repair work including removal and replacement of asphalt membranes, bridge deck repairs, and bridge expansion joint repair and replacement.

The final structure receiving repairs was the US 550 Hermosa bridge in the Animas Valley north of Durango. Construction activities on the bridge were delayed when an active American Dipper nest, protected un-

der the Migratory Bird Treaty Act, was found on the bridge structure. Crews resumed work on the structure on June 15, after the young birds fledged, with repairs to the bridge deck, bridge joint, and removal and replacement of asphalt.

As part of CDOT's Whole System - Whole Safety initiative, this project will create better and safer driving conditions for travelers, and help to extend the lifespan of the bridges.

CDOT along with American Civil Constructors would like to thank the Southwest Colorado communities for their patience and understanding during these construction efforts.

PROJECT & TRAVEL INFORMATION

- Project info line at 970-840-8517
- Email team at R5BridgeRehab@yahoo.com
- Project website at www.codot.gov/projects/southwestern-colorado-bridge-maintenance

Work was completed last week on the bridge at Hermosa, with some follow up items completed on the Pagosa Springs bridge on Monday, earlier this week.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

This region-wide bridge preventative maintenance project began last fall in September of 2019, address-



COLORADO
Department of Transportation

Where to listen to KSUT Tribal Radio

- KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM (Ignacio)
- KUUT 89.7 FM (Farmington/n.w. N.M.)
- KZNM 100.9 FM (Towaoc)
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COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19 & TRIBAL "STAY AT HOME" ORDER

STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL WILL TAKE THE PLACE OF COUNCIL CONNECT. SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL WILL PROVIDE COVID-19 UPDATES, CHANGES ON TRIBAL, STATE AND FEDERAL LEVELS THAT IMPACT TRIBAL MEMBERSHIP, AND UPCOMING EVENTS.

**WEDNESDAY
AFTERNOON**

Tribal Council Updates
will be posted to social
media platforms.

**FRIDAY
MORNING**

Chairman Sage will provide
updates on KSUT Tribal Radio
every Friday at 9:00 A.M.

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWAOC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG



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courtesy Colo. Dept. of Transportation

Newly added big rig and recreational parking spaces, recently installed at two rest areas in southwest and south-central Colorado, provide clearly defined parking spaces for enhanced safety.

TRANSPORTATION

CDOT completes improved parking project at two rest areas on US 160

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation and contract partner Four Corners Materials are pleased to announce the completion of the US Highway 160 rest area truck parking enhancements project. The project began in April at two locations on US 160, the Sleeping Ute Rest Area in Montezuma County and the Shaw Creek Rest Area in Rio Grande County.

As part of CDOT's Whole System – Whole Safety initiative, this project focused on safety enhancements to the Sleeping Ute Rest Area, east of Cortez, and Shaw Creek Rest Area, east of South Fork, to provide clearly defined locations for commercial truck and oversized recreational parking.



courtesy Colo. Dept. of Transportation

When Wolf Creek Pass is impassable or closed due to inclement weather, vehicle crashes, rock-falls, avalanches or other emergencies that arise, the expansion at Shaw Creek Rest Area will provide safe parking off the highway for oversized trucks or large recreational vehicles.

The additional big rig and recreational parking spaces at the Sleeping Ute Rest Area also provide clearly defined park-

ing spaces, allowing for all vehicles, commercial trucks and passenger cars, to safely flow through the rest area preventing potential encounters or crashes.

Additional work for this project included: erosion control, widening of the existing truck parking areas, asphalt patching, chip seal, striping, and lighting upgrades that consist of new poles and luminaries with improved technology and lower energy use.

TRANSPORTATION

Travelers urged to be aware of potential challenges as monsoon season hits

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation asks that motorists plan for heavy rains this weekend and into next week, especially in the San Juan and Sangre de Cristo mountain ranges. Drivers should check the latest weather forecasts and road conditions before traveling. Heavy monsoonal rains and summer storms can lead to challenging driving conditions. Colorado highways, particularly those in mountainous areas, can be vulnerable to the impacts of weather and natural emergencies. Some roadways have already experienced incidents of flash flooding, mudslides and rock falls over the past few weeks. These events can cause major dilemmas for the traveling public and CDOT maintenance crews.

It is important that the traveling public be aware of summer weather conditions and forecasts. Just as motorists prepare for driving in the winter time, during summer months, travelers should also be ready for heavy rain storms, hail storms and what can potentially occur after those storms – flooding, mudslides and falling rocks.

FLOODED ROADWAYS

When motorists drive up onto a flooded area, there are several precautions to follow.

- Never drive through any flooded area, you do not know how deep or how fast the water is running.
- Even 8-10 inches of water can float an average-sized car, which can be easily swept off the road.
- Driving too fast on wet roads or in flooded areas can cause a vehicle to hydroplane. Never use your cruise control during rainy conditions with standing water on the roadway.
- Any amount of flood-

ing or mud can obstruct the roadway and hinder drivers from knowing exactly where to drive. If you cannot see the roadway, be smart and wait for the water to subside.

- Water and mud can contain unknown hazards hidden under the surface – rocks or other debris, like plant material and tree branches.

CLOSURES MAY BE NEEDED

When CDOT determines that a road must be closed, the decision is made to protect everyone, including motorists and response crews. The need for some closures is obvious – mudslides cover the highway or large boulders tumble on to the road. But some closures may also be needed for an area that appears to be less impacted or less obvious of the required shutdown. The I-70 mountain corridor is a prime example: some sections of the interstate curve through narrow canyons, and the lanes can be divided by concrete barriers or portions of the roadway split with elevated levels. Because of these features, the closure may be needed miles away from the actual incident, so that exits and alternate routes can be accessed. It may also limit the possibilities to turn traffic around.

If you are stuck in a closure waiting for a road to be cleared of mud or rocks, do not leave your car unless absolutely necessary. Never hang out in the grassy median located between lanes. If traffic is moving in the opposite direction, the median can be a hazardous area. Emergency response vehicles and heavy equipment may also need the median area to move about and access the emergency scene.

Lengthy closures on the interstate may also be the result of staged releases. As stopped traffic backs up, creating long lines, traffic

will be let go in stages, allowing traffic queues ahead to clear, before releasing more traffic.

BE PREPARED

Highway closures can last for as little as a few minutes or for as long as several hours. When drivers set out on a trip, especially through high country roads or the I-70 mountain corridor, it would be wise to have the car supplied with an emergency kit. The kit should contain at the very minimum: water, snacks, flashlight, and a blanket. Remember to also carry water for your pets if you're traveling with animals. You may even consider packing some items to keep you or children occupied while waiting in the car. Activity books, colored pencils or a deck of cards can help pass the time.

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

Travelers are urged to “know before you go.” Gather information about weather forecasts and anticipated travel impacts and current road conditions prior to hitting the road. CDOT resources include:

- CDOT webpage: www.codot.gov
- CDOT safe driving tips: www.codot.gov/travel/driving-safety and downloadable flyer
- CDOT's official and on-line road conditions website: www.COTrip.org
- CDOT project or travel alerts: bit.ly/COalerts
- CDOT social media: Twitter @coloradodot and Facebook facebook.com/coloradodot
- CSP impaired or aggressive driver hotline Dial: *CSP (*277)
- CSP social media: Twitter @CSP_News and Facebook facebook.com/ColoradoStatePatrol
- Tune in to your preferred weather source

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. – Fri., 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon)

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

Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

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

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

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

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

Safety Tips

Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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

Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak

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

In the event of an Emergency

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

SUPD - 970.564.4401

did you know?!

In 2015, a research paper found that there are more trees on Earth, than stars in the atmosphere.

Source: <https://www.nature.com/articles/nature14967>

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.

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



BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Ignacio Middle School Football update

by Coach Wristen
IGNACIO MIDDLE SCHOOL

Parents/Guardians – as our middle school football season is fast approaching, we as a staff would like to hold voluntary summer workouts starting on Monday, July 27.

This year we will only be allowing seventh and eighth graders to play, due to a reduced number of games.

We will hold workouts Monday-Thursday from 3-5 p.m. at the middle school football field.

We understand the concerns for withholding your student-athlete from participating in summer workouts and this will not affect

their playing time during the upcoming year.

Mandatory practices will start on Monday, Aug. 10 and will be held at the same time as our summer workouts.

Please note that the school district has implemented safety guidelines to keep all safe during our summer workouts. These guidelines can be found on the district's website. The parent/guardian must sign and turn in a Summer Release Form. Please print one off if possible, sign, and bring to the first summer workout. We will provide extra copies when dropping off your student-athlete. The student-athlete will not be able to participate until

this release form is signed and turned in by their parent/guardian.

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me at cwristen@ignacioschools.org and I will get back to you as soon as possible.

We look forward to having a great season, and it starts with great conditioning, mental/physical toughness, and great team comradery.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Cutline As assistant coach Shasta Pontine emcees the moment, Ignacio Volleyball head coach Thad Cano displays a gifted blanket to onlookers attending the Volleyscats' 2019 end-of-year awards banquet inside IHS Auditorium. In the months that followed, Cano would decide to resign his varsity post, which he'd held since 2012 following a three-year stint as an assistant – making for 11 total seasons with the program.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

A roots re-route: Cano couldn't refuse N.M. return

Longtime skipper to aid rebuilding Alamogordo

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

During a recent pre-season phone interview, when asked to recall his initial high-school volleyball coaching gig, Thad Cano informed this writer he'd e-mail a picture showing himself with his first-ever charges.

"You're going to flip out, at how young and skinny I was!" he said jokingly.

He was right. But to be fair, three decades in any occupation probably would change anyone's appearance.

Cano's signature grin, however, hasn't – which doesn't surprise Ernestine Baca, under whom in 1991 he first cut his teeth at Alamogordo (N.M.) High School, in the slightest.

"He always had a pleasant smile when dealing with students," she recalled. "I met Thaddeus as he was an employee [of AHS] as a security guard ... related well with students on campus."

"Thaddeus was the type of individual you would want on your volleyball staff."

A physical-education professor at New Mexico State University-Alamogordo and faculty member since '97 – when she arrived after teaching P.E. at Alamogordo High since '86 – Dr. Baca would certainly know something about success stemming from surrounding oneself with positive-thinking people.

And during recent months, such a person was sought to help re-energize AHS' famed Tiger Pit following a 2019 in which the Lady Tiger varsity – an NMAA Class 4A State Champion program in 1979 with Baca in uniform and also State Runner-up in '80 – finished a reported 2-19 overall and 1-11 in District 3-5A play.

Not long after defeats dealt by Kremmling West Grand and Ault Highland in the WG-hosted CHSAA Class 2A-Region VII Tournament left Ignacio standing a finalized 13-12 – a five-win improvement over 2018's 8-15 mark – in '19, a conversation with his mother left Cano all but convinced a homecoming was in order.

"I had talked to my mom ... to come down for Thanksgiving, and I was like, 'What do you think of me moving back?' She was like, 'That would be

good,'" he said. "And I was like, 'Time to do it,' and started getting everything all lined up."

Though not offered a job leading AHS' first team, hoping to return no fewer than seven now-seniors (Alamogordo graduated just four), the chance to work under – and perhaps re-mentor – a former player, appearing in the aforementioned photo, proved just too unique to pass up.

"Would have [relocated] sooner but with COVID we ended up getting locked down, couldn't do anything for ... two months, basically," he said, speaking on a day when the predicted temperature in Alamogordo approached 107 degrees Fahrenheit. "When they reopened everything, I made the transition and notified everybody."

That included IHS Athletic/Activities Director Leo Garand, as well as his 2019 assistant coaches whom he'd collectively praised at the team's end-of-year awards banquet:

"I do want to thank all my coaching staff – Amy Barry, Tracy Strohl, Shasta Pontine, Melanie Seibel – because without those coaches right there, I couldn't have done it," he stated. "They made my life easy; they stepped into roles throughout the season at different key times to help the teams."

"We had a lot of adversity and we got through that adversity," continued Cano, 76-106 overall as Ignacio's varsity boss since 2012. "I definitely appreciate their help and want to thank them for that. This season was fun."

"We would like to thank Coach Cano for everything you've done for us as coaches, and for all of our girls," Pontine said later in the evening. "Really, you were the driving force on what makes this team great and what's going to make this team great in the future."

Again, such a declaration wouldn't come as a surprise to Cano's very first high-est-up.

"As I took over as head coach from [Alamogordo's] 1986 State Championship team, I was a huge believer that ... good varsity teams need good feeder programs," said Baca, who supplanted Carmen Ross prior to the '87 season and who would remain varsity director until leaving for NMSU-A. "Thaddeus ...

worked well teaching competitive volleyball to these athletes at an early age."

"After freshman practice, Thaddeus would take time to come work with our varsity to assist in competitive drills," she continued. "Any accomplished ... head coach will always need a coach with this specific quality."

And at Alamogordo, that 'head coach' will be second-year leader Kelley Bickham.

A 1994 graduate of AHS, Bickham had played some junior-varsity ball during the '91 season for JV coach Pat Devine while Cano – offered the role for 2020 – instructed the freshman squad as Baca oversaw all goings-on.

Bickham was later named an Honorable Mention All-4A outside hitter following her senior-year '93 efforts, and would continue her student-athlete days at Garden City (Kan.) C.C. as a track-and-field throwing talent, prior to lettering at NCAA Division I University of Arkansas in '97 and '98.

"I had one meeting – before they locked down [due to COVID-19 precautions] the state – with Kelley. Went to a Taco Bell there, sat and chit-chatted," said Cano, who first arrived at Ignacio in 2009 from 3A Pagosa Springs, and served under varsity predecessor Bayli Stillwell. "So she and I have just been talking on the phone ... She wants me to coach for her, and I said I would so ... this is really coming full-circle!"

"I'll be coaching where I first started!"

"Thaddeus had this quality and love to talk and play volleyball all day with me and everyone else," Baca said. "His work ethic and desire for success would trickle down to his athletes."

"A successful volleyball team is a team that has respect between the athletes and a head coach," she noted. "Yes, winning State ... is every head coach's dream, but having your athletes succeed and grow as an individual and learn to be a team member is more rewarding. Thaddeus always believed in his athletes, win or lose."

"I love volleyball," said Cano, "working with student-athletes, trying to guide them to achieve great things."

"He deserves all the respect and recognition he has

COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL SPORTS

Softball and Boys' Tennis to start practice August 10

Staff report
COLO. HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

Softball and boys' tennis have been given approval to begin play this fall, CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green announced Wednesday at the Association's annual All-School Summit.

The sports were approved

as part of CHSAA's return-to-play plan submitted to the state's COVID-19 Response team within the Governor's office, she noted.

Softball and boys' tennis can begin practice as scheduled on Monday, Aug. 10, with competition starting Thursday, Aug. 13.

Both sports will have modifications to their seasons complying with cur-

rent national, state and local health guidelines. Any activity or sport is subject to change based upon any changes to national, state or local guidelines.

The CHSAA office is anticipating a decision from the COVID-19 Response team on the remaining sports by the end of the week. Please consult CHSAANow.com for up-to-date information.

Important Information:
Sports Practice Fields And Courts

In order for you to get on a practice field or court, you must complete the following things.

1. You must have a physical within the last year on file at the school. You may also scan upload them.
2. You must have enrolled for school and agree to all of the activity agreements through Infinite Campus portal.

Follow instructions below to fill out the necessary CHSAA sign up in arbiter athlete. To create an account on ArbiterAthlete & follow IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL from your phone, text S41670 to 69274. Or you can go to the following link. Make sure to choose Ignacio High School. <https://www.arbiterathlete.com>. Your parents only have to link (posted below), if you are transferring into Ignacio from another school. https://drive.google.com/file/d/1UU6R2qv61Om_wJ5lthz8EL72bCQo5iAT/view

Source: www.ignacioschools.org



ALL TRIBAL PLAYGROUNDS & PARKS REMAIN CLOSED

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and for the health & safety of the tribal membership, by authority of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, all playgrounds and parks will remain closed. Playground and park equipment use is strictly prohibited. Tribal Members are allowed to engage in exercises such as walking. Groups larger than 5 are prohibited in all areas. Lake Capote and Scott's Pond are closed to the public, but open to the membership.

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geology at Fort Lewis College in the early 2000's.

He was a gifted pianist portrait/natural landscape painter, jewelry artisan and crafting ceramics. He enjoyed spelunking, was an artifact hunter, metal detector enthusiast, and watching the night sky and constellations. Victor was a proud Southern Ute man. He participated in Tribal traditions and studied Ute History. He very much enjoyed watching his grandson, Peyton play YAFL Football for the Durango Demons and basketball.

Victor took care of all of his family. He was there for his mom and his brothers. He was a loved friend, cousin, uncle, father, husband and grandfather. He will be missed by many.

He is survived by his wife, Stephanie; his mother: Effie Monte; children: Mary (Patrick Eagle) Monte and Nicholas (Denisha) Monte; grandchildren: Peyton, Marcia, T.J., Gunner, Rozena, Marc, Malik, Mitchell, and Raven; siblings: Victoria Gill, Sherry Salazar, and Drake Monte; and his fur-babies: Mo, Lucy, Bob, and Chuck.

He was preceded in death by his father: John Monte; siblings: Norton Monte, Johnny Monte and Steven Monte; and niece: Blossom Lucas.

Services were held on Thursday, July 23 and Saturday, July 25 at Hood Mortuary Chapel, 1261 E. Third Ave. Durango, CO. In order to practice social distancing, Immediate family are invited to attend a visitation, which were held on Thursday July 23, 2020. Extended family & friends were encouraged to pay their respects during a celebration of life on Saturday July 25, 2020. Those who choose not to attend in person, could watch the service via live stream: www.youtube.com/user/thehoodmortuary

MONTE – Victor Cyrus Monte passed away Monday, July 20, 2020, at Mercy Regional Medical Center. He was 67 years old.

Victor was born July 9, 1953, to John & Effie Monte in Ignacio. He grew up in and attended schools in Ignacio where he played baseball and was in band while in High School.

Victor married Stephanie (Vigil) in 1977 and the new family moved to Phoenix for Victor to attend Universal Technical Institute. Victor began working for Asarco Copper Mine as a heavy equipment mechanic in Tucson, Az. Mary was born to the family while in Phoenix and Nicholas in Tucson. The family returned home to the Ignacio area in 1984 and he began working for the Colorado Department of Transportation as a snowplow driver and road maintenance, retiring in 1999.

Victor went back to school to obtain a bachelor's degree in art and a minor in

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

LETTER OF THANKS

From the family of Leona Red Pinnecoose.

We would like to take some time to thank everyone for their thoughts, prayers, and kind words. Many individuals and families came forward to be very supportive and your efforts will be remembered.

We were very impressed with the amount of food that was cooked and brought to the house. We realize that it takes significant time to make those meals and having that food on hand helped. Thank you.

We also want to thank everyone involved in the planning and participation of the funeral service.

There was a lot of coordination required and many departments to contact, but family and friends did a wonderful job in getting things done.

We also want to thank all the people who came by the house just to give their condolences, share their memories, sit, and just talk about nothing. Nothing is more healing than the power of people and our community stepped up in ways that are simply amazing.

Sincerely,

The Family of Leona Red Pinnecoose

EDITOR'S NOTE: ALL LETTERS PUBLISHED IN THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM ARE PUBLISHED AS SUBMITTED AND DO NOT REFLECT THE OPINION OF THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM OR THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE IN ANY WAY.

The Southern Ute Drum encourages letters from readers on any topic. We ask that letters be 500 words or less. Letters deemed to be libelous will not be published. Letters should be submitted by email to Jeremy Shockley at jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov by the end of the day Monday preceeding publication.

Fishing with finesse



courtesy Julia Valdez

Ambrose Valdez, an avid fisherman, caught this 25" Brown Trout with his bare hands while swimming in the Pine River on Wednesday, July 8, 2020.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-0081-CV-PR
Leona Pinnecoose, 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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 at 3:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 23rd of July, 2020.

Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-0080-CV-PR
Jeremy John Cuthair, 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 SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 at 4:00 PM. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 27th of July, 2020.

Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Ella Mae McCook, Deceased
Case No.: 2020-0079-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 AUGUST 10, 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 9th of July, 2020

Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

Notice from The Southern Ute Drum

NOTE, DUE TO COVID-19: The print edition of the newspaper will be temporarily suspended due to closures and circumstances surrounding public safety, and the welfare of our staff.

The newspaper will continue to be published electronically, and is available as an e-Edition PDF at www.sudrum.com/eEditions/

The Southern Ute Drum will adhere to the publication schedules and deadlines for 2020, in order to get relevant news and information out to the Southern Ute tribal membership, tribal departments and community in the best, and most efficient, way possible going forward!

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

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- eEdition: www.sudrum.com/eEditions
- Instagram & Twitter: @SouthernUteDrum



Bonita Peak Mining District Virtual Public Meeting and Comment Period on Proposed Plan Tuesday, August 11, 2020, 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

EPA has issued the proposed plan to build a site-wide waste repository. A 30-day public comment period will run from July 29–August 28, 2020.

On August 11, EPA will hold a meeting to explain details of the proposed plan. The proposed plan and supporting documents are available at: <https://go.usa.gov/xf8s8>

How to attend:

1. Visit the EPA website: www.epa.gov/superfund/bonita-peak
2. Email: jenkins.katherine@epa.gov

The meeting will include a brief presentation on the proposed plan and feasibility study, a question-and-answer period, and a formal public comment period beginning at 7 p.m.

For more information, or to comment, please contact:
Katherine Jenkins, EPA Community Involvement Coordinator
jenkins.katherine@epa.gov, 800-227-8917, ext. 312-6351



Drum Deadline

Next issue
Aug. 14

Deadline
Aug. 10

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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Election Board vacancy

Closing 8/28/20 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Full-Time Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, August 28, 2020 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your Letter of intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Election Board, P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin Street. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-2303 or 2305 or via email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TRIBAL CHAIRMAN AND TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2020 General Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

GENERAL ELECTION –
Friday, November 06, 2020 – 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL ELECTION RESIDENCY DEADLINE –
Saturday, August 08, 2020

STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE –
Monday, September 07, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE –
Tuesday, September 22, 2020

NOTICE OF ELECTION –
Wednesday, October 07, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE –
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE –
Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE –
Thursday, November 05, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

**THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD
AT 285 LAKIN STREET, IGNACIO, CO**
Contact the Election Board at
(970) 563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305
Off-Reservation Tribal members phone
1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov

NOTICE OF DRAFT

Title V Operating Permit And Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given that four Title V operating permit renewal applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program for the following sources of air pollution:

- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**
Facility: Arkansas Loop and Simpson Treating Plants. Section 1, T32N R9W, 9.3 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production field facility
- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**
Facility: Jaques Compressor Station. Section 26, T33N R8W, 4.1 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production and compression facility
- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**
Facility: Sambrito Compressor Station. Section 3, T32N R6W, 9.1 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility
- **Applicant: Red Willow Production Co.**
Facility: Jaques Compressor Station. Section 26, T33N R8W, 4.1 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a produced water gathering and injection facility

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/public-comments/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (July 17, 2020).

Notice: Southen Ute Construction Services Work Station Hours

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

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

Staff will adhere to the Safe Distance Policy, when working in a tribal member home they will wear PPE and ask the tribal member to stay in another room and away from the work area. Emergency cases will take priority when assessing the request. If you have any questions, call Danny Abeyta, Construction Services Division Head at 970-563-0260.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS Southern Ute Agency

The Southern Ute Agency offices are closed to the public, however work is continuing to operate as "business as usual" with staggered staff schedules. The offices can be reached by email or calling the numbers posted. The Office of Natural Resource Revenue (ONRR) is still operating, processing 2014's and payments, including processing distributions. Have any questions or concerns?

Contact the offices below:

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

For lease income you can contact the following numbers:

TOLL FREE: ONRR 800-982-3226

OST Call Center 888-678-6836 / OST Farmington, NM 505-326-7983

Southern Ute Tribal Members Needed For Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancies

The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, August 14, 2020.

SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD

OFFICE HOURS FOR JULY

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS

1:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS WILL RESUME IN AUGUST

Due to COVID-19 the Election Board Office is limiting office personnel contact. We are asking that you please call **970-563-2303 or 970-563-2305** ahead of time should you need any of the following:

STATEMENT OF INTENTION PACKET

ABSENTEE BALLOT

NEW VOTER REGISTRATION

Upon arrival please call the office and we will bring out your requested document. For the safety of all, we will wear gloves and a mask when we bring the document out to you. We kindly ask that you wear a mask as well. The Election Board appreciates your understanding in our efforts to keep everyone safe.

Please continue to be safe and healthy.

Southern Ute Election Board

P.O. Box 737, MS #32 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO 81137

EMAIL: election@southernute-nsn.gov

House for sale by owner

3500 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 2 car garage and out-building on 8.82 acres of assigned land 970-317-1029.

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.

FLC TRIO Talent Search Programs

The Fort Lewis College TRIO Talent Search Programs is seeking applicants for the following position: **Academic Advisor for Ignacio and Pagosa Springs Schools**. For detailed job information including minimum qualifications, preferred qualifications, required competencies, conditions of employment, and the online application process, please visit www.fortlewis.edu/jobs and go to the Employment Opportunities page, then click on Administrative Professional, then the appropriate job link. Fort Lewis College is an AA/EEO employer.



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp for full job details and to apply online. Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check. Southern Ute Growth Fund, Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.

Operations Tech I – AKA Energy (Platteville, CO)

Closing 8/5/20 – Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible. Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must have three years natural gas or amine plant operating experience or industry that utilizes similar equipment. Must have two years gas dehydration systems and related pumps and filters experience. Must have computer experience, with knowledge and experience in MS Word, Excel, and Outlook. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Aka Energy Group vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Must live within a 50 mile radius of the facility. Must be able to work under a rotating workweek, including an on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed.

Operations Tech II – Aka Energy (Platteville, CO)

Closing 8/5/20 – Operating one or more gas plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible. Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must have five years natural gas or amine plant operating experience, or industry that utilizes similar equipment. Must have three years gas dehydration systems and related pumps and filters experience. Must have computer experience, with knowledge and experience in MS Word, Excel, and Outlook. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Aka Energy Group vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Must live within a 50 mile radius of the Facility. Must be able to work under a rotating workweek, including an on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed.

Operations Tech III – Aka Energy (Platteville, CO)

Closing 8/5/20 – Operating one or more gas

plant processes, including widely diversified job tasks within the same process, in a safe manner; responsible for assisting in shutdown planning. Plant facilities could include gas processing plants, plant compressors, electric generation, dehydration equipment, control systems, treating systems as well as other processes. Facility will be operated as efficiently and profitably as possible. Minimum Qualifications: High school diploma or GED equivalent is required. Must have eight years natural gas or amine plant operating experience, or industry that utilizes similar equipment. Must have four years gas dehydration systems and related pumps and filters experience. Must have computer experience, with knowledge and experience in MS Word, Excel, and Outlook. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Aka Energy Group vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check. Must live within a 50 mile radius of the Facility. Must be able to work under a rotating workweek, including an on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed.

Joint Interest Billing (JIB) Accountant III – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 8/14/20 – Under the supervision of the Assistant Controller, this position is responsible for reviewing and recording transactions into the general ledger that pertain to outside operated properties and/or prepare the joint interest billings for partners in Red Willow's oil and gas exploration operations. Must have a working knowledge of the joint interest process and be able to apply analytical skills to complete complex accounting assignments. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, or Business and four years relevant accounting experience in oil and/or natural gas is required. Must have comprehensive understanding of oil and gas industry business concepts and processes. Must have strong organizational skills and the ability to handle large volumes of work and multiple projects simultaneously. Must have demonstrated attention to detail and accuracy in the workplace. Must have demonstrated ability to reconcile issues and solve problems in accounting or finance data records and computations. Must have proven ability to work with others in a team-oriented environment to develop processes and solve problems. Must have ability to prepare statistical and other reports and documents for dissemination. Must have solid computer experience including strong working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel, with extensive Excel spreadsheet experience and the ability to utilize intermediate Excel functions. Must have valid driver's license and be insurable under RWPC's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

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

Patrol Officer Trainee

Closes 8/13/20 – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. The trainee will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Tribal Services Director

Closes 8/3/20 – A professional management position with overall responsibility for the management and supervision of a variety of human service-related programs providing services for So. Ute Indian tribal members. Pay grade 24.

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 Caseworkers 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. 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. Pay grade 24.

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.

Education Counselor

Open Until Filled – A professional level position responsible for providing counseling services to students and their families at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Effective development and delivery of counseling, therapeutic and educational services that help students and families overcome issues that may impede students' educational success. Works with children birth-13 years old in the context of family, school, peer, and community systems, using a family systems orientation. Pay grade 18; \$39,434/year.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position 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. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. This position is paid on the Education Scale.

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. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. 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.

Grounds Maintenance Worker

Open Until Filled – Performs daily grounds

maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

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. This position will work exclusively with youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. 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 Education Teacher

Open Until Filled – 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. 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.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Security Officer

Open Until Filled – Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. Duties will include patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Moache Capote building. Work involves assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgment in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/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.

Summer Youth Employment Workers

Open Until Filled – Southern Ute tribal members and first descendants only. Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program Coordinator, Youth Employment Program Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers, the Youth Employment Program Worker performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education Youth Employment Program. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2020, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

TEAM Worker

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

TERO Worker

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the TERO office. It is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and other local Native Americans to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

160/550 Construction Project Employment/Training

Open Until Filled – Lawrence Construction is currently looking for a **CONSTRUCTION TRAINEE** to work throughout the project. This person must have attention to detail, be willing to learn and take direction, pass pre-employment and random drug testing. Must have reliable transportation. Applicant must be able to meet the physical demands required for this position. This position will follow TERO preference. Depending on experience, pay range varies from \$15.30-\$25.50 per hour plus benefits. Possibility of enrollment in carpenter apprenticeship training program available. Contact Laura Sanchez at TERO 970-563-2294 or lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov for more information and an application.

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.

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.





FLY FISHING

Old friends meeting my new friend

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having become the poster boy as to why people pursue a career as an orthopedic surgeon, SWMBO (she who must be obeyed) thought I should have a river helper. My balance has become suspect, and my mental age sometimes has me wandering off. As always, I followed SWMBO's advice and developed a job description. SWMBO took one look at it and said I'd get thrown into jail as the ultimate dirty old man if I found someone to fit that description. I said, "fine you write it." She did. I then discovered our friend Kim fit the description to a "T". I just hate it when SWMBO out does me.

Kim is fairly new to fly fishing, doing really great and doesn't need my input. She is younger than I am, stronger than I am, and can whistle very loudly to get my attention. She also fishes behind me to keep an eye on me. What more could an old curmudgeon wish for?

As part of my new fly fishing experience I thought it would be nice if I introduced Kim to my two oldest fly fishing friends, Lime and Hermosa Creeks. I became acquainted with them when I moved to Durango in pursuit of my dream of becoming a fly fishing guide. Over the fifteen years I guided, those two creeks showed me



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the best locations to take beginners. They pointed me to tucked-away spots for those wanting a more challenging experience and long runs for the client wanting a high fish count day. They were also there when I needed a day all to myself. Lime and Hermosa Creeks became my best fly fishing friends. When my knees gave out, and sleeping late began

to sound good, retirement from guiding became a reality. With retirement came a separation from my two ageless friends. I didn't see them very often, then not at all. Losing touch with good friends is difficult.

However, when Kim agreed to be my river helper becoming reacquainted with old and distant friends became a real possibility. When I introduced Kim to my old friends I hoped they would develop the same relationship we had enjoyed. As my parents used to say, "Share." Unlike some fly fishing people I know who want to keep their favorite friends a secret, I want others to know all my good friends. It's my desire, especially in these times, to see everyone make new friends.

If you haven't fished Lime or Hermosa Creeks get a map and plot out an entire summer of getting to know them. On Lime Creek plan on catching more brook trout than you can count. When you fly fish Hermosa Creek you'll find mostly cutthroats, with an occasional rainbow, and even more occasionally a brook trout. Also, plan on using a three-weight rod and dry flies.

Should you be fly fishing with my two good friends think of someone you can introduce to them. Or, better yet, think of your best fly fishing friend and introduce that river to someone new.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Fly fishing advice from Don Oliver – when you fly fish Hermosa Creek you'll find mostly cutthroats, with an occasional rainbow, and even more occasionally a brook trout. Also, plan on using a three-weight rod and dry flies.

Air Quality in real time!

Friendly reminder – you can visit the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division Ambient Air Quality Monitoring page to find updates on air quality throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation as well as real-time EPA Air Quality Index health forecasts.

The link to the Tribe's Air Quality Stations

www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/



LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, July 31



91°F mostly clear

10% isolated showers and t-storms

Saturday, August 1



91°F sunny

20% showers and thunderstorms

Sunday, August 2



89°F mostly sunny

30% showers & thunderstorms

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



A ROOTS RE-ROUTE: CANO • FROM PAGE 12

earned in high-school and club volleyball," Baca said. "When I speak of Thad-deus' accomplishments to people, I have [so] much pride for knowing him in the beginning."

DID YOU KNOW

When Cano first became a high-school coach in 1991 (he'd remain at Alamogordo up through the '96 grind, according to Baca), all four New Mexico Activities Association State Volleyball Championship matches – there were only four classifications then (five exist currently, and there were six from 2014-17) – were decided by fifth-game tiebreakers.

To date, 1991 marks the only year this has happened in NMAA-sanctioned action.

FORMER 'CAT APPROVED

Confirmed by both Cano and Garand in separate messages, former Volleycat Alex Benzie (née Forsythe) has been selected to take over for Cano. Having played her final prep volleyball during the 2016 season, Cano noted the former team captain's youthful eagerness should mix well with her general



courtesy Thad Cano

Ignacio Volleyball head coach Thad Cano enjoys a joke with Dolores counterpart Gina Hollen prior to their teams' 2019 clash inside HIS Gymnasium. In the months following the season's conclusion, Cano would decide to resign his varsity post, which he'd held since 2012 following a three-year stint as an assistant – making for 11 total seasons with the program.

knowledge.

"I talked to Shasta, talked to Leo, and they set up the interview with her and now she's the new head coach for Ignacio," said Cano. "I was like, 'Alex, you know this is going to take tons of time. I know you have your own business ... ' And she says, 'That's what I got my own business for! So this way I could do what I want!' She let me know up front ... she was a hundred percent committed, and they hired her. I was so happy."

Benzie was unable to be reached by press time.

"They'd put out a thing when nobody had applied for the position," Cano recalled. "And I had Shasta call me: 'Thad, do you know anybody?' So then I called Leo, said, 'Do you want me to see what I can find?' He said, 'If you don't mind!' So I'd actually been helping him through the process; I was like, 'If I'm going to get involved, it has to be somebody that I know can do a good job.'"

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 "Moby Dick" captain
- 5 Bedouin, for example
- 9 Boy or man
- 10 Historic Southern Ute band
- 13 Sound of something dropped into water
- 14 Mediterranean island divided by a Green Line
- 15 Michelle's predecessor
- 17 Kon-Tiki, for example
- 18 First-born
- 20 Chancellor --- von Bismarck
- 21 Shampoo target
- 23 "Titanic" bad guy Billy ---
- 26 "He would make a lovely ---" ("Martin Chuzzlewit", Charles Dickens)
- 30 Atop
- 31 Yankton --- Tribe of South Dakota
- 32 Cleared
- 35 Helper, briefly
- 36 Ladies destroyed aspirations
- 37 Rip
- 38 Let it stand
- 39 Dame --- Everage

Down

- 1 Plentiful
- 2 Islamic equivalent of kosher
- 3 Not in silence
- 4 Attend
- 5 Dog-lovers' group
- 6 "A drop of golden sun" ("The Sound of Music")
- 7 Commandeer
- 8 Sacha Baron Cohen character
- 11 Clump
- 12 Concerning
- 16 Hollywood cameramen's group
- 19 Tic follower
- 22 --- Pinos Indian Agency
- 23 Their homeland is Halona Idiwana
- 24 Emulated
- 25 Short letters
- 27 Asked
- 28 Omaha --- La Flesche Picotte, first Native American to earn a medical degree
- 29 Crowd scene actor
- 33 Completely fatal happening
- 34 "Spring ahead" letters

Answers for this crossword will appear in August 14 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 17, 2020 Crossword Puzzle:

Across: 1 MST, 4 Acid, 8 Paar, 9 Lummi, 10 Only, 11 Elapse, 13 Ute, 14 Dad, 15 ECG, 16 Rashes, 18 Prog, 19 Priests, 21 Owes, 23 Bloops, 26 Who, 27 Jar, 28 Now, 29 Nipmuc, 31 Haka, 32 Cloak, 33 Atop, 34 Hewn, 35 Neh. Down: 1 Manta, 2 Salespeople, 3 Try, 4 Auld, 5 CMA, 6 Impersonate, 7 Disco, 8 Pour, 9 Leaseback, 12 Egg, 14 Dei, 17 HRs, 18 PTO, 20 S-LR, 21 Own, 22 Which, 24 Pokoh, 25 Swap, 27 Juan, 30 Mow, 31 Han.