



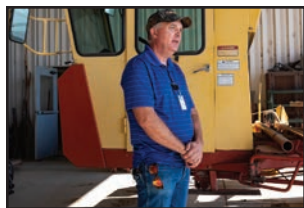
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Up to date COVID-19 information for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe online at www.southernute-nsn.gov and on Facebook.



courtesy Jeff Peterson

The Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry is located north of Glenwood Springs, Colo., on a slope behind Iron Mountain, which is in close proximity to sacred Ute heritage sites, such as Yampa Hot Springs and Vapor Caves.

NAGPRA

Protecting the hot springs and vapor caves in Glenwood Springs

Safeguarding sites from proposed mine expansion

By Garrett Briggs

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL
PRESERVATION DEPT.

Since the moment of creation, our ancestors were told to immediately make weapons of war. After being placed on their respective locations across the mountainous terrain of Nuuchiu tuvupu (phonetically pronounced New-chew too-voo-poo) or The Peoples' Land, Creator warned that they and their descendants would face untold challenges and constantly be attacked by forces determined to destroy their loved ones and lifeways.

While times have shifted from battlefields to courtrooms, the fight to preserve our heritage continues on multiple fronts. One aspect of Ute stewardship is the protection of physical places and geological features of cultural significance. To fulfill this duty, Ute Cultural Preservation representatives, from the three Ute sister tribes, utilize laws and regulations, such as the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA), Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (NHPA), and the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA).

For over four decades,



Cassandra Atencio/SU NAGPRA

Eddie Box Sr. speaking at United Ute Summit in 1993.

Ute Cultural Preservation Representatives have presented a united front to protect places of cultural importance across Nuuchiu tuvupu. While it is common to receive over 3,000 proposed project notifications annually, the duration of consultation varies—some projects last weeks, while others last years. The

tribal entities tasked with these responsibilities are the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's NAGPRA Office (SUIT NAGPRA Office), Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe's Tribal Historic Preservation Office, and Ute Indian Tribe's Cultural Rights and Protection Department.

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EDUCATION

Youth Employment Program creates new opportunities

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Youth Employment Program (YEP) places dozens of tribal students into real world work environments each summer, giving them an opportunity to learn and grow in a professional capacity. Often times these students work in tandem, or collaborate with their peers from other departments. Most importantly they gain valuable experience working, while earning a paycheck over the summer.

The program has proved popular among students, who get a chance to work with Tribal Departments in a variety of settings, both in and out of the office. This summer has proved to be an exception to the longstanding program, which usually employs student workers throughout the summer break, while still giving



Andrew Gallegos/SU Grounds Maintenance

Damitree Burch operating one of the mowers while working with Grounds Maintenance this summer in the Youth Employment Program; students were able to work during the pandemic in a limited capacity, while keeping safety a top priority.

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SUMMARY OF CONTINUING CORE SERVICES for the Southern Ute tribal membership during Covid-19

Updated on September 4, 2020



The Southern Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Incident Management Team (IMT) would like to provide an updated summary of modified tribal services to the tribal membership. The Tribe remains under the 'Stay at Home' Order and the order requiring the use of face coverings, both will remain in effect until further notice.

The COVID-19 pandemic has forced the Tribe to make changes to the services and programs provided to the tribal membership to ensure the protection and safety of the tribal members, tribal employees, and our community. The modified tribal services explained below have been approved by the IMT and adhere to the 'Stay at Home' Order and Human Resource's policies and procedures.

Please continue to follow the tips and guidelines set in place to slow or stop the spread of COVID-19. Thank you for staying home, washing your hands, wearing your face covering and staying in contact with your loved ones and friends. We will get through this together.

If you have questions on the modified services and hours of operations detailed below, please contact the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's COVID-19 Call Center at 970-563-0214, Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

TRIBAL COURT

Phone: 970-563-0240

Hours of Operation: Monday through Thursday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12 to 1 p.m.).

The Court shall be available for emergencies on Fridays and the public may speak to a Court Clerk from 8 a.m. to 5

p.m. on Fridays (closed for lunch from 12 to 1 p.m.)

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court will be held Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. Hearings are held from 1:30 p.m. until all hearings have concluded. Any motions or pleadings can be submitted by email (tribal court will be accepting filings by email given the current circumstances and the filing fee should be mailed), mail, or fax. Currently, Web/Video Conferencing capabilities are being evaluated for potential implementation for Court operations.

The clerk's office, probation services, and family court support office shall operate on minimal staffing. The attorneys and public are encouraged to communicate with the court via email or telephone to avoid any unnecessary appearances at the Southern Ute Tribal Court. Until further notice, the court will permit and require (as directed by the Southern Ute Tribe) persons to wear surgical masks and gloves in court. It is also permissible to bring small plastic containers of hand sanitizer into court and its probation and family court support offices. Please remit criminal or traffic payments using the Tribal Court's online payment system found at www.citepayusa.com.

Child Support – No child support will be available for pick-up at the tribal court. All child support checks will be mailed to the recipients by the Finance Department.

Probation Office – Will maintain services but will be contacting probationers by phone.

Family Court Support Office – The Family Court Support Office will be available by phone only for emergency situations.

The clerk of the court shall keep updated information on the telephone answering service at 970-563-0240. The hours of operation may change as conditions require and if in the interest of the Southern Ute Tribe and its employees. Notice of the court's hours of operation shall be posted on the door at the entrance to the Southern Ute Tribal Court and on its telephone answering system.

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SUIMA, back to school



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy teachers: Cheryl Ongtowasruk, Daphnee Washington, and Danielle Burns, hand out classroom work binders to their respective students. SUIMA Cook Assistant, Tony McCook hands out breakfasts and lunches to families during the official first day of school, Tuesday, Sept. 8.

FINANCE

The importance of homeowners insurance

By **Anthony Porambo**
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CREDIT

Understanding the substantial importance of purchasing a homeowner's insurance policy is the key to protecting the safety, security, and well-being of your family's future. As personal belongings become memorable assets, protecting those assets should be a priority in safeguarding the value of each item, especially a home.

Although accidents, losses, and damages may occur over time, being prepared for the unexpected is a vital factor in recovery. The importance of thoroughly comprehending your insurance policy is pivotal for protecting your family's future investments and belongings. By not fully acknowledging the exterior and interior boundaries of your policies' coverage, personal assets could be at risk.

Oftentimes, throughout Indian Country, homeowner's insurance is overlooked and forgotten. In many instances, homeowner's insurance is often not purchased until a state of emergency occurs. Whether the state of emergency is classified as burglary, natural disaster, or act of vandalism, it is always better to be prepared for the worst-case scenario.

How Does Homeowners Insurance Work?

Homeowner's insurance is dependable on several factors that make up the value of the personal residence, including dwellings, personal property, additional structures, and liabilities for injuries and or damages. Also, to the dependable factors of a homeowner's insurance, the rate of the policy could see a flux in price due to the geographic location of the residence. Therefore, when selecting the location of a home, it is extremely important to do due diligence based on the location of the residence. Certain locations can be prone to hazards such as wildfires, floods, and/or lightning strikes.

Following natural disasters, criminal activity can also be foreseen as liable factors in an insurance policy. For example, if a neighborhood is reported for a high rate of burglaries or break-ins, the price of insurance policy could be affected. Depending on the personal residence and insurance carrier, separate insurance policies could potentially be purchased, such as liability insurance or additional coverages.

When is Homeowners Insurance Required?

Regardless of the time and convenience of purchasing an insurance policy, it is always good practice to protect your home and personal belongings year-round. Granted, a homeowner's insurance policy is required when purchasing a home, it is not always required once the mortgage has been paid in full. As it may be an additional monthly cost to a homeowner's budget, it is highly recommended to be taken into consideration for future planning. If dwellings and structures are added to the personal residence, additional policies may need to

be purchased, depending on the criteria of the lender's guidelines.

What Does Homeowners Insurance Cost?

Homeowner insurance rates can be determined by various contributing factors, such as the size, age, location, safety, and security of the home. These determining factors can cause an increase in rates in case the home needs repairs, or an accident occurs. Each insurance policy is customized to each residence; therefore, each property will not have the same rate, deductible, and premium cost. By installing home protection devices such as alarms and cameras, rates can be lowered in annual and monthly costs. Listed below are factors that can determine insurance policy rates.

Determining Insurance Rate Factors

- Location of the home/property
- Age and size of the home
- Cost of rebuilding the home
- Potential hazards on the property (swimming pool, etc.)
- Home protection devices (cameras, alarm systems)

TYPES OF HOMEOWNERS INSURANCE

Homeowners Coverage

Every homeowner's insurance policy plan is unique and customized to the specifications of a home. Each policy plan provides a peril, loss, open perils, named perils, and scheduled property coverage. It is important to acknowledge each of the listed policy terms and conditions as they may vary in coverage, depending on your policy plan. As an example, open perils are typically purchased based on a wide range of protection of the property.

- **Peril:** Perils are commonly known as a kind of "risk" insurance providers account for. Perils are also considered accidents or misfortunes. Risks can come in all shapes and forms, perils often include fire, theft, vandalism, wind, and hail damage.
- **Loss:** A loss is an injury or damage sustained that has affected the homeowner or insured due to a peril. For example, a loss can be considered an injury that occurred from a windstorm. If something or someone is directly damaged by a peril, it would be considered a loss.
- **Open Perils:** Open perils have a wide range of protection for policyholders. Open perils act as a blanket, providing the coverage needed while excluding specific perils. As an example, flooding is excluded by most property policies.
- **Named Perils:** Named perils consist of specific types of risks on the property. These risks may include theft, vandalism, fire, wind, and lightning. If perils such as these, have a higher occurrence or probability of happening within the surrounding area, these named perils will most likely be included

in the policy plan. Therefore, it is important to thoroughly examine which named perils are covered and not covered in the policy plan.

- **Scheduled Property:** Scheduled property is a limited dollar amount of coverage based on the property value insured. The limited dollar amount may vary depending on the certain types of valuable property included within the policy. Valuable items can consist of jewelry, silverware, firearms, and (or) electronic devices. For each of these items insured, insurance providers offer a specific dollar amount depending on the greater number of risks (named perils vs. open perils).

Liability Coverage

Liability coverage is important for various reasons. If a homeowner is found legally responsible for injuring someone or damaging their property, liability insurance would provide the coverage needed, depending on the situation. Although accidents may occur on a homeowner's property, it is also important to provide coverage for yourself, family, friends, and surrounding neighbors. Being considerate of others could be the difference in paying a reasonable monthly premium cost versus a large sum amount of medical bills, legal costs, etc.

- **Medical Bills:** Having a liability insurance, homeowners are provided with the protection for others. For example, if a guest sustained an injury on your property or while in your house, liability insurance would help pay for their medical bills.
- **Pain and Suffering:** As a result of an accident, liability coverage protects homeowners in case someone is injured and sues for pain and suffering. Although physical pain is the most well-known source of pain, emotional, mental, insomnia, inconvenience, fear, grief, and or worry would also be considered sources of pain and suffering.
- **Wages:** If someone is injured during an accident and has a loss of income, liability insurance would help in the compensation of wages.
- **Legal Costs:** In addition to monetary compensation, liability insurance would help in covering the cost of legal costs and fees.
- **Damage other(s) property:** Liability coverage also protects homeowners against the financial loss of damages done to someone else's property. If the policyholder is found legally liable for damages, the insurance policy would help pay for fixing the property damage. Purposeful injury infliction caused to someone else is not typically covered under liability insurance.

Additional Coverages

Under the protection of a homeowner's insurance policy, additional coverages

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Many Moons Ago



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Vendors began trickling into town Sept. 1 and Ignacio Bike Week 2010 kicked off proper Sept. 2 with a flag raising ceremony at the Ignacio Community Library. Billed as "The Four Corners Motorcycle Rally," the event proved to be nothing less as hundreds of bikers from around the country filled the streets for a weekend of riding. Tribal member Dale Santistevan and his wife get into the spirit of the event.

This photo was published in the Sept. 10, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

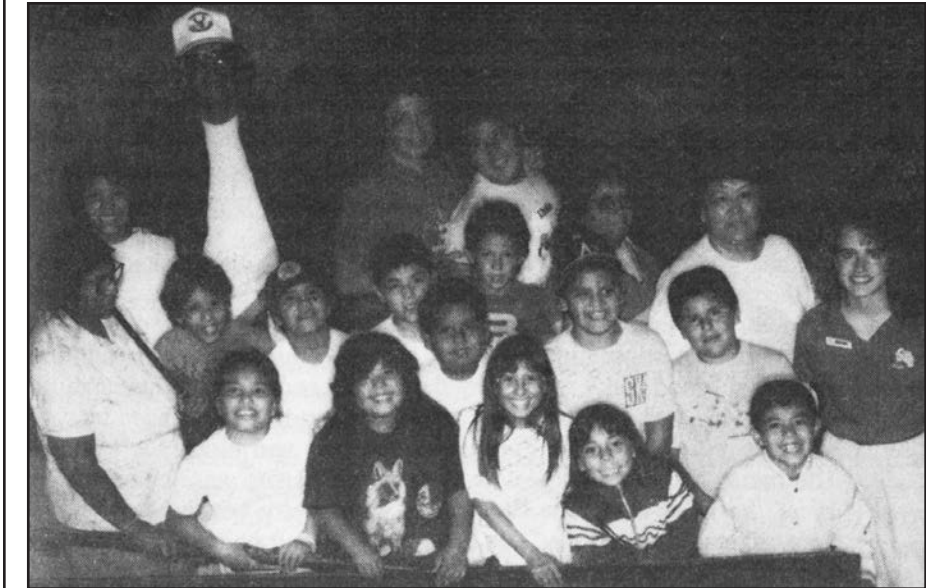


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20 years ago

The entire 29-member staff of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy stands facing the audience after being introduced during the ribbon-cutting ceremonies for the Academy on Aug. 31, 2000, in Veterans Park. Southern Ute Chairman John E. Baker Jr. cut the ribbon to culminate the ceremony.

This photo was published in the Sept. 8, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

On August 7-9, thirty students from the Southern Ute Jostens' Lab and eleven chaperones headed for Colorado Springs for a field trip to reward students for their hard work and attendance. The students were treated to a trip to the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Cave of the Winds, and mini golf among many other exciting adventures.

This photo was published in the Sept. 14, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Recognized at the Saturday night Ute Fair Powwow was Shirley Frost, for being a Chairperson of the Miss Southern Ute Committee from 1974-80. A plaque was given to her by the current Miss Southern Ute, Verna Valasquez; Miss Southern Ute 1978-79, Williamette Thompson; Miss Southern Ute 1976-77, Jennifer Dickson; and Vice-Chairperson, Effie Monte.

This photo was published in the Sept. 12, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



HEALTHY RECIPES

School is back in session and our kids need their lunch!

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

Providing your children with healthy foods helps them stay alert and learning throughout the day and provides them with the nutrients they require for growth and development.

Getting lunch and snacks together can be a hassle. It helps to sit down with your children and make a list of the things they would like. Putting most of the lunch together the night before will save time in the morning and you will feel less rushed. Having your kids help prepare their lunch will also make them more likely to eat it. Here are some healthy lunch and snack ideas to help you get started:

Healthy Lunch Ideas

- Turkey and cheese on whole grain bagel
- Egg salad with whole wheat crackers
- Peanut butter and banana on a toasted whole grain English muffin
- Hummus and veggies in rolled-up tortilla
- Whole wheat penne pasta salad with pepperoni or ham
- Chicken salad on a croissant with lettuce, cucumbers, tomatoes
- Leftovers from the night before
- Homemade "lunchables" with whole grain crackers, cut up cheese and turkey "squares"
- Soup/chili or stew heated up and placed in a thermos



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- Tuna salad in whole wheat pita bread with lettuce and tomato

Healthy Snack Ideas

- Grapes
- Apple slices
- Cheese stick
- Carrots and celery sticks with ranch or hummus
- Greek yogurt with blueberries
- Apple sauce pouch (no added sugar)
- Granola bar (made with whole grain and no more than 10g sugar)
- Popcorn
- Whole strawberries
- Cubed melon
- Whole grain cheese snack cracker
- Homemade trail mix (combo of dried fruit, nuts/seeds, whole grain cereal like Cheerios or Chex)

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

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 350 F and line an 8x8 pan with parchment paper.
2. In a medium bowl, mix oats, flour, cinnamon, baking powder, baking soda and salt. Set aside.
3. Melt coconut oil in the microwave for 15-20 seconds. Beat in the eggs. Add in the maple syrup or honey, nut butter and vanilla. Mix until combined.
4. Pour the wet ingredients into the dry and mix until just combined. Use a rubber spatula to fold in the "extras". Spread the mixture into the pan. Bake for 20-25 minutes or until golden brown. Let cool before cutting into bars. Store in an airtight container on the counter for up to 3-5 day.

Homemade Granola Bars

Ingredients:

- 1 cup rolled oats (uncooked)
- 1/4 cup flour (whole wheat flour, almond flour, coconut flour or GF blend flour)
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon
- 1/4 tsp baking powder
- 1/4 tsp baking soda
- 1/4 tsp salt
- 2 tbsp coconut oil
- 2 eggs
- 1/4 cup maple syrup or honey
- 1/4 cup peanut or almond butter (crunchy or creamy)
- 1/2 tsp vanilla
- 1/3 cup "extras" raisins, chocolate chips, coconut flakes, almonds or a combination

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Tribal students and substance use prevention

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Native American youth have not been exempted from the impact of the pandemic and the racial climate. They have seen and felt all the effects that it has had on us as individuals, families, and community. They have seen and felt a range of feelings that sometimes can have a negative affect on their psyche. In some cases, they too have looked for ways to combat the feeling of isolation and maybe even taken part in rebellious behavior. Adults have reacted similarly too! Here is some information about youth, substance use and prevention efforts.

SUBSTANCE USE PREVENTION WITH STUDENTS

With the increased stress of today's current conditions, some students have turned to use alcohol and other substances to self-medicate. Our biggest priority as a parent or guardian is to keep your student safe and healthy. We want to prepare them for the world and walk beside them in their efforts to become the person they want to be. We also need to recognize the stress and anxiety our students might be experiencing and talk to them about prescription and non-prescription use, illegal drug use, opioids, and other substances like meth, cocaine, inhalants, and any other forms of drugs that are out there. It's important to listen to your student and to learn together about drug usage.

It's okay if you don't know what certain drugs are or the effects of them. It's a great opportunity for



both you and your child to research and learn together about substance usage. Here are some tips and ways you can support your child with substance usage:

- Talk to them about what substance use is.
- Contact your healthcare provider for professional medical assistance.
- Check out a virtual treatment or recovery program.
- Try to stay positive, don't play the blame game.

Factors that aid in preventing substance usage for both youth and adults are:

- Social, emotional, behavioral, cognitive, and moral competence.
- Self-efficacy.
- Spirituality. Cultural or religious beliefs that value self-preservation.
- Resiliency.
- Opportunities for positive social involvement.
- Recognition for positive behavior.
- Bonding. A positive connection to family, friends, or community.
- Healthy beliefs and standards for behavior.

If you need assistance with how to talk to your child about substance usage, you can call SAMHSA's National Helpline: 1-800-662-HELP (4357). You can always reach out to your local Behavioral Health program for advice and support.

- #DearNativeYouth
- #WeRNative

ADULTS NEED HELP TOO

According to CDC.gov, in the month of June there were considerable elevated adverse mental health conditions associated with the pandemic and 40% of U.S. adults reported struggling with mental health or substance use. Younger adults, racial/ethnic minorities, essential workers, and unpaid adult caregivers reported having experienced disproportionately worse mental health outcomes, increased substance use and elevated suicidal ideation. Please reach out to any of the resources listed to ask questions and help make a plan to overcome mental health struggles.

Please check out our resource list below and make tomorrow a better day.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

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

Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meeting

We are going virtual! Join our meeting via Zoom. We will start regular meetings on Tuesday, Sept. 15, from 6 pm-7pm. Meetings will be held virtually every Tuesday for four weeks just to start. For a copy of the link to the meeting, please feel free to call or email Precious. Or you can visit <https://zoom.us/join> and type in the meeting ID: 889 0328 1795. Contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

Upcoming Training

FREE online Suicide Prevention Training- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Southern Ute Tribe Employees and Southern Ute Tribal members and their family. 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.



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.
- **WeRNative:** Join the movement by liking them on Facebook (www.facebook.com/weRnative), signing up for the text messaging service (text NATIVE to 24587).

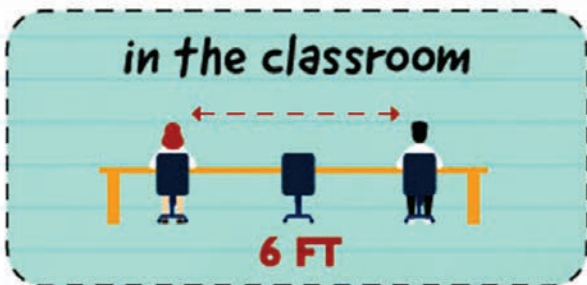
S.U. Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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!



Students: Let's work together to stop the spread of COVID-19

KEEP SPACE BETWEEN YOU AND OTHERS



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

Wash YOUR HANDS!



www.cdc.gov/handwashing



TRIBAL HEALTH

The flu vaccine is more important than ever

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

It’s likely that flu viruses and the virus that causes COVID-19 will both spread this fall and winter. Healthcare systems could be overwhelmed treating both patients with flu and patients with COVID-19. This means getting a flu vaccine during 2020-2021 is more important than ever.

We recommend the flu shot every year. But, with the unpredictability of COVID-19 circulating at the same time as the flu, the best measure is to decrease the possible impact on your respiratory system, including preventing the flu. The flu vaccine not only reduces your risk of illness but can prevent hospitalizations and deaths.

While getting a flu vaccine will not protect against COVID-19, there are many important benefits. Flu vaccines have been shown to reduce the risk of flu illness, hospitalization, and death. Getting a flu vaccine can also save healthcare resources for the care of patients with COVID-19. Flu vaccination can keep you from getting sick with flu.

Flu vaccine prevents millions of illnesses and flu-related doctor’s visits each year. For example, during 2018-2019, flu vaccination prevented an estimated 4.4 million influenza illnesses, 2.3 million influenza-associated medical visits, 58,000 influenza-associated hospitalizations, and 3,500 influenza-associated deaths.

During seasons when the flu vaccine viruses are like circulating flu viruses, flu vaccine has been shown to reduce the risk of having to go to the doctor with flu by 40 percent to 60 percent.

Flu vaccination can reduce the risk of flu-associated hospitalization for children, working age adults, and older adults. Flu vaccine prevents tens of thousands of hospitalizations each year. For example, during 2018-2019 flu vaccination prevented an estimated 58,000 flu-related hospitalizations.

A 2014 study showed that flu vaccine reduced children’s risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) admission by 74% during flu seasons from 2010-2012. In recent years, flu vaccines have reduced the risk of flu-associated hospitalizations among older adults on average by about 40%.

A 2018 study showed that from 2012 to 2015, flu vaccination among adults reduced the risk of being admitted to an intensive care unit (ICU) with flu by 82 percent.

Flu vaccination is an important preventive tool for people with chronic health conditions. Flu vaccination has been associated with lower rates of some cardiac events among people with heart disease, especially among those who had had a cardiac event in the past year. Flu vaccination can reduce worsening and hospitalization for flu-related chronic lung disease, such as in persons with chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

Flu vaccination also has been shown in separate studies to be associated with reduced hospitalizations among people with diabetes and chronic lung disease. Flu vaccination helps protect women during and after pregnancy. Vaccination reduces the risk of flu-associated acute respiratory infection in pregnant women by about one-half. A 2018 study that included influenza seasons from 2010-2016 showed that getting a flu shot reduced a pregnant woman’s risk of being hospitalized with flu by an average of 40 percent.

Several studies have shown that in addition to helping to protect pregnant women, a flu vaccine given during pregnancy helps protect the baby from flu for several months after birth, when he or she is not old enough to be vaccinated.

Flu vaccine can be life-saving in children. A 2017 study was the first of its kind to show that flu vaccination can significantly reduce a child’s risk of dying from flu.

Getting vaccinated yourself may also protect people around you, including those who are more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain chronic health conditions. Despite the many benefits offered by flu vaccination, only about half of Americans get an annual flu vaccine and flu continues to cause millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations and tens of thousands of deaths.

ADVOCACY

StrongHearts Native Helpline scales to address “a crisis within a crisis.”

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

New studies confirm Native Americans are diagnosed with COVID-19 at a much higher rate, compounding disproportionate domestic violence numbers. StrongHearts Native Helpline scales to address the issues at hand.

StrongHearts Native Helpline, a free, anonymous and culturally appropriate helpline for Native Americans affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence, has expanded its services to address the needs of a population disproportionately affected by both the COVID-19 pandemic and domestic violence. The organization has added online chat and sexual violence advocacy and is currently recruiting advocates to soon provide 24-hour services to meet demand from Native Americans along with referrals to resources such as legal advocacy, shelters and Native-centered domestic violence programs in each community as available.

“We’re alarmed by trends in domestic violence across the country during the pandemic. It’s a crisis within a crisis,” Lori Jump, director of StrongHearts Native Helpline, said. “Tribal communities are acutely impacted by this issue. Our organization is working to reach out to our relatives in Indian Country with advocates who understand their experience in a personal and authentic way.”

New studies confirm layered suffering. As reported by the Radiological Society



of North America earlier this month, lockdowns during the pandemic have contributed to increased rates of domestic violence across the country and many victims are trapped for longer hours with their abusers. Indian Country includes an estimated 6.79 million people from 573 federally recognized tribes and these individuals experience domestic violence at much higher rates.

The effects of the pandemic on Native Americans are stark. Another recent study cited by the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) found that in the 23 states studied, Native Americans were diagnosed with COVID-19 at a rate 3.5 times higher than the non-Hispanic white population.

According to the National Institute of Justice (NIJ) more than 1 in 2 Native women (55.5%) and 1 in 3 Native men (43.2%) have experienced physical violence by intimate partners in their lifetime.

Scaling services to answer a surge in demand. “The impact of COVID-19, layered on top of a lack of sufficient health care, is compounding the marginalization and victimization of Indigenous peoples,” Jump said. “With an expanded staff and 24-hour services, we can be a lifeline to a highly vulnerable population during an exceedingly challenging time.”

StrongHearts Native Helpline offers nationwide support to a historically underserved population disproportionately affected by intimate partner violence. While the Helpline currently operates daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. Central time, there remains a need for 24-7 assistance. The new online chat advocacy gives those in need of help the option to reach out in a more discreet manner without needing to speak on the phone.

Additionally, the Helpline’s launch of sexual violence advocacy addresses specific trauma experienced by victim-survivors of sexual violence. These new initiatives, paired with plans to hire additional advocates, will support the growing need for services.

Those interested in applying to be a StrongHearts Native Helpline advocate should visit www.strongheartshelpline.org/careers for more information. Any Indigenous person in North America experiencing relationship violence or anyone who believes a Native American friend, family member or coworker may be in an abusive relationship is encouraged to contact the StrongHearts Native Helpline by calling 1-844-7NATIVE (1-844-762-8483) and visiting StrongHeartsHelpline.org to connect with an advocate.



SAVE THE DATE

Tribal Member Flu Vaccine Clinic

The free vaccine clinic is open to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate family members.

October 6th & 7th


9:00 am - 4:00 pm
at the Sky Ute Casino Resort

Communicating the Benefits of Seasonal Influenza Vaccine during COVID-19

Influenza (flu) severity varies from year to year, but flu always brings serious consequences. The prevention of influenza and its associated consequences is important every year. Although the effectiveness of the flu vaccine can vary, overall the vaccine markedly lowers the risk of influenza-related illness, hospitalization, and death.¹

The COVID-19 pandemic means preventing influenza during 2020–21 is more important than ever. Influenza and COVID-19 share many symptoms. Preventing influenza means fewer people will need to seek medical care and testing for possible COVID-19 or influenza. And increasing flu vaccination uptake saves healthcare resources for COVID-19 and other conditions. Begin recommending flu vaccine now, and vaccinate throughout the flu season, providing extra outreach to those at highest risk of severe COVID-19 or severe influenza.

CDC estimates that, from October 1, 2019–April 4, 2020, there were:
39 million–56 million flu illnesses
18 million–26 million flu medical visits
410,000–740,000 flu hospitalizations
24,000–62,000 flu deaths



source: CDC, 2020

What are the Benefits of Seasonal Flu Vaccine?

Research shows flu vaccination:

- Reduces Hospitalization and Death**
 - ✓ Pediatric deaths from flu were cut in half for children with underlying high-risk medical conditions and by two-thirds for healthy children^{1a}
 - ✓ Influenza hospitalizations were cut in half for all adults (including those 65+ years of age)^{1b}
 - ✓ Influenza hospitalizations dropped dramatically among people with chronic health conditions – by 79% for people with diabetes^{1c} and 52% for those with chronic lung disease^{1d}
 - ✓ Vaccinating long-term care facility (LTCF) staff reduces hospitalizations and deaths in LTCF residents^{1e}
- Reduces Severity of Illness in Hospitalized Individuals**
 - ✓ Among adults hospitalized with flu, intensive care unit (ICU) admissions decreased by more than half (59%), and fewer days were spent in ICU if vaccinated^{2a}
 - ✓ Children’s risk of admission to a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) for flu-related illness was cut by almost 75%^{2b}
- Reduces Risks for Major Cardiac Events**
 - ✓ Risk of a major cardiac event (e.g., heart attack) among adults with existing cardiovascular disease was reduced by more than one-third³
- Protects Pregnant Women and Their Babies**
 - ✓ For pregnant women, flu-associated acute respiratory infections were cut in half⁴, and flu-associated hospitalizations were reduced by 40%^{4b}
 - ✓ Influenza illnesses and influenza-related hospitalizations in infants under 6 months of age fell by half when their mothers were vaccinated^{5a,b}

Vaccination rates^{1c} remain well below optimal levels:

- 63% children 6 months–17 years
- 45% adults 18+ years
- 68% adults 65+ years
- 81% healthcare personnel
- 54% pregnant women


^{1c} Estimates from the 2018–19 influenza season. Source: CDC FluView

How to Discuss Tips


- Keep it simple: “Flu vaccine helps reduce risk of hospitalization and death.”
- Use a presumptive approach: “Today we are giving you your annual flu vaccination.”
- Communicate why we vaccinate: “Vaccination prevents flu and severe outcomes of flu.” “Preventing the flu also means preventing missed work and helps you avoid doctor appointments and unnecessary medications. It also means preventing flu symptoms that can mimic COVID-19, saving healthcare resources needed for COVID-19 care.”
- Communicate the variability and unpredictability of flu: “This is why it is best to get an annual flu vaccination.”
- Acknowledge that flu vaccination is not always a perfect match with the circulating virus types. But flu and flu-related severe illnesses are common: outbreaks occur almost every year. “The vaccine is the best way to reduce your risk of flu and its negative outcomes.”

FOOTNOTES

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Stay up to date about COVID-19

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

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 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Respiratory ailment screenings will be conducted in the tent located behind the Health Center beginning at 8 a.m. Lab hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Physical Therapy appointments will be made from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. as requested.
- NURSING VISITS** from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. by appointment only. **NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED!**

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

- DENTAL** will see patients Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- PHARMACY** hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 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, Neuropsychology) all are postponed, call the Health Center for more information.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.



Back to school, virtually speaking



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Lower Elementary teachers welcome their students back to school on Tuesday, Sept. 8, handing out classroom work binders. Upper Elementary and Primary students received their work binders last week during student and family orientation visits. Although traditional Montessori teaching cannot be implemented wholly, due to the Southern Ute Tribe adhering to the Stay at Home order to prevent the spread of COVID-19. The teachers are following required curriculum in accordance to the scope and sequence of the Montessori teaching virtually, while also making sure the students meet the state recommendations. SUIMA Primary Teacher Danielle Burns shows her student, Sibrya Larry her classroom work binder.

Brandlin Goodtrack picks up classroom work binders from Cheryl Ongtawasruk, SUIMA Lower Elem. 1 Guide for his kids, Tayton and Taylin.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Geneva Watts-Gomez, SUIMA Kitchen Manager and Tony McCook, SUIMA Cook Assistant hand out meals at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Breakfast and lunch will be provided to students for pick up, Monday mornings from 7:30 to 8:30 a.m. and lunches available for pick up Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Sign up by calling Geneva Watts-Gomez, at 970-563-2770.

SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Welcome to the new school year!

Staff report

SU INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

With the school year beginning, SUIMA is excited about how the guides and teachers will deliver lessons.

Many hours of planning have taken place to ensure that our 106 students are connected with their peers; are provided with lessons and materials for learning; and are set up for success.

There are 34,576 private schools across our country, with over half of them offering online learning, which means that SUIMA is in good company. Our first week of school opened in a slower than normal way, but that allowed for students and parents to meet the teachers, check out Chromebooks, understand expectations of attendance and participation, and pick up the first home-learning packets. As the school year moves into its third week, routines should be getting established with the school and at home.

By setting expectations and routines, your child will be ready to learn. Here are a few pointers to help set your child up for a good year.

1. Choose a good place to learn. Ask your child for input and then help set up a "mini" classroom. Your family's regular learning space

for occasional homework might not work for extended periods so set up a physical location that's dedicated to school-focused activities. Make sure it is quiet, free from distractions and has a good internet connection.

2. Help your child 'own' his/her learning. No one expects parents to be full-time teachers. Provide support and encouragement while expecting your child to do his/her part. Struggling is allowed and encouraged! Don't help too much. Becoming independent takes lots of practice. At SUIMA, your child usually engages with other students and any number of adults several times each day. Many of these social interactions will continue from a distance, but they will be different. You cannot replace them all, and that's OK.
3. Begin and end the day by checking-in.

- In the morning, you might ask:

What subjects are going to be taught today?

How will you spend your time?

What can I do to help?

- At the end of the day you might ask:

How far did you get in your learning tasks today?

What did you discover? What was hard?

What could we do to make tomorrow better?

These brief grounding conversations matter. These check-in routines can help avoid later challenges and disappointments. They help students develop self-management skills for life. Parents are good life coaches. And we have the best parents around!

4. Stick to a sleep schedule. While it might be tempting for your older children to stay up late every night and sleep late every morning, changing healthy sleep habits is not going to help with physical and mental health.

Stay in Touch. Guides and teachers will mainly be using our online platforms and virtual learning environments, yet may call, text, or email you. If you have concerns, questions, or just to talk to someone, please call the school anytime at 970-563-0253.

PSA Moon Tree Planting Sept. 12

Join us outside on The Powerhouse plaza, OR, virtually on our live Facebook stream Saturday, Sept. 12 at 11 a.m., while we plant a tree that local astronaut Stuart Roosa took with him around the moon and back! Free to the public.

PSA Apollo 14 Speaker Series Sept. 13

Join The Powerhouse virtually for the first of a nine part space-themed lecture series on Sunday, Sept. 13 from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m. Speaker Rosemary Roosa will be talking about her father's role in the Apollo 14 moon mission, and his contributions in the Forest Service "moon tree" research project. Tune in to @powscicenter Facebook live stream. Q&A session following the event.

SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT Online Educational Resources

The Southern Ute Education Department has compiled an abundance of online education resources or you, the membership! We have organized a variety of resources for adult learners, youth, parents and even wellness. Resources will be updated and added every Wednesday. Please use this resource to learn while you and your family are at home. Take the opportunity to strengthen your knowledge in financial literacy, business writing, GED math, or resume writing. Use this resource to connect your student to educational games, literacy, math and social studies resources. Or, look at the wellness resources to manage stress during an uncertain time.

You can access these resources on our website in "Online resources" at www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/.

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

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MINI LAW SCHOOL

TUESDAY NIGHTS, SEPT 8 - OCT 27

About the Program

This special eight-week online series leading up to election day will focus on voting rights, election law, and the impacts of the 2020 election, including climate change, immigration, and more!

This University of Colorado Boulder Law program designed for non-lawyers, is an excellent lifelong learning opportunity, and is a great chance to get a taste of what law school is like. Participants who view at least six of the eight sessions receive a Mini Law School Certificate (no academic credit is received for participation).

There are no required readings, tests, or homework assignments - just a great opportunity to learn about the law!



Participation

University of CO Boulder Mini Law lectures are live Tuesday evenings 6PM-7:30PM. Lectures are recorded. Please sign up for this program only if you intend to complete the course in full. Limited number of spaces available. Open to Tribal Members and Tribal Employees.

View Full Schedule:
<https://www.colorado.edu/law/academics/mini-law-school>

Registration

Participants must have computer and internet access to **complete lectures remotely**. Please email Nicole Cabral to register for this course.

Deadline: Friday, August 29th, 2020

Nicole Cabral
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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM • FROM PAGE 1

them ample time to ready themselves for the academic semester each fall.

This year the Tribe’s Education Department had to get creative to see how they would be able to bring in student workers during the pandemic, while still adhering to the Tribe’s safety protocols.

“Last year we had 48 students, and our cap is 50,” explained Dustin Weaver, Youth Employment Program Apprentice with the Southern Ute Education Department. “We wanted to still give the kids the opportunity to gain job experience, and on the job knowledge. We didn’t want to not offer that with COVID-19, so we worked with the IMT and employers to come up with a plan on how to safely put them to work.”

The solution was a shorter work season and fewer students, a number of which worked outside. One student even worked remotely, collaborating with his department online each day. In total, the program employed five tribal members, working with various Tribal Departments under the Permanent Fund.

“What I did, once we got the OK from the IMT, I started getting with departments: our department, SUIMA, Legal, Grounds, and Tribal Court, Natural Resources and the Southern Ute Museum. Because we ended up starting around the first week of August, it was really short, working about two weeks total,” Weaver explained.

“What we are trying to

teach them is to write a resume, apply for a job, for the interview process, so by the time they do it, they know what to look forward to,” Weaver emphasized. “I was really happy that we got a chance to give the kids a chance to work this summer. And they earned a paycheck at the same time – It’s good life experience.”

Through YEP, students are paid by the Southern Ute Education Dept. based on the hours they work. But the primary goal is to prepare them for the workforce through real world experience. Because of the short season, many students opted to apply for next year’s program instead. Some of the potential student employees had already signed up for science and math camps.

The program had a few hurdles to overcome this summer, which also attributed to the late start.

Kaye Washington interned with Education. “There as some miscommunication between her and HR, emails, phone calls, so she ended up starting later then she would have,” Weaver said. “This year they had to set up drug testing appointments, COVID-19 testing on their own prior to working.”

Dimitre Burch worked with Grounds Maintenance. “He did really well, he was the first one to apply, Weaver said. “His employment went pretty smooth.”

Jace Carmenoros and his sister, Jazmin Carmenoros worked together at SUIMA. “They did the garden, helped

teachers with painting tires for an obstacle course, and some office work – they did pretty much whatever needed done.”

Badger Yellowbird served with the Tribe’s Legal Department “His was fully virtual, and never went into the office, all emails, phone calls and TEAM meetings,” Weaver explained. “I think it was just really different for him. He said he had fun, and that his uncle who takes care of him is a lawyer. The Legal Department said he was very helpful in what they gave him to do.”

Because the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is still observing a mandatory Stay at Home order, the Education Dept. will honor the summer workers by giving them each a small gift and a lunch, so that they know they are appreciated. Individually the students will receive a meal delivered to their home, in lieu of the traditional end of season get together.

“There was a lot of hard work on their side, and the Tribe’s side jut to make sure this happened — I want to thank everybody for their work, Weaver emphasized. “I hope the [students] gained some experience from what’s going on right now!”

The Youth Employment Program was originally run through Southern Ute Community Actions Programs (SUCAP), but eventually moved under the Southern Ute Education Department, where the program is now managed each summer.

Congrats Yesenia!



courtesy Bobbie Rosa/SU Vocational Rehabilitation

Congratulations to Yesenia Briceno for completing the Manna Culinary Program on Friday, Aug. 21. We are very happy for her and proud of her accomplishment and dedication! – Bobbie Rosa and Louise Wilson

Southern Ute Social Services



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

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

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“Our children are sacred, foster parents change lives, be one!”

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Division of Social Services

For more information call: 970-563-0209 – Lisa Burch, Foster Care Coordinator

Southern Ute Division of Social Services

Our Children Are Sacred

TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FOR KEEPING FAMILIES STRONG.

1. Nurturing and Attachment– Take time at the end of each day to connect with your children, with a hug, a smile, a song, a few minutes of listening and talking.
2. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: Taking a parenting class or explore parenting questions with your family doctor, your child’s teacher, family or friends.
3. Parental Resilience: Surround yourself with people who support you and make you feel good as a parent. Take time to reenergize, do some physical exercise for a health mind. Share your feelings with someone you trust.
4. Social Connections: Engage in traditional ceremonies, bear dance, pow-wows. Get involved with community activities and classes.
5. Concrete Support for Parents: Make a list of people or places to call for support. Dial 2-1-1 to find out about organizations that support families in your area.
6. Social and Emotional Competence of Children: Provide regular routines, especially for young children. Talk with your children about how important feelings are.

MAKING HEALTH CONECTIONS WITH YOUR FAMILY

Good health starts with eating the right foods and getting plenty of exercise. A healthy lifestyle can help your family in many ways:

1. Less stress, depression, and anxiety
2. Better sleep and more energy.
3. Less sickness, doctor visits, and grumpy family members.

Healthy habits don’t have to take time away from your family. Do it together and make it fun!

SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF
SOCIAL SERVICES

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may be added for the safety and protection of the property. Additional coverages may consist of flood insurance, personal injury, roof replacement, sewer backup, detached structures, and identity theft protection. For each of the coverages listed, it would be important to account for these additions as named perils. If occurrences such as these, have a higher risk of happening, additional coverages should be added to the insurance policy.

- **Flood Insurance:** Typically, homeowners' insurance does not provide coverage for damages due to flooding or rising water. Separate from the insurance policy plan, the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) is available for purchase, specializing in policy plans for flooding.
- **Personal Injury:** Personal injuries such as detention, slander, false arrest, or imprisonment would be covered as an additional coverage expense. Associated legal costs and fees would also be covered under the policy plan.
- **Roof Replacement:** In case of wind or hailstorm, a roof replacement would fall under the category as an additional coverage expense. The addition would be purchased separately depending on the geographic location of the home. If perils such as these happen to occur often, roof replacements might be added to the policy plan.
- **Sewer Backup:** A sewer backup could occur at any given time. As additional coverage, it would be in the policyholders' best interest to purchase

the coverage in case of an incident.

- **Detached Structures:** Additional structures such as sheds, fences, gazebos, and swimming pools are detached structures from the home itself. Therefore, additional property insurance would be required to ensure the safety and protection of structures such as these.

Homeowners Insurance vs. Home Warranty

A home warranty is a contract that provides repair or replacements for home systems and appliances such as heaters, ovens, washers, and dryers. Typically, a home warranty contract expires after 12-months. As a result of poor maintenance or inevitable construction, a home warranty would commonly cover the fixing of the dwelling or property needing to be fixed. Contracts such as a home warranty are not mandatory as opposed to a homeowner insurance policy that would be required, depending on the financial lending institution.

Homeowner Insurance vs. Mortgage Insurance

Mortgage insurance is often required by a bank or mortgage company for homebuyers financing a home with a down payment of less than 20% of the cost of the property. As a financial lender is taking on an extra risk financing the home, the Federal Home Administration (FHA) most often requires mortgage insurance to be included for those taking out an FHA loan. Mortgage insurance is an extra fee that can be added into the monthly mortgage or paid in full once the mortgage is issued to the homeowner.

STEPS TO SELECTING HOMEOWNER INSURANCE POLICY

Property Evidence (Step-1)

The first and most important step to having an insurance policy is to account for all personal property values. By maintaining a personal log of all purchased items, insurance providers will be able to thoroughly assist in recording the actual cash value of each purchased item. In a catastrophic event or natural disaster, these items will be replaced according to current market cash-values.

Researching Insurance Companies (Step-2)

The second step to selecting an insurance provider is to do due diligence in researching local and nationwide insurance companies. By researching a creditable insurance provider, it will enable the opportunity for receiving quotes according to policy plans selected. It is good practice to receive (5)-five quotes in comparison with policies, coverages, and rates.

Policy Plans (Step-3)

The third step consists of constructing a policy plan that is suitable for your household. If your home is prone to natural disasters or potential damages, it would be best practice to include these in your policy plan in case of an event. Taking into consideration the accidentals and damages potentially made to personal property, it is always good to expect the unexpected. By selecting an appropriate policy plan, damages, and accidentals to your home or personal property could potentially be covered, depending on the insurance policy purchased. Granted, a policy should be thoroughly exam-

ined and comprehended according to the coverage listed and agreed upon.

Coverage Rates (Step-4)

The fourth step in the selection process is comparing coverage rates. Based on the research compiled for suitable policy plans, budgeting for a homeowner's insurance policy is key for future planning. Depending on the policy plan selected, deductible rates may vary in pricing. Typically, deductible amounts range from 1-2% of the home's insured value. The average premium costs \$1,211.00 annually. Each premium cost varies in pricing, according to the value insured on the home. Therefore, it is important to budget for your premium cost in advance. Additional funds could be saved by paying the monthly premium cost in exchange for a one-year insurance policy. As a recommendation, please consult your insurance provider regarding your monthly and annual premium rates.

Selecting the best policy for your household (Step-5)

The final step in selecting an insurance policy to narrow down the selection of three insurance providers. By having a side-by-side comparison of the property coverage, plans, values, and pricing, it would allow the opportunity to select the most suitable plan for you, the homeowner. Before selecting a policy plan, it would be in the best interest of the homeowner to consult with the financial lender or institution. In case of an accident occurring, the home would be financially secured under the insurance policy.

Preparation

Within the preparation stages of purchasing a homeowner's insurance policy, personal safety, security, and budgeting would be highly recommended before selecting an insurance provider. Also, the personal property should be appraised while providing substantial evidence such as receipts or invoices for actual cash value. As a

result of an accident or natural disaster, preparation is important for protecting valued assets, including family, friends, and loved ones.

Personal Safety and Security

Before purchasing an insurance policy for a home, the security and safety of the property should be the number one priority. With modern technology, security alarms and cameras have become essential for protecting homeowners in the case of an accident or disaster. Gates, locks, fences, and safes are also recommended for protecting personal property and valued items. Home defense weapons, swimming pools, and other potential hazards such as these should be secured and heavily guarded for the safety and protection of others. Insurance providers consider additional security measures and could potentially offer reduced rates depending on the security hardware installed.

Budgeting

As a homeowner, budgeting can be a struggle, however, on the contrary, planning is necessary for anticipated annual and monthly expenses. Granted, insurance policies can be purchased annually or monthly depending on the insurance policy. As a personal recommendation, \$1,000.00 should be saved in an emergency fund specifically for homeowner's insurance policy. Additional funds might be needed to be budgeted for liability coverage, a home warranty, or home mortgage insurance.

Personal Property Evidence

Personal property can be highly expensive while holding memorable values. Dwellings, detachable structures, and other valued items should be appraised. High priced items such as jewelry, technology, and firearms, can be considered valuable items. Providing substantial evidence such as receipts, invoices,

or proper documentation; losses or damages could be covered under an insurance policy plan, resulting in actual cash value. Additionally, renter's insurance is also recommended for non-homeowners, as renter's insurance can provide similar coverage. It would be recommended for people to consider a policy to protect the safety and security of their valued assets.

Conclusion


Homeowner's insurance can provide more than just coverage on a home. With proper planning and budgeting, personal property and assets could be protected against accidentals or disasters. It is highly recommended for all homeowners and renters to purchase a policy plan suitable for their household. Although an insurance policy is not always required, some financial institutions may require a policy plan to be purchased depending on the terms and conditions of the mortgage.

As a security measure, mortgage insurance may be required to protect the value of the mortgage loan. Following the five tips to Selecting a Homeowners Insurance Policy, is highly suggested for financial savings and specific property coverage. Depending on the personal property, additional coverages may need to be purchased for the security of others and (or) valuable assets.

It is highly important as a homeowner, to understand and comprehend the coverage specified or needed in an insurance policy plan. In case of an accident, liability insurance would also be recommended for the protection against legal lawsuit or costs.

By considering the substantial liabilities and threats a homeowner may experience, it is always best practice to prepare for the worst-case scenario.

For additional support and assistance, please contact Southern Ute Tribal Credit.



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 TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG





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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PROTECTING THE HOT SPRINGS AND VAPOR CAVES • FROM PAGE 1

In 2018, the Ute tribes were informed of a proposed project submitted to Bureau of Land Management’s Colorado River Valley Field Office (BLM CRVFO), by Rocky Mountain Resources Aggregates, Inc. (RMR). In January 2020, RMR changed its name to Rocky Mountain Industrials Inc. (RMI). Therefore, RMI will be used through the entirety of the article.

RMI’s proposal is to expand upon a pre-existing mining claim that it currently operates – Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry. The Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry is located north of Glenwood Springs, Colo., on a slope behind Iron Mountain, which is in close proximity to sacred Ute heritage sites, such as Yampa Hot Springs and Vapor Caves. RMI’s proposed project, as outlined in its 2018 application, has the potential to adversely affect and inflict irreversible damage to these culturally significant thermal features.

CULTURAL IMPORTANCE OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS

The town of Glenwood Springs is located within the Roaring Fork Valley—an area known for its extensive thermal features and abundance of natural resources. Based on oral history among the Kapuuta and Mouache Bands, Glenwood Springs is located within a portion of the traditional Nuuchiu tuvupu of the Subuagan and Parianuche Bands.

The History of the Northern Utes, written by Fred Conetah, details how the Yampa Band or Whiteriver Band also visited and used resources in the area, during their seasonal rotation. Located at a confluence, the Yampa Band likely accessed the valley by traveling south along the Roaring Fork River to the point it merges with the Colorado River. Due to the location of Glenwood Springs, RMI’s project falls under the ancestral jurisdiction of the Ute Indian Tribe.

Although people may simply view the Yampa Hot Springs and Vapor Caves as tourist destinations, these places are physically and spiritually connected to the very fabric of our being as Ute people. The significance of this area is maintained today, evidenced by the year around visitation of tribal members from the Ute tribes.

As Terry Knight, tribal elder and Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe, explains, “... our Ancestors would visit these places, when they were in the area, because the minerals and warmth would heal their body from the inside out, by providing rejuvenation and relaxation, assisted through prayer, during times of immense stress.”

Many Ancestral sites connected to northern Ute Bands are located in and around the Roaring Fork Valley. While many are known by Ute people descendant from the Subuagan, Parianuche, and Yampa, which were passed down through oral history, others are recorded, documented, and managed by federal land management agencies, including the United State Forest Service and BLM.

As Cassandra Atencio, SUIT NAGPRA Coordinator, female-counterpart, expresses, “... it is of the utmost importance to keep these locations private, to protect them [culturally significant sites and sacred places] from looting and destruction, because there are very few places within Colorado that Ute can still go to use and visit—places that carry deep cultural significance and spirituality.”

Glenwood Springs is also noteworthy in more recent Ute history. During the week of April 18, 1993, the first United Ute Summit was held to discuss common issues, as well as celebrate their reunion with a powwow. This was the first time the three Ute tribes met in this area to discuss tribal concerns in 114-years, following the illegal occupation of prospectors from Leadville in 1878 and the removal of Northern Ute Bands following the Meeker Incident and the subsequent Treaty of 1879.

The second and last United Ute Summit and powwow in Glenwood Springs was held in 1994. While the traditional practice of holding ‘Inter-tribal council meetings’ began long ago, at places like Council Tree in Delta, Colo., the United Ute Summit resulted in quarterly assemblies that are held today, which are now known as Tri-Ute Council Meetings.

The United Ute Summit and powwow led to conversations about the ancestral connection to Glenwood Springs and the Roaring Fork Valley. As a result, friendships were established and solidified through the sharing of traditional knowledge with locals. One relationship forged during the 1993 Summit was between the Ute tribes and the owners of Yampa Hot Springs and Vapor Caves. This resulted in an acknowledgement of their Ancestors’ presence and traditional use and sacred significance of

these places in the Roaring Fork Valley on their website and brochures.

A LASTING RELATIONSHIP: CITY OF GLENWOOD SPRINGS AND THE UTES

RMI’s proposal brought fervent local criticism from individuals and organizations concerned about environmental and visual impacts. Due to internal BLM review processes, the three Ute tribes were not officially invited to consult until September 2018. However, as a result of long-standing relationships between residents and tribal members, the Mayor of Glenwood Springs, Michael Gamba, sent a letter to Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage to inform her of RMI’s request on August 27, 2018.

After discussion with SUIT NAGPRA representatives, Chairman Sage approved their urgent request to invite Mayor Gamba to address tribal leaders at the upcoming Tri-Ute meeting in Ignacio, Colo. Although Mayor Gamba could not attend, due to a scheduling conflict, he sent two knowledgeable representatives – Bill Kight, Executive Director of Glenwood Springs Historical Society, and Debra Figueroa, Glenwood Springs City Manager – to address Tribal leaders on August 31, 2018 about RMI’s current operation and expansion proposal.

The involvement of Kight represents one of many long-lasting, multi-generational friendships with the Ute tribes. Over 30-years ago, Kight, employed by the United States Forest Service, White River National Forest Supervisors Office, and a couple others, passionately petitioned to invite and involve Ute tribal representatives to consult on the management of their Ancestral homelands.

Today, this effort is remembered by Southern Ute Cultural Preservation representatives as the first Federal Land Management Agency in the State to not only invite the oldest and longest continuous inhabitants in Colorado, but involve the three Ute tribes in the protection and management of their Ancestral homelands. Kight too was involved in helping coordinate the transportation of Ute Cultural Preservation representatives and tribally elected officials to culturally significant sites, during the 1993 and 1994 United Ute Summit.

RMI: POLITICAL TIES, NEW NAME, SAME INTENT FOR MID-CONTINENT QUARRY

RMI is a limited liability company founded by American businessman Chad T. Brownstein in 2006. With offices in Los Angeles, Calif. and Denver, Colo., RMI concentrates on industrial complex acquisitions, such as oil and gas operations, agribusiness, and industrial materials. RMI also pursues business opportunities by allocating assets towards discovering, financing, and operating natural resources.

Owned by the son of Norman Brownstein – a politically connected attorney and partner of the second-largest lobbying firm in the nation, Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck, it is of no surprise that staunch opposition arose among Glenwood Springs residents, due to concerns about due process, regulatory oversight, and accountability. Norman Brownstein is a major donor to political campaigns and lobbying in Washington, D.C.

In Colorado Sun’s April 18, 2019 article – The politically connected owner of Glenwood Springs quarry wants a massive expansion; residents are preparing for a fight. Jason Blevins highlights the concerns of community members.

According to Blevins research, Glenwood Springs “... residents are worried about a fair outcome with the Mid-Continent Quarry.” Blevins expands upon their dismay by citing the political influence of Chad Brownstein’s father, who is also connected to the Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt, “... a Rifle [Colorado] native who served as a lobbyist for Brownstein Hyatt Farber Schreck’s oil and mining clients.” Hence, Brownstein’s ties to bureaucrats and politics should raise alarm, especially with respect to the attacks leveled against environmental and heritage preservation laws by the current federal administration.

RMI acquired the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry from CalEx Minerals in 2016. Since the very beginning, the company’s timeline indicates its sights were always set on expansion. RMI submitted their initial Plan of Operations Modification (POM) in Nov. 2018, which listed their proposed adjustments to their preexisting lease provisions. The POM aligned with their unadulterated fiduciary mission – acquire, expand, extract and transport, in order to profit themselves and appease their shareholders, with little emphasis on compliance.



courtesy BLM Colorado River Valley Field Office
Current operation of the Mid-Continent Limestone Quarry, north of Glenwood Springs, Colo.



courtesy Jeff Peterson
Proposed expansion. Red indicates the total area disturbed through mine expansion proposal, while the light pink represents the total area leased.

BLM CRVFO determined RMI’s November 2018 POM was incomplete due to over 70 deficiencies in their proposal. This delay stymied BLM’s ability to begin the environmental review process. However, while RMI re-worked their proposal, they continued to communicate with the Ute Cultural Preservation representatives. Before the end of 2018, RMI’s third POM was deemed complete by BLM CRVFO.

RMI intends to accomplish its ambitious goal by mining round-the-clock for a minimum of 20-years. It requests to expand its permit boundary from 15.7 acres to 321-acres, with a total permitted area of 447-acres. RMI’s POM forecasts an increase from 20 dump truck loads to potentially 250-300 trips per day. If approved, blasting is scheduled to occur between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., with processing and transportation of minerals from 6 a.m. to 6 p.m.

TRIBAL CONSULTATION WITH BLM CRVFO

In Oct. 2018, Ute Cultural Preservation representatives initiated consultation per Section 106 of the NHPA. Well informed of the project and its potential impacts to non-renewable culturally significant sites, they maintain their vehement opposition to the proposed project and requested periodic updates. The Ute tribes used these updates to coordinate and develop their defense strategy.

On Aug. 12, 2019, BLM CRVFO published an updated fact sheet, repeating its intent to execute the Determination of Common Variety (DCV) or mineral exam, followed by baseline studies: hydrological study, cave/karst study, ethnographic study, and standard biological and cultural surveys.

The future of RMI’s proposal hinges on the results of the DCV. As Larry Sandoval, Field Manager for BLM CRVFO, explains “the DCV is a mineral examination conducted by BLM mineral examiners to help identify whether the mining claims are locatable and subject to the Mining Law (of 1872).” Sandoval cautions that several outcomes are possible due to the results of the DCV, which will indicate whether “BLM will stay the course with completing the baseline studies—including the hydrologic ground water study and ethnography.” The DCV results are projected to be issued in either late August or sometime in September.

HOW CAN THE UTES AND ALLIES EXPRESS THEIR OPPOSITION?

Depending on the DCV results, there are at least two actions that the Ute people and their allies can do if they oppose RMI’s strip mine proposal. First, if the DCV verifies that the minerals underlying RMI’s mining claims are locatable and of an uncommon variety, then RMI’s proposal is subject to the Mining Law of 1872, and BLM is required

to continue evaluating their expansion request. Those who oppose the strip mine have the ability to make calls and submit letters to elected officials on a city, county, state, and federal level to request U.S. Congress to change the 1872 Mining Law.

Second, if the minerals are locatable and determined to be common variety, and thereby not subject to the Mining Law of 1872, then the BLM would work with RMI to relinquish all or parts of the claim. In this scenario, the BLM would essentially deny RMI’s proposed expansion. However, RMI could revise their plans and come back to the BLM with a proposal that aligns with any locatable uncommon claims, or a proposal to mine non-locatable limestone under other mineral material authorities.

BLM would have discretion when considering a non-locatable proposal. Therefore, they would determine the need and scope of baseline studies that need to be reevaluated with the consulting parties and review the input from public scoping following the DCV. Hence, allowing the BLM to consider the evaluation of environmental impacts, via NEPA, with respect to the total human environment.

Per NEPA, the “human environment shall be interpreted comprehensively to include the natural and physical environment and the relationship of people with that environment (see 40 CFR § 1508.14).”

This probable outcome allows for the ethnography to proceed with the guidance and involvement of the Utes tribes. More specifically, it enables Ute Cultural Preservation representatives to reach out to their tribal communities and work with tribal elders who possess knowledge about the area. Hence, determining what information could be shared with BLM CRVFO, prior to their decision to approve or deny RMI’s proposal.

The information recorded from interviews and site-visits will be viewed in conjunction with the results from all other baseline studies. Following the completion of the environmental analysis, all interested parties (i.e. any American who wants to comment on the project) and tribes are able to submit comments and voice their support or disapproval within a 45-day commenting period from the publication of the environmental report – be it an Environmental Assessment or Environmental Impact Statement.

Regardless of the DCV results, the Ute tribes will do everything within their legal power to protect these non-renewable and culturally significant Ute heritage sites from destruction per NEPA, NHPA, and Executive Order 13007. For additional information about the project and to obtain the addresses of county, state, and federal representatives to submit a letter of opposition about RMI’s proposal, please contact NAPGRA Coordinators Cassandra Atencio at catencio@southernute-nsn.gov and 970-563-2989, or Garrett Briggs at gbriggs@southernute-nsn.gov and 970-563-2257.



GENERAL ELECTION

Election Code states serving council members must resign to pursue Chairman's seat

Staff Report
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

In reviewing the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Election Code, Title 11, Article 1. General Provisions. 11-1-107: Qualifications for Tribal Office; the Election Code States:

Part (1) To be qualified as a candidate for tribal office, a tribal member shall meet all requirements specified in the Constitution of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Reservation. These requirements as specified in the Constitution, shall be as follows unless different requirements are adopted through amendment of the Constitution:

- 1. At least twenty-five (25) years of age at the time of election or appointment.

- 2. Actual physical residence within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation for at least ninety (90) days immediately preceding the time of election or appointment.
- 3. No felony conviction
- 4. No person shall hold the office of Tribal Council Chairman consecutively for more than three terms.

Part (2) A tribal member shall be qualified as a candidate for the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council even if employed by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe; however, a successful candidate must resign from such tribal employment after certification of the election results and expiration of the right to, or

termination of, any challenge or appeal of those results and prior to be sworn-in to serve on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council.

Part (3) A tribal member may not file simultaneously as a candidate for both the position of Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman and Tribal Council member.

Part (4) That no Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council member is eligible to file as a candidate for the office of Tribal Chairman unless that Council member first resigns from the Council.



CALL FOR ARTISTS

Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation
Durango, CO

DESCRIPTION

The Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation, Conservation Legacy, and Durango Adult Education Center in Durango, Colo, are searching for a local Indigenous visual artist to submit artwork that can be hung permanently in the entry way of our building. The artwork will be displayed prominently in the entry way area of a three-story public building that receives considerable foot traffic. The mission of the Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation is to provide a quality, affordable, and stable multi-tenant nonprofit facility to serve the educational and job skill needs of adults and families in a supportive environment with childcare on site.

We are looking for two-dimensional original artwork to accompany a written Land Acknowledgement statement to recognize the people who lived in our region before colonization, and still live here today -- specifically the Puebloan, Ute, Navajo tribes. Preference will be given to artists with ancestry from the Mouache, Caputa, and Weenuchiu bands of the Ute tribal nation.

Financial compensation will be offered.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

Welcome to the Commons Building, operated by the Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation. We want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Puebloan and Ute* tribes, who have been stewards of this land throughout generations. Today, the Mouache and Caputa bands comprise the Southern Ute Indian Tribe headquartered in Ignacio, and the Weenuchiu band is now known as the Ute Mountain Utes and are headquartered in Towaoc. The Navajo or Diné people also recognize Hesperus Peak -- the tallest in the La Plata Mountain Range -- as one of their four Sacred Mountains called Dibé Nitsaa, which translates as Big Sheep. As you join our building's diverse community, it is important to provide an acknowledgement that we are gathering today on stolen land. The narratives of this land and region have long been told from one dominant perspective, without fully recognizing the people who lived here before colonization, and still live here today. Thank you for your respect in acknowledging this important history.

DEADLINES

Please send sketch or statement of interest to:
Shirena Trujillo Long
strujillo@conservationlegacy.org

After approval the artwork must be completed by November 2020.

SIZE AND SPECIFICATIONS

Approximately 24"x36" or 16"x20"; original work; medium of choice.



THE BENEFITS OF EXERCISE ON MENTAL HEALTH

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INCREASED MOOD

REDUCED ANXIETY

INCREASED SELF ESTEEM

IMPROVED SLEEP

Food sovereignty



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute Agricultural Department Division Head, Kevin Mallow, takes a moment to speak about the importance of farming, and the cost associated with this important livelihood as part of Food Distribution's ongoing video series, Tuesday, Sept. 1. The Southern Ute Agriculture Division offers training and assistance to local farmers, they also provide equipment that would otherwise be cost prohibitive for individuals to own and maintain.



Food Distribution Program Manager, Deanna Frost, emphasized the importance of Food Sovereignty on the reservation and throughout rural communities. Adding that growing a garden or raising one's own food is also a great way to create a sense of personal accomplishment.

Look for the fourth installment of the Food Distribution's video series on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Facebook page -- coming soon!

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.

Violation of this notice may result in citation for trespassing, Southern Ute Criminal Code Title 5; 5-2-104 Trespassing penalty of \$150.00 fine and/or up to 30 days in jail.

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Ignacio, Colorado

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CORONAVIRUS

Florida Mesa Elementary student tests positive for COVID-19

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

On Sept. 5, 2020, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) learned that a student at Florida Mesa Elementary tested positive for COVID-19. The school and Durango School District 9-R are working proactively with SJBPH to make the appropriate notifications and provide next steps for those believed to have been in close contact with this individual.

While the student’s privacy is protected by law, those students and/or staff members who were in direct contact with the student have been contacted by SJBPH. The incident is isolated to a single cohort at the school at this time, and that cohort will move to a remote learning platform for a 14-day quarantine period. The school remains open for in-person and blended learning for the unaffected cohorts.

While the public health investigation is ongoing, no

other 9-R schools or cohorts are affected beyond those that received individual notification from SJBPH and 9-R.

9-R is implementing its response plan that was created in the event of a positive test in a student. As per normal procedures, all areas have been disinfected since students and staff have occupied the area.

The 3 W’s of 9-R schools were created to minimize the spread of COVID-19 and it is critically important all students and staff follow the guidelines:

- Wear a Mask
- Wash Your Hands
- Watch Your Distance

It is also important that all families monitor the health of household members and make sure that anyone who is feeling ill stays home.

The school is commended for handling this situation according to all the guidelines of the 9-R Process Map for Symptomatic Cases. Following the guidelines in the

Return to Learn 9-R plan, the student was immediately isolated and went home the same day. Rapid testing immediately occurred, and upon finding a positive in this case, the cohort will immediately go into quarantine and continue remote learning through the quarantine period.

As students return to schools and households start to have contact with each other in school settings, SJBPH and 9-R remind the community to socially distance and abide by the state order to wear a face mask. The whole community must remain vigilant and highly disciplined so that we can keep our schools and our economy safe and open as COVID-19 continues to circulate in our community.

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

CYBER SCAMS

No pandemic shutdown for scammers; they are still on the prowl

By Chris Orestis
LIFECARE XCHANGE

COVID-19 may have shut down portions of the economy and put restrictions on Americans’ daily lives, but cyber scams and other efforts to defraud people continue to thrive.

“Scammers are tapping into the uncertainty related to the global pandemic,” says Chris Orestis, the president of LifeCare Xchange. “They are using social engineering to target people with tactics that take advantage of today’s technology. Seniors need to be especially mindful of the mechanisms that have been explicitly designed to target people in retirement.”

Scams to lookout for:

Dishonest retailers: Many dishonest retailers and fake products are popping up, Orestis says. “The shortage of toilet paper, hand sanitizer, soap, and masks at the beginning of the quarantine resulted from people’s panic,” he says. “The fear of scarcity created a gateway for scammers. Fraudulent online retailers are showcasing these items as bait, especially medical supplies.” But they don’t have any inventory, so stick with reputable stores, Orestis says. Scammers also try to sell products to prevent or cure COVID-19, even though

they do not exist. “Anyone who receives a message from someone selling any of these items should not respond,” Orestis says.

Phony advertisements: Scammers also try to advertise hard-to-find products through social media, email or ads that pop up on certain sites. Avoid clicking on anything unfamiliar because cyber criminals may be trying to steal your personal information or infect your computer with a virus, Orestis says. “Be cautious of people who try to contact you under odd usernames and do not have a profile picture,” he says. “If anyone asks for your personal information or invites you to click on a link, block them immediately or report them as spam.”

Government or organization disguises: Is a government official or someone from the CDC or from the World Health Organization trying to contact you? Maybe, but probably not. Scammers often try to convince potential victims that they are with a legitimate agency or group, Orestis says. “For example, an email might claim that there have been new COVID-19 cases in your area and ask for your personal information to see if you have been in contact with anyone infected,” he says. “Be suspicious of any

COVID-19 related emails and use only official government websites to get information about the virus.”

Fake charities and crowdfunding: Criminals have also created counterfeit charities and crowdfunding sites. They ask for money in the form of cash, gift cards, and wire transfers. “Real charities will never use these resources,” Orestis says. “Be sure to use reputable sites and research the charities you want to donate to for coronavirus relief.”

Phone scams: Phones are still the number one way scammers target seniors, both through calls and text messages. The Federal Communications Commission warns about these methods being used by people who claim to be the IRS or have coronavirus treatments, at-home testing kits, and vaccinations. “If you receive a robotic voice call, do not press any buttons or return any calls,” Orestis says. “Hang up immediately. If you receive text messages regarding this information, do not respond or click on any links.”

“It’s important to be wary of these and other scams, both off and online,” Orestis says. “The more conscious people are of how scammers are trying to trick them, the less likely they are to fall for one of those tricks.”

PUBLIC HEALTH

SJBPH reminds businesses and events to self-certify infection safeguards

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is committed to fighting the COVID-19 pandemic by continuing to take strong actions to keep our community healthy. SJBPH’s actions and the community’s commitment to following public health guidance have resulted in slowly declining case counts and hospitalizations in Archuleta and La Plata counties.

To continue to control the spread as our schools reopen, SJBPH has extended a public health order for La Plata County requiring that businesses, workplaces, and organized events complete an infection prevention checklist and self-certify their compliance with state public health orders to SJBPH.

“As we head into fall,

where people’s everyday activities start to move indoors, and as our families come into contact with each other in school settings, it remains critical that our workplaces and special events help prevent the spread of infection by complying with state executive and public health orders on capacity, social distancing, requiring face coverings, and screening employees for symptoms,” said Liane Jollon, executive director of SJBPH.

Businesses and events in La Plata County must self-certify prior to opening to the public. The SJBPH order does not apply in Archuleta County but workplaces and events there are strongly encouraged to complete the self-certification checklist to ensure that their infection prevention plans comply with state requirements.

Over 1,200 businesses and community organizations have already self-certified their infection prevention operations to SJBPH in compliance with the Safer La Plata Public Health Order that SJBPH first issued on April 28. “This simple requirement places good public health practice in the forefront of the business operation in a time when we all need to take care of each other to control the spread of disease,” said Jollon.

The order will be in effect as long as Archuleta and La Plata counties remain in the state’s “Safer at Home” phase of reopening, unless extended, amended, or rescinded by SJBPH.

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

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

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

STAY HOME

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

WASH HANDS

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

KEEP DISTANCE

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

COVER NOSE AND MOUTH

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

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

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

COVID-19 Call Center

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

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY HOME

STAY IN TOUCH

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

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

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Effective Public Health Orders

Stay at Home Order

YOU CAN:

Care for Family & Pets

Buy groceries or supplies for your home.

Obtain medical supplies

Engage in banking

Go to work or get things from work

Exercise and engage in non-group activities

Get or buy educational supplies

Maintain or buy things for the household

Face Covers Required

Indoors and Outdoors when social distancing measures are not possible

Both orders remain in effect until further notice.

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

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SUMMARY OF CONTINUING CORE SERVICES • FROM PAGE 1

FINANCE

Phone: 970-563-0110
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The processing of monthly tribal distribution payments will continue as normal, including communications with membership for changes to method of payment (check /direct deposit), any other changes, and answering questions. All checks/advices will be mailed. Checks will not be available for pick up at the tribal offices. Minors trust account services will continue. All checks/advices will be mailed.

Tribal Credit – To help mitigate the continued financial hardship to the tribal membership caused by the COVID-19 pandemic, the Tribal Credit division presented an additional waiver of policy option which Tribal Council approved on Tuesday, July 14, 2020, via Resolution No. (2020-088) and effective on Wednesday, July 15, 2020. This resolution increased the line-of-credit loan limit from \$8,000 to \$10,000 for every enrolled tribal over the age of 21. It also increases the line-of-credit for tribal members ages 18 through 21 from \$3,000 to \$5,000.

The new waiver of policy will allow for eligible tribal members to request additional monies up to the increased loan limit. This policy waiver is effective for the duration of the COVID-19 emergency. Also approved in the policy waiver is a revised amortization schedule, lengthening the term of the loan to keep repayment amounts similar to those pre-pandemic.

In addition to the policy waiver, Tribal Credit made the following changes to the procedural steps in processing Line-of-Credit loans.

Applications may be taken over the phone, and a signature from the applicant will not be required.

Final loan documents will require applicant signature but will not require a notary.

All checks/direct deposits will be available only on Fridays of each week.

Applications must be received by Tuesday at 3 p.m., and loan documents must be finalized and signed by the following day, Wednesday at 3 p.m. to be processed by Friday of that week. If the application is not received or documentation completed by the deadlines, loans will be processed the following week.

For questions, please contact the Tribal Credit Division Head at 970-563-2458 or via email at dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov. Tribal Credit is continuing to work remotely while the tribal “Stay at Home” Order remains in effect.

Applications will be taken over the phone and will not require tribal member signature. Final loan documents will still require tribal member signature, but not require a notary. Signed documents may be received through email, fax, or regular mail. The deadline for submitting applications will be Tuesday at 3 p.m. each week; applications received after that time will be processed the following week. Loan checks/advices will be mailed Friday of each week.

Accounts Payable/Accounts Receivable (AP/AR) – The cashier window will be closed. Accounts Payable will process as normal. Someone from AP/AR will be in the office on an as-needed, emergent basis to process rush medical emergency checks when needed. Accounts Receivable will process as normal but remotely. Signed repayment agreements may be received through email, fax, or regular mail.

CARES Act Relief Grant Program – Tribal Council has approved the CARES Act Relief Grant program to assist the tribal membership with the financial hardships caused by the pandemic. The grant cannot exceed \$2,000 per each enrolled tribal member. However, tribal members can apply for more than one grant, but the combined total may not exceed \$2,000. The final deadline to apply for a grant is December 15, 2020.

The grant proceeds must be used for basic living expenses incurred from March 7, 2020 through Dec. 30, 2020. Examples of basic living expenses include rent, home mortgage, insurance, utilities (such as water, gas, sewer, electricity, and/or any overdue balances associated with utility services), cost of home-schooling children, childcare, and food. Tribal members will need to be able to document these expenses, and the total request cannot exceed \$2,000 per individual. In addition, you will be required to certify that the information you provide in the application is correct. If you are applying on behalf of an enrolled minor, please include a separate application for each minor. Payment made on behalf of minors will be paid to the custodial parent or guardian with whom the minor is living. The grant award will be made via check or direct deposit following the same method as

is used for your regular tribal distribution. Checks or direct deposit notices will be mailed to the address on file that is used for your tribal distribution. You may designate that the grant, or a portion thereof, be used to pay your utility bill with Southern Ute Utilities. There will be a place on the application to make this request. The Tribe has made every effort to classify these funds as non-taxable. However, there is no guarantee as to how the IRS will treat the grant for tax purposes. If these funds are determined to be taxable, you will receive an IRS form 1099-MISC from the Tribe next February showing the amount of the grant that was reported to the IRS. If you have any questions, please contact the following: Barbara Prestel 970-563-2260; Tracy Swartz 970-563-2437; Linda Winkler 970-563-2443.

Purchasing – Will process as normal remotely.

Contracts and Grants – All aspects of contracts and grants management will continue as normal.

Budgeting and Planning – All aspects of FY2021 budget planning will continue.

CULTURAL PRESERVATION

Phone: 970-563-2983
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Cultural Preservation Department staff will be working remotely, but available via phone to respond to questions about cultural events, upcoming tribal fair, and any other related matters.

All events and activities associated with the 100th Annual Tribal Fair and Powwow have been cancelled.

EDUCATION

Phone: 970-563-0237
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

SUIMA – The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy will begin the 2020-2021 Academic Year on Monday, Aug. 31, 2020. Instruction will be limited to remote learning only, on-campus learning is unavailable at this time. SUIMA will host (online/in-person) classroom orientation the week of Aug. 31 through Sept. 4, 2020. The orientation will provide introductions, explain how remote learning will be conducted, provide a demonstration of online learning tools (including log-in instructions), and answer any questions. Chromebooks will be available to Primary and Lower and Upper Elementary students; Parents/Guardians should request a Chromebook during the orientation. SUIMA will use Google Classroom to deliver Remote Learning lessons. Online academic programs such as Freckle and Lexia will be accessible for K-6 grade.

SUIMA will continue to work on a schedule for households with multiple students who have a limited number of devices available at the same time. For students who do not checkout a Chromebook or who do not have the means to learn remotely, SUIMA will prepare hard-copy packets on a weekly basis. Please contact SUIMA Administration if your student will require a hard-copy packet and to receive the packet as part of the pick-up process.

Both breakfast and lunch will be provided to students by signing up with SUIMA Kitchen Manager, Geneva Watts-Gomez, at 970-563-2770 or SUIMA Administrative Assistant, Jasmine Weaver, at 970-563-0253

Higher Education – Will work remotely advising student through email, regular mail, and phone calls. GED and Adult Education lessons will be provided through emails and phone calls.

Public Education – Will work remotely providing tutoring and student support through emails, text, and phone calls. There is partial funding available if students need assistance with technology and other educational needs.

Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members can access the Computer Purchase Cost Share program. For more information on the program, please contact Mrs. Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235 or via email at esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov.

TRIBAL HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

Phone: Tribal Housing 970-563-4710; Construction Services 970-563-0260

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Staff will remain on-call for emergencies.

In addition to staff continuing to work remotely and on an on-call and emergent basis, all major electrical, plumbing, sewer, gas, and HVAC systems will continue to be addressed by staff. In addition to emergencies, CSD will be responding to requests for

swamp cooler issues, minor water drips on plumbing fixtures, non-emergent electrical requests and basic small repair. Please call the Southern Ute Police Department Dispatch at 970-563-4401 for household emergencies.

Staff may ask the tribal membership to leave the home or isolate in a spare room while work is taking place. Staff will respond to emergency requests at the Cedar Point Townhomes. Rent payments and processing will continue and must be post marked by the 5th of the month and mailed to the attention of the Cashier in Finance. Office phones will be forwarded to staff who can walk the membership through some basic repair tasks.

JUSTICE AND REGULATORY

Phone: J&R 970-563-0292;
Southern Ute Dispatch 970-563-4401
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Southern Ute Police Dept. (SUPD) – SUPD will continue to provide law enforcement services, radio communications (911), criminal investigations, and victim services during this time.

Division of Gaming (DOG) – DOG investigators will provide tribal building security patrols on and off campus, extra patrols of Casino, and assist tribal court with required paper service.

Detention Center – The detention center will continue to provide services for inmates. Effective immediately, all visitation is suspended. This includes all contact and non-contact visits. Education, PBT breath samples for courts and probation have been suspended. Food and supply deliveries will be dropped at the Sally Port behind the kitchen. The driver will not enter the facility as trustees and staff will bring supplies into the kitchen. Office supplies will be dropped at the main administrative entrance. No one will be allowed access to the facility other than SUDC staff that is scheduled to work that day. SUPD, SUSS, Los Piños Fire Protection District, and maintenance are allowed to enter the facility on an as needed basis. SUDC will continue to house contract inmates. Bail bondsman will be permitted into the Sally Port but will not enter the facility. Anyone who enters the facility including bondsman in the Sally Port will be asked if they have exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19.

Tribal Rangers – Rangers will continue to patrol the reservation and serve as first responders. Animal Control Officers will continue to provide services for the community.

Environmental Programs – Environmental Services will work remotely with the exception of monitoring stations for air quality and water quality within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) – TERO's hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 7 a.m. to 12 p.m. Departmental phones will be transferred to the staff and the main line will be transferred to the TERO Division Head cell phone. This includes lawn maintenance service request and communication to lawn maintenance staff. The direct line is 970-563-0117.

PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Phone: 970-563-2945
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Custodial Services – One of the most vital departments operating at this time and will continue to provide cleaning and sanitation of only the spaces where critical staff and IMT are operating.

Motor Pool – Will cease all services to vehicles except for emergency service vehicles and other needs for critical tribal operations.

Building Maintenance – Will work remotely and respond to major repairs as necessary and continue monitoring building maintenance needs.

Grounds Maintenance – Will address trash pick-up and maintenance throughout the tribal campus and only in the spaces where critical staff and IMT are working.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Southern Ute Health Center
Phone: 970-563-4742
Phone: 970-563-4581
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; (Health care service hours vary, please see below.)

Tribal Health Services is the most critical department providing services to the tribal membership during this time. Please continue to call the Southern Ute Health Center prior to your arrival; this practice is for the health and protection of both the patients and health care providers.

Southern Ute Health Center – The Health Center will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Respiratory ailment screenings will be conducted in the tent located behind the Health Center beginning at 8 a.m. All specialty medical clinics are postponed, please call the Health Center for more information on the specialty medical clinics. Lab hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. (except during the lunch hour from 11:45 a.m. to 12:45 p.m.). Physical Therapy appointments will be made from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. as requested.

Pharmacy – Hours of operation are from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. (except during the lunch hour from 12 to 12:30 p.m.), however patients are not allowed access to the pharmacy through the clinic. The pharmacy is only available through the walk-up window located on the outside of the Health Center.

Dental Clinic – The dental clinic will see patients Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. Additional hours are available depending on the age groups and the dentist availability.

Optometry – Optometry emergency services are being provided on Mondays and Wednesdays from 1 to 5 p.m., by appointment. No exams are being provided at this time. The direct line is 970-563-2374.

Behavioral Health – Staff will be reaching out to patients, providing services and how to cope during stressful times. Providers are addressing the possibility of utilizing tele-medicine.

Public Health Nurse & Community Health Representatives (CHR) – Public health nurse and CHR's will provide medication deliveries, non-emergent medical transport, home visits, and case management as needed. Dialysis transports will continue.

Shining Mountain Health and Wellness – Staff will temporarily modify their scope of work to assist the Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center. Staff are identifying the program capacity to provide weekly cooking and other related information.

TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

Phone: 970-563-4702
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Administration – TIS staff will work with limited staff continue to process mail for the tribal government, answer and transfer incoming calls to tribal departments, and provide modified services.

Vital Statistics – Will continue to process enrollment applications, certificate of Indian blood (CIB), tax exemption forms, and notary public services. Available on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. in the Central Receiving building.

The Southern Ute Drum – The Drum will continue to maintain production and provide special coverage on the COVID-19 outbreak and other current issues.

The Drum newspaper resumed printing and will be on newsstands and in mailboxes starting Friday, Aug. 28 and will also continue to be available online as an e-Edition at www.sudrum.com/eEditions/. The Southern Ute Drum will adhere to the publication schedules and print deadlines for 2020, in order to share relevant news and information with the Southern Ute tribal membership, tribal departments and community in the best and most efficient way possible.

Mail Service – Mail service remains available. We will continue to meet the needs of tribal departments who have crucial tasks that involve postage. The schedule created to address tribal government mail delivery and mail pick up will be, Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. First mail run is at 8:30 a.m. and the last mail run is at 10:30 a.m. The only exception would be if the last day of the month or first day of the month falls on a Tuesday or Thursday, we will come in to do the postage and deliver the mail to the post office in the morning.

TRIBAL SERVICES

Phone: 970-563-2324
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Emergency Family Services (EFS) – EFS is encouraging clients to utilize the online application and submission process to limit the in-office exposure. EFS is working with Farmers Fresh to accept applications from EFS online through email so tribal members can receive food vouchers at the store. All clients must call ahead to request funds available to them. Clients will need to contact EFS through the phone at 970-563-2329. EFS will be working in collaboration with Elders Services to



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provide applications to/from Tribal Elders and/or disabled clients for assistance. EFS is also temporarily modifying services for off-reservation tribal members by providing the option of receiving \$200 or \$100 for grocery, as long as funds are available.

Elders Services – Will continue normal operation hours of Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., however limited service for medical, grocery and household necessity delivery, and emergency services will be provided. Medical transport will be provided only for doctor appointments scheduled as of Friday, March 18, 2020, as well as medical emergencies. Staff will continue to deliver medication, groceries, bill pay, and post office runs within the approved safety zones. Elders Services has the right to refuse medical transport based on approved screening questions and a Doctor's recommendation. Staff will implement safe contact practices with Tribal Elders by phone. In-person visits will be available Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. and must adhere to the tribal policy and practice of social distancing based on recommendations from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team. Elders Services staff will work with other programs within the Tribal Services Department to coordinate services for Tribal Elders/Members with disabilities.

Food Distribution – Food Distribution is encouraging people to apply online. Staff are currently developing an online, pdf-fillable application and, upon completion, will be placed on the tribal website. Home delivery orders will be taken over the phone. Priority will be given to the elderly and disabled tribal membership. Participants will call in food orders and receive a time to pick-up their order. Entry will be through the back gate, guests will review the order in the loading area, sign in receipt of food, and exit through the front gate.

Vocational Rehabilitation – Will provide consumer meetings via phone or email and collaborative meetings with local vendors and resources via conference call, Zoom, and other technology services.

Social Services – Will provide immediate response to client calls, emergencies, and continued collaboration with the Southern Ute Police Department. The tribal hotline for child abuse and neglect will continue to be available. Therapy sessions will be provided over the phone, through Face-time or Skype, and home visits as needed.

NATURAL RESOURCES

Phone: 970-563 – 0125

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Department of Natural Resources will provide ongoing duties that are essential for continuity of operations and maintaining the Tribe's business interests. The department will consider emergency meetings only.

GIS – Will work remotely to continue to provide map support services to the tribal membership as well as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team as requested.

Lands – Will work remotely and continue to provide land assignment administration and commercial crossing permits on an emergency basis.

Agriculture – Will continue to provide custom farm and agriculture support services including pest management as delegated.

Water Resources – Will continue to provide irrigation support services and water administration.

Range – Will continue to provide emergency gas well spill management response and oilfield onsite inspections only when critically necessary.

Forestry – Will continue to provide emergency firewood services only, IMT planning, and forestry contract administration.

Wildlife Resources – Will continue to provide bison herd management, hunting/fishing licenses tribal member only, and Lake Capote dam early warning system monitoring. Bison meat will be available to the tribal membership by appointment only. Please call 970-563-0130 to schedule an appointment to pick-up bison meat. Hunting permits are currently being mailed to tribal hunters and appointments can still be made Tuesday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Lake Capote is open only for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and immediate family only on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday; shoreline and dock fishing only; the Wildlife Division and Lake management believe that a re-opening of the restroom facilities can be accomplished in a COVID safe manner. These facilities include the shower-house in the camp-

ground, and the restrooms at the Baitshop; limited bait shop sales through window. For Lake Capote questions, please call the Lake Manager at 970-883-2273 or The Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

HUMAN RESOURCES

Phone: 970-563-4750

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 to 5 p.m.

Human Resources Department staff will work remotely and available by email and phone for assistance with employee benefits and employee questions/support. Risk Management continues to be involved in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team and the COVID-19 response efforts.

INTERNAL AUDIT

Phone: 970-563-2216

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Internal Audit department will work remotely to assist with the continuity of government operations and meet with Tribal Council regarding on-going projects.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

Phone: 970-563-4753

Hours of Operation: Closed. Remotely: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Boys & Girls Club is closed during this time. There will be no direct services provided, but Club staff will be offering programming, activity supplies and virtual support to families remotely.

TRIBAL PLANNING

Phone: 970-563-4749

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Tribal Planning Department will work remotely, continuing to plan functions on current projects.

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

Phone: 970-563-0214

Hours of Operation: Closed

The SunUte Community Center facilities are currently closed during this time.

LEGAL

Phone: 970-563-2142

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Prosecutor will attend court hearings as scheduled by the tribal court. The legal department will be available for child and elder protection services for the Department of Social Services and can be contacted by phone.

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

Phone: 970-563-9583

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Southern Ute Museum is currently closed but will work remotely and continue the caretaking of exhibits, collections, and archives.

PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENTS

Phone: 970-563-2600

Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Permanent Fund Investments will work remotely to continue to manage the Tribe's investment capital.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 CALL CENTER

Phone: 970-563-0214

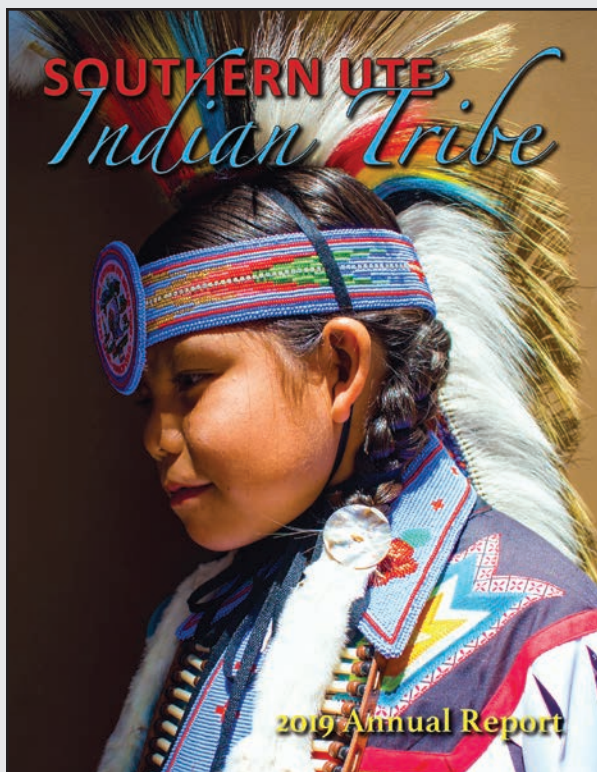
Hours of Operation: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center will remain active through the duration of the modified government services being provided. Tribal members can reach the call center by dialing 970-563-0214. Please know this is not an emergency line, it is strictly information gathering and dissemination. Call center hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday until further direction is mandated by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (IMT).

In addition to fielding calls, the call center will be making proactive calls to tribal elders, the disabled and high-risk tribal membership for current updates or directives delegated by the IMT.

If you are a tribal member and concerned about your symptoms, please contact your primary care provider or call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 to speak with a health care professional.

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](https://members.southernute-nsn.gov/Resources) > Tribal Member Downloads > PDFs

Tribal Member Portal Account Set Up

The Southern Ute Tribal Member Portal is a resource available to only enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Any request for access to the Tribal Member Portal will be verified. For access to the Tribal Member Portal please follow these steps:

1. Go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website.
2. In the header, click on "Members"
3. Under login, click on the blue highlighted link "Register New Account"
4. Complete all forms. Staff are working quickly to verify and approve new accounts while working remotely from home and while working under the tribal 'Stay at Home' Order.
5. Use the login information found in your email to access the Tribal Member Portal.
6. Once you gain access you can change your password to your profile.

For assistance, please contact Ms. Lindsay Box at 970.563.2313 or via email lbox@southernute-nsn.gov

Tribal Member Hearing and Supplemental Comment Period: Draft Water Quality Standards & Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Procedures

For all interested tribal members, a live on-line hearing regarding the Tribe's draft Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Procedures will be held on:

October 15, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Tribal members can register and attend the meeting via Web-Ex on the Tribal Member Portal. The live-online hearing will be recorded and posted on the Tribal Member Portal for tribal members to view at their convenience.

A 60-day tribal member comment period on the Environmental Programs Division's proposed tribal water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures will be from **Monday August 31, 2020 through Friday October 30, 2020.**

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

- **E-mail:** wqs@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Mail:** Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.
- **Phone:** (970) 563-4705, extension 7901 to comment on the water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures.

Proposed Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters & Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Procedures

What does this mean for the Tribe?



- Protecting the Tribe's water resources from pollution.
- Protecting tribal member health and welfare.
- Protecting wildlife and aquatic species.
- Exercising tribal sovereignty.

What are water quality standards?



- A legal basis for controlling pollutants entering tribal waters (such as those from wastewater plants and industrial facilities).
- Describes the condition of the waterbody.
- Classify water bodies into designated uses (such as, recreation, agriculture, public water supply, protection of fish and wildlife).
- Establish numeric and narrative criteria for pollutants in tribal waters.

To what water bodies will the Tribe's water quality standards apply?



- All water bodies within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (such as, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands) over which the Tribe has authority for establishing water quality standards.

What are Section 401 Certification Procedures?



- Procedures the Tribe will follow to issue 401 water quality certifications.
- A 401 water quality certification is needed for projects that require a federal permit (such as, pipeline construction projects that may impact water quality).
- Under Clean Water Act section 401, the Tribe has the authority to review and certify certain projects for impacts to water quality.
- If the Tribe believes a project could negatively impact tribal waters, the Tribe can add conditions to the federal permit that provide increased protection of tribal waters (such as, installing erosion control berms).

October 15, 2020 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



COVID RELIEF

Capacity-building webinar series for nonprofit staff and board members

Staff report
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado has opened registration for two comprehensive training webinars discussing COVID-impacted nonprofit financials. The Foundation’s “Something to Chew On” webinar series is free and convenient, designed for nonprofit leaders to grab a lunch, log in via Zoom, and learn valuable lessons in nonprofit management. Webinars will be offered twice a month on Tuesdays, noon – 1:30 pm. September’s offerings will dive into nonprofit financials and will be most helpful for nonprofit executive directors, bookkeepers and

board treasurers. Sept. 8 will cover cash flow projections and Sept. 22 will examine budgets and scenario planning. Materials from the Nonprofit Finance Fund will be shared, and local financial experts from the Community Foundation’s finance committee will be available to answer questions. Participants will have the chance to win a free two-hour consultation with one of our panelists. “We know 2020 has been a challenging year for all of us, and we want to offer our local nonprofits the opportunity to gain skills and strategies to enter 2021 resilient and strong, with the tools they need to succeed,” said Briggen Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foun-

ation. “The trainings are structured so that all attendees, from novice to expert, will have something to chew on.” The “Something to Chew On” webinars will continue twice monthly through the rest of the year and will examine topics such as alternative fundraising, human resources, remote working, and Southwest Colorado Gives. Costs associated with the webinar series will be covered through the Community Emergency Relief Fund, supporting professional development for local nonprofits during a year with numerous budget constraints. Visit www.swcommunityfoundation.org/chew to learn more and to register in advance for the workshops.

ENVIRONMENT

Bennet announces Emergency Watershed Protection funds for wildfire recovery

Visits Glenwood Canyon with leaders

Staff report
OFFICE OF SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet announced the U.S. Department of Agriculture’s (USDA) Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) approved the first tranche of Emergency Watershed Protection (EWP) funds for \$5 million worth of projects in Colorado to mitigate and recover from wildfires. The funding will benefit EWP projects in Mesa, Garfield, Larimer, and Grand Counties.

The announcement comes after Bennet called on the USDA earlier this week to quickly approve EWP funding for wildfire recovery.

“We’re deeply grateful to NRCS for quickly and efficiently approving these funds to mitigate damage in Colorado communities affected by wildfires,” said Bennet. “I’ve seen a lot of wildfires and disasters in the last decade that I’ve served in the Senate, and Coloradans always pull together in times of crisis to overcome the devastation and build back even stronger than before. I know this time will be no different. Thank you to all of the local, state, and federal leaders who joined me today on the tour of Glenwood Canyon. I’m committed to continue collaborating with you all to secure additional federal resources for wildfire recovery.”

Today, Bennet also met with leaders in Glenwood



courtesy Office of Senator Bennett

On Sept. 3, Senator Bennet met with leaders in Glenwood Canyon for a watershed restoration tour of the Hanging Lake Tunnel complex and the Grizzly Creek Watershed.

Canyon for a watershed restoration tour of the Hanging Lake Tunnel complex and the Grizzly Creek Watershed. State leaders included Shoshana Lew from the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Kevin Klein from Colorado Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, Rebecca Mitchell from the Colorado Water Conservation Board, in addition to representatives from the White River National Forest, Colorado River District, Colorado Division of Fire Prevention and Control, Federal Highway Administration, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), USDA-NRCS, the City of Glenwood Springs, Garfield County and other local elected officials.

During the visit, Bennet and the leaders discussed the critical role that the EWP program will play to help protect watersheds, private property,

infrastructure, and Glenwood Springs’ water supply. In addition to EWP funds, each state and federal agency outlined the additional resources that may be available to assist with watershed restoration and protection of the canyon. Bennet will continue to collaborate with all of these partners. On Wednesday, Bennet and other members of the Colorado delegation urged USDA to approve the City of Glenwood Springs’ request for additional financial assistance. Last week, Bennet and the entire Colorado congressional delegation urged President Trump to approve the request from the State of Colorado for additional resources to combat wildfires. In August, Bennet met with the Pine Gulch and Grizzly Creek Fire management teams where he received an update on the firefighting response and future recovery needs.

ATTENTION

WATER USERS

**PINE RIVER INDIAN IRRIGATION PROJECT
WILL BE SHUTTING DOWN AND TURNING
OFF HEADGATES ON FRIDAY, OCT. 2, 2020**

SOUTHERN UTE AGENCY

**Bureau of Indian Affairs
970-563-9484**

Finance Department

DROP-BOX

The Finance Department has installed a mail drop-box to accommodate tribal membership needs for delivery of Finance-related documents or payments to the Finance Department. The drop-box is located at 365 Quay Drive, on the west side of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. Documents that can be deposited into the drop-box include:

- COVID-19 Relief Grant Program applications
- Tribal Distribution documents
- Tribal Credit loan documents
- Accounts Receivable check payments
- Other Finance-related documents
- **NO CASH PAYMENTS** can be put in the drop-box

The drop-box will be checked at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All documents received in the drop-box will be stamped with the date they are received. For payments on customer accounts, the payment will be posted to the customer account on the date it is received (if received by 5:00 p.m.), and a receipt will be mailed by US Postal Service to the customer. All documents deposited in the drop-box will be forwarded to the appropriate tribal staff for timely processing.

If you have questions for Accounts Receivable/Customer Account please contact the Cashier at 970.563.0110; if you have questions for Tribal Credit please contact Tribal Credit at 970.563.4744; and if you have questions on the Tribal Distribution/COVID Relief Grant Program please contact the GL Manager at 970.563.2443

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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.

WIN ME!

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

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box

How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering

Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

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

USE THE FACE COVERING TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

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

FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

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

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

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

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

For instructions on making a cloth face covering, see: cdc.gov/coronavirus

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TRANSPORTATION

CDOT completes US 160/491 Towaoc to Cortez resurfacing project

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation and contractor Intermountain Slurry Seal are pleased to announce the completion of the surface treatment project on US Highway 160/491. The project took place on US 160/491 from Mile Point 29.75, 2 miles north of Towaoc and continued for more than five miles to MP 34.89 near Cortez. The southern limits of the project adjoin the US 160/491 Towaoc passing lanes project that was completed earlier this year.

As part of CDOT's Whole System – Whole Safety initiative, this project focused on a chip seal and micro-surfacing application that included three thin layers of resurfacing to protect and prolong the surface of the roadway and reduce overall cracking in the existing asphalt. Interfacing these three layers of oil and rock creates a strong and flexible mat that will preserve the existing asphalt beneath.

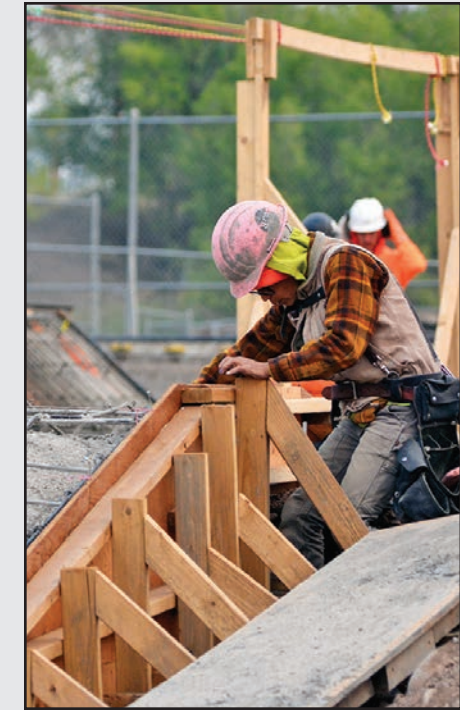
The new surface will enhance safety for motorists by providing a smoother surface for vehicles. Crews also installed rumble strips and new striping. The new striping will offer better visibility, while rumble strips will alert drivers if they are leaving or veering off the roadway or lane.

Skate park pours it on



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

On Tuesday, Sept. 8, Artisan Skatepark workers use a process where they shoot concrete through a hose, called “shotcrete,” to reach the ramps and various skate features of the skate park, the concrete is then smoothed by hand.



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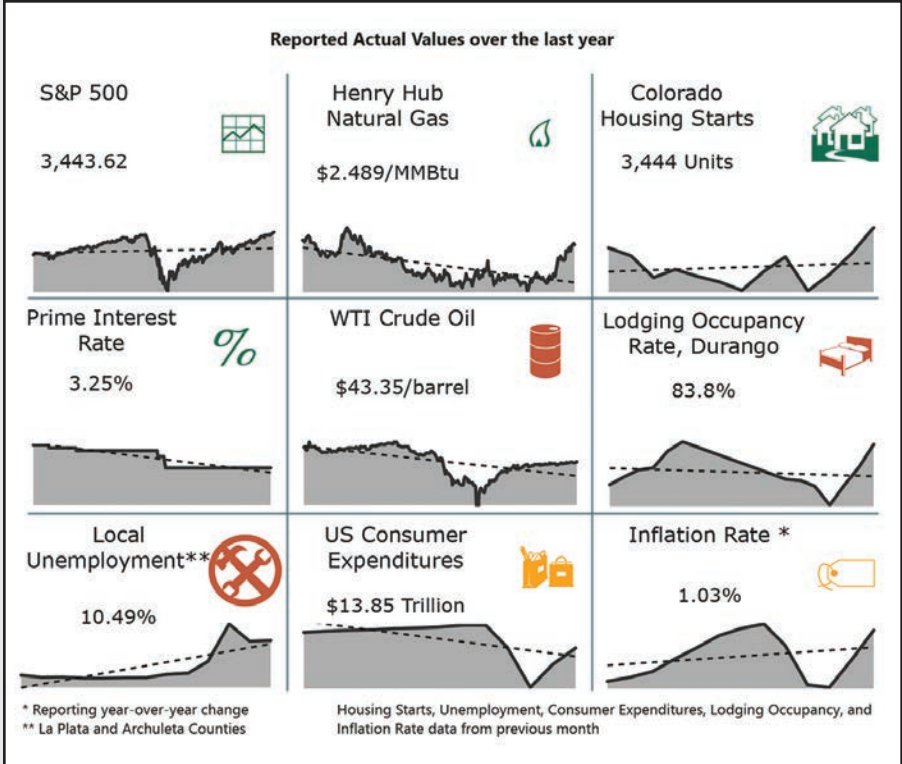


Pillar Design Studios

Artisans of their craft, workers smooth the “shotcrete” on the ramps, domes, and bowls. Each of the workers for Artisan Skateparks are skaters themselves, and “nerd out” with every aspect of the skate park build, as stated by Artisan foreman Justin Gorman.

Artisan Skateparks have been hard at work pouring concrete at the skate park for the past month. Workers have been pre-fabricating forms for the concrete.

Economics Dashboard



courtesy Southern Ute Economic Development Program

The first Economics Dashboard courtesy of the Southern Ute Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (SEED) Program. This dashboard is intended to complement the other financial and economic data presented to tribal membership. Whenever possible we are providing data that relates most to the Tribe and its membership. All information is public data. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Zalneraitis, Economic Development Manager, at 970-563-2463.



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

9/09/20



UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION

2020

MODIFIED HOLIDAY HOURS

JAN. 20TH MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - OPEN

FEB. 17TH PRESIDENT'S DAY - OPEN

MAY 25TH MEMORIAL DAY - CLOSED

JULY 3RD FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY - OPEN

JULY 4TH FOURTH OF JULY - CLOSED

SEPT. 7TH LABOR DAY - OPEN

NOV. 11TH VETERAN'S DAY - OPEN

NOV. 26TH THANKSGIVING DAY - CLOSED

NOV. 27TH THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - OPEN

DEC. 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY - CLOSED

DEC. 11TH LEONARD C. BURCH HOLIDAY - OPEN

DEC. 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE - OPEN

DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED

DEC. 31ST NEW YEAR'S EVE - OPEN

JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR'S DAY - CLOSED

MODIFIED HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY—SATURDAY, 8 AM TO NOON

Due to COVID-19, Modified Hours of Operation

Utilities Office

8AM to Noon, Mon– Fri

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8AM to Noon, Mon–Sat

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did you know?



New snow absorbs sound waves which is why it seems quieter after snowfall.

Source: <https://www.bbcearth.com/blog/7/articlesurprising-facts-about-snow>

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.

Hay For Sale to Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division recently harvested the second cutting of hay that is being produced on a parcel of Tribal land managed by the Agriculture Division. This hay for sale to Tribal members only. The hay is about 50% alfalfa mixed with grass. This is the second cutting for 2020 and is in large square bales weighing approximately 1250 pounds each.

The price is \$125 per bale.

There is an initial limit of 8 large bales per customer. The limit will be removed if second cutting hay has not been sold by Sept. 1. Delivery is available to locations within a 15-mile radius of Ignacio. This hay is available to Tribal members only and on a first come first served basis.



Contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900.



Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

To order detector contact

Randi Rock

Tribal Housing

970.563.4710

285 Lakin St.

To schedule installation contact

Polly Blakenship

Construction Services

970.563.2500

270 Hwy 151

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

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



Safety Tips



Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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

Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak

Yellow or orange flames, rather than blue.

Dark stains on/around appliances.

Increase condensation around windows.

Pilot lights that frequently blow out.

In the event of an Emergency

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

SUPD - 970.564.4401



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BOBCATS GIRLS CROSS-COUNTRY

Lady 'Cats clutch fourth

Emerging Barnes' fifth-place run paces IHS

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Sent out onto the Parque de Vida course amongst the second wave of Montezuma-Cortez Panther Invitational girls' entrants Friday evening, Aug. 28, Ignacio freshman Maci Barnes had little problem posting a time approaching that of the runners she was apparently trying to catch.

Wave 1 competitor Sarah De La Cerda of Alamosa would ultimately win the championship in 21 minutes, 40 seconds, with teammates Autumn McQuitty (22:14) and Abby Wubben (22:24) giving the 3A Mean Moose a 'podium' sweep ... and helping the squad snag the girls' team title with an adjusted score-5 low total of 38 (1-2-3-13-19) points.

But after all times had been recorded, two second-wave runners would round out the individual standings' top five and, separated by just one second, both ended up within four ticks of swiping top-

three status.

Nearly able to chase down 3A Pagosa Springs junior Michelle Saucedo at the finish line, Barnes clocked a solid fifth-place 22:28, leading the Lady Bobcats to a fourth-place 110 team points.

"I'm so proud of Maci," said head coach Daniel Holley. "Brand-new runner ... almost no running experience other than middle-school track, so she's bringing with her some very natural skills that are so awesome."

Junior Alannah Gomez became IHS' second finisher when she crossed in 25:20, and would end up owning 21st place. Junior Avaleena Nanaeto earned 27th in 26:39, while senior Vanessa Gonzales came in 34th with a 29:02. Not far behind in the final tabulations was freshman call-up Darlyn Lechuga, awarded 37th for her 30:18.

"Today was her first meet. She earned her spot on the roster this week, so I

gave her a go," Holley said. "She did have a little bit of an ankle issue going on, but that's kind of expected with young runners as you learn your body and what things hurt when and where."

In the team standings, 2A La Jara Centauri ... led by freshman Tayte Hostetter's sixth-place 22:37 ... earned second with 51 points and PSHS took third with 58, while 4A Durango rounded out the top five with 115.

Up next for the Lady 'Cats was to be the inaugural Grand Junction/Palisade Invitational, to be held Friday, Sept. 4, at Riverbend Park in Palisade. But with Labor Day weekend imminent, Holley elected to give the ladies a break from action until a trip north to Mesa County the weekend of Sept. 11-12.

"Another flat, golf course-esque course," commented Holley. "Our focus is just endurance and just learning how to find the 'wall,' hit the wall and break through the wall."



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Darlyn Lechuga (225) made her varsity debut during the Montezuma-Cortez Invitational, Aug. 28.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Vanessa Gonzales (223) runs during the Montezuma-Cortez Invitational, Aug. 28 in Cortez's Parque de Vida.

BOBCATS BOYS CROSS-COUNTRY

Bobcats run well at Panther Invitational

EQ DQ only slightly dings gents' day

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Unwilling to play Stimpfy to Ren Canty's, well, Ren, Eppie Quintana simply surrendered, allowing the La Jara Centauri runner to more or less have his way nearing the finish line.

"Came to a complete stop in the chute, threw his hands up to signify 'Hey, I'm not trying to fight you; I'm trying to pass you,'" Ignacio head coach Daniel Holley explained, surprised as well as somewhat shocked. "Never thought I'd have to tell a runner 'Hey, you can't hit another runner.' Never saw that coming."

Unluckily for the Bobcat sophomore, contact occurring between the two – exacerbated by Canty reportedly shoving Quintana in the back – during the Aug. 28 Montezuma-Cortez Panther Invitational's final hundred yards was enough for the gesture to be misconstrued as 'Bring it on,' and as a result both harriers were disqualified.

"That first race killed me – all those hills going up and down ... it was brutal," said Quintana, comparing the meet held within Cortez's Parque de Vida to the previous Friday's season-opening Boggy Draw Bear Chase outside Dolores, Colo. "This grass, it was like a cloud when we were running on it; I felt good the whole way."

"I stuck on that Centauri kid the whole race, waiting for him to kind of let up," he continued, discussing the combatants' pace. "He never wanted to let up, and near the end started throwing some elbows ... I couldn't help myself but get back a little at him, and in the end we both ended up getting DQ'd."

"The other kid was kind of bringing in some track 'etiquette,' where you're allowed to throw some elbows ... unseen," Holley said, "but this is cross-country – I don't think there's a place for it."

"But that kid was running his race, Eppie was running his and I don't think



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Gabe Tucson rounds a bend during the Montezuma-Cortez Invitational, Aug. 28 in Cortez's Parque de Vida.

Eppie knew he could swing wide to go around him; I think Eppie thought he had to stay between the white line and the flags to pass. And that's just a coachable moment; he's a new runner ... he can't expect to know all the ins and outs."

And in fact, there was a silver lining for both individuals: Both clocked outstanding times regardless of the rumblings.

"This course, this venue, the weather – there was a rainbow for a minute; that was awesome – and the grass ... it was just great for running," beamed Holley. "I pulled Eppie aside and said, 'Dude, you just ran the fastest 5K for Ignacio in almost 30 years!' A 19:47 was his finish time; with all the instances, he still ran a 19:47!"

"Handled himself in the most professional manner possible ... in the way a sportsman should. And I'm proud of the kid; he's come out and worked so hard."

"I just want to ... go off what he's telling me," said Quintana, whose effort would have ranked 13th had

he remained ahead of Canty. "He's a really good coach and I just need to keep up with him, better myself as much as I can."

That seemed to be the boys' prevailing attitude overall at the M-CHS Invite. Disqualifications factored in, senior Dylan Labarthe officially went into the books as IHS' top finisher with a 17th-place 20:59. Junior Gabe Tucson took 35th in 24:56, while junior Tyler Barnes finished a close 37th in 25:48 and junior Jeremy Roderick 42nd in 34:34.

"These guys ran one heck of a race," said Quintana. "We're making progress all together."

"The boys' team is really finding their rhythm," Holley stated. "I know they've had a lot on their plates, coming from other sports to cross-country, but they've handled themselves well. I'm proud of them."

3A Alamosa senior Josh Medina won the race in 16:44 – bettering 3A Pagosa Springs senior Gabe Heraty by 37 seconds and 3A Bayfield senior Zeb Shields by 71. In a score-5 system, AHS earned the boys' team title with an adjusted meet-low 23 (1-4-5-6-7) points, followed by PSHS' 41 and 3A Montezuma-Cortez's 56.

Quintana's and Canty's exclusions prevented both 2A Ignacio and 2A Centauri from having score-5 capability; the Falcons also finished with just four official placers.

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Presently IHS Cross-Country's sole senior boy, Dylan Labarthe (337) keeps pace with La Jara Centauri's Estevan Vega (331) and Pagosa Springs' Levi Hinger (367) during the Montezuma-Cortez Invitational, Aug. 28 in Cortez's Parque de Vida.

COLORADO SPORTS

CHSAA Board of Directors announces 2020-2021 calendar resolution

By Bert Borgmann
COLO. HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

At a meeting on Tuesday night, the Board of Directors of the Colorado High School Activities Association, addressed a potential change to the 2020-21 sports and activities calendar.

The COVID-19 pandemic has presented many challenges. Specific to CHSAA activities, this has included trying to resume a traditional fall season for moderate- to high-risk contact sports. It has forced inequities when making statewide decisions for the 180,000 student-participants, 363 voluntary members schools, and 178 school districts across the state.

In a resolution Tuesday, the Board of Directors unanimously voted to not reconsider any adjustment to the 2020-21 sports calendar, which was approved on Aug. 4.

"We understand that our school communities would like to return to all levels of normalcy," said Troy Baker, the President of CHSAA's Board of Directors, and who is the athletic director at Buena Vista High School. "We listened to all parties and the voices of our membership resonated strongly to support the plan as approved in August.

The plan aligns with the CHSAA mission. All students have an opportunity to play a season during the 2020-21 school year."

Said Richard Hargrove, the superintendent of Springfield Schools, and a member of the Board of Directors: "We are focused on getting school started and running smoothly, as well as handling all the issues of running a school district and trying to have that be as normal as possible. We do not want to travel. The biggest thing for me in the end is that we have continued to move the goalposts, and every time we turned around, we had something else we had to adjust to."

"The discussion last night amplified that there was another potential goalpost movement," Hargrove continued. "We have already developed a calendar that addresses the concerns of health officials, and gives all students a season and a chance to participate. We need to move forward with that plan."

During the discussion, the Board as a whole noted that:

- The safety, physical and emotional well-being of Colorado student's participants must be at the forefront of every decision.

- Diverse educational return-to-learn models exist throughout the state, and they must not be undermined.
- Students have already integrated into non-traditional participation opportunities in the rural and metro areas.
- Title IX and gender representation issues around any reconsideration of the approved calendar.

"Our state has seen new golf, tennis, softball, and cross country teams formed statewide," said Terita Walker, an assistant principal at Denver East High School, and a member of the Board of Directors. "Once this plan was rolled out, school administrators and families began to reshape their lives around the calendar. We are moving forward knowing all of our students will have the chance to participate in 2021."

The Board remains committed to being responsive to our community members and appreciate their feedback, outreach, and input throughout this process. CHSAA will continue to meet regularly with the Governor's staff, COVID-19 Response Team, and educational and health officials to implement the 2020-21 Activities Calendar.



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EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

IT'S MARSHA TIME!

I'm thrilled to vote for Marsha Porter-Norton for County Commissioner because she is exactly the judicious, intelligent, pro-community person we need in these times of uncertainty (it's not as if we can continue to throw money at problems these days). Please join me in electing this salt-of-the-earth person who has dedicated her professional life to working alongside people buried in conflict so that everyone may reach great and timely solutions.

As an elected official, I experienced first-hand the ways she deftly facilitated important intergovernmental conversations. Beyond that, she is an agent of positive change and a source of empowerment in our community. Need Roads and Bridges? Personal health resources? Predictable development? Renewed economy? **Vote Marsha.**

*Leigh Meigs
Former Mayor, Durango City Council*

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County Commissioner Candidate Marsha Porter-Norton Hosts Meet/Greet In Bayfield

Marsha Porter-Norton, candidate for La Plata County Commissioner from District 2, will be in Bayfield for a candidate meet and greet on Saturday, Sept. 12 from 3 – 4:30 p.m. on the patio of Taco Boy Restaurant at 126 West Mill Street. Anyone interested in meeting Ms. Porter-Norton is welcome. There will be free tacos, yard signs and campaign information. The event will be COVID-19 safe. For more information, go to: www.MarshaPorterNorton.com or email: MarshaPorterNorton@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



Happy 20th Birthday "Avi"

We have watched you grow into the amazing woman you are today. And with each passing year, you continue to blossom even more. I hope your special day brings you all the happiness you deserve.

Love your dad, mom and lil sis Ebs ♥

Happy Belated 20th Birthday To Our Nephew Cadel Thompson,

We love you and you are going to be the greatest dad ever.

Love your Uncle Ken, Auntie Gen ♥



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.

LOOK FOR THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM IN PRINT!

The Southern Ute Drum is once again on newsstands and in mailboxes and will also continue to be available online as an e-Edition at www.sudrum.com/eEditions/

The Southern Ute Incident Management Team recently approved printing and distribution of the newspaper. Strict Covid-19 protocol will be adhered to during this process to keep everyone safe.

Due to COVID-19, the print edition of the newspaper was temporarily suspended earlier this year due to closures, concerns for public safety, and to protect the welfare of our staff.

The Southern Ute Drum will adhere to the publication schedules and print deadlines for 2020, in order to share relevant news and information with the Southern Ute tribal membership, tribal departments and community in the best and most efficient way possible.

Contact Drum Editor/Media Manager Jeremy Wade Shockley: jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov to update your mailing address as needed.



The Drum Deadlines can be found at www.sudrum.com under the advertising tab.



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**Next issue
Sept. 25**

**Deadline
Sept. 21**

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Survey of Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Southern Ute Tribal Membership

Southern Ute Economic Development will be sending out a survey to learn about the economic impact of COVID-19 on membership, and solicit ideas for additional business and entrepreneurial opportunities. The survey will be available online, and some members will receive the survey through the mail as well. It will be released by Sept. 15, and we would greatly appreciate it if you would complete it within 30 days. Your participation is very important, as your responses will help shape the future of the Southern Ute Entrepreneurship and Economic Development Program. Please contact economic development at suitsbc@southernute-nsn.gov if you have any questions.

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
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1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND Request for Proposal Apartment building exterior stucco refinish

Qualified painting and stucco contractors are hereby notified and invited to submit proposals for this project. Scope to include all necessary labor to provide for a thorough surface clean and prep, and 2 coat application process of a quality exterior acrylic latex paint. Unit garage doors and front entry doors will be included in scope. Finish coating product for doors to be a quality industrial water-based alkyd urethane. Site is deemed high priority and requires sufficient manpower, equipment, and scheduling availability to complete prior to work stoppage due to winter weather. Desired services to include: labor, supervision, equipment (ladders, scaffolding, lifts, paint, supplies, etc.), trash removal, and cleanup. Protection of adjacent structures, utilities, walkways and landscaping is tantamount. Proven performance, guaranteed availability, adequate insurance coverage and provisions for material damages are a must. S.U.I.T. TERO code applicable. Indian Owned Businesses allowed contract preference. Inquiries to Mr. Bob Vahey, Southern Ute Growth Fund; by phone: 970-749-9444, or e-mail: bvahey@sugf.com.

Request for Proposal Heating and air conditioning

Qualified mechanical contractors are hereby notified and invited to submit proposals to provide furnace replacement with an air conditioning component for 30 apartment units in Ignacio, Colorado. Scope will provide all necessary labor for removal of existing furnaces and installation of new hvac equipment. New system components to include: 14 SEER furnaces with AC coil, condensing unit and pad, programmable t-stat, refrigerant line-set, filter rack, condensate pump. Protection of adjacent structures, utilities, walkways and landscaping is tantamount. Proven performance, guaranteed availability, adequate insurance coverage and provisions for material damages are a must. S.U.I.T. TERO code applicable. Indian Owned Businesses allowed contract preference. Inquiries to Mr. Bob Vahey, Southern Ute Growth Fund; by phone: 970-749-9444, or e-mail: bvahey@sugf.com.

Request for Proposal Landscape design services

Qualified licensed landscape architects are hereby notified and invited to submit proposals for an approximate 4-acre residential apartment site in Ignacio, Colorado. Scope of desired services to include necessary field visits and data collection to provide options for a draft master landscape plan, a draft irrigation plan, specialized planning schemes at tenant porches, site lighting master plan, and finalized plans with allowance for coordination of work subsequent to owner consideration and approvals. Proven performance, guaranteed availability, adequate insurance coverage and provisions for material damages are a must. S.U.I.T. TERO code applicable. Indian Owned Businesses allowed contract preference. Inquiries to Mr. Bob Vahey, Southern Ute Growth Fund; by phone: 970-749-9444, or e-mail: bvahey@sugf.com.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Member Hearing & Supplemental Comment Period

Draft Water Quality Standards & Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Procedures

For all interested tribal members, a live on-line hearing regarding the Tribe's draft Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Procedures will be held on Oct. 15, 2020 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tribal members can register and attend the meeting via Web-Ex on the Tribal Member Portal. The live-online hearing will be recorded and posted on the Tribal Member Portal for tribal members to view at their convenience. A 60-day tribal member comment period on the Environmental Programs Division's proposed tribal water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures will be from Monday August 31, 2020 through Friday October 30, 2020.

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

- E-mail: wqs@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. 81137.
- Phone: (970) 563-4705, extension 7901 to comment on the water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures.

What does this mean for the Tribe?

- Protecting the Tribe's water resources from pollution.
- Protecting tribal member health and welfare.
- Protecting wildlife and aquatic species.
- Exercising tribal sovereignty.

What are water quality standards?

- A legal basis for controlling pollutants entering tribal waters (such as those from wastewater plants and industrial facilities).
- Describes the condition of the water body.
- Classify water bodies into designated uses (such as, recreation, agriculture, public water supply, protection of fish and wildlife).
- Establish numeric and narrative criteria for pollutants in tribal waters.

To what water bodies will the Tribe's water quality standards apply?

- All water bodies within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (such as, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands) over which the Tribe has authority for establishing water quality standards.

What are Section 401 Certification Procedures?

- Procedures the Tribe will follow to issue 401 water quality certifications.
- A 401 water quality certification is needed for projects that require a federal permit (such as, pipeline construction projects that may impact water quality).
- Under Clean Water Act section 401, the Tribe has the authority to review and certify certain projects for impacts to water quality.
- If the Tribe believes a project could negatively impact tribal waters, the Tribe can add conditions to the federal permit that provide increased protection of tribal waters (such as, installing erosion control berms).

Wildlife Advisory Board Southern Ute Tribal Members

Open until filled – 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 letter of interest 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.

Home for sale

4 Bedroom, 2 baths, Family Room, Living Room, Laundry Room, Pantry. Home is located at 310 Mountain Dew Circle in the Cedar Point West Subdivision. Upgraded Refrigerator and Stove. Home WILL NEED to be moved!!

For more info call 970-759-7294 or 970-759-0686.

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



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.

Assistant Controller – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 9/18/20 – Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required. Supervises the joint interest billing function in the accounting department. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance or similar discipline plus seven years relevant full-time work experience in the oil and gas industry including progressively responsible and varied assignments and five years in accounting. Must have experience with basic accounting tasks including processing of accounts payable and accounts receivable, management of AFEs, reconciliation of general ledger accounts, bank reconciliation and cash management, development of financial statements, and management and regulatory reporting. Must have basic understanding of oil and gas industry business concepts and processes, including, but not limited to: joint interest owner accounting, royalty payments, depreciation and depletion methods, asset impairments and asset retirement obligations. Must have five years of experience in a leadership role including project leadership or training and mentoring junior staff. Must have demonstrated strong 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 solid computer experience including strong working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Must have valid drivers' license and be insurable under RWPC's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Colorado Latino Leadership, Advocacy, and Research Organization Capitol Fellows Program

The paid fellowship program is open to all college students, grad students, and recent grads of color and, I would argue, is the premier program for developing young Coloradans of color into future generations of state policy leaders. Program places Fellows in the office of a state legislator, advocate, lobbyist, or executive agency for 20 hours a week January thru May, 2021 – 17 hours with their supervisor, 3 hours of leadership development – and comes with a \$3,000 stipend. Native youth should absolutely have access to this opportunity, and since this year's program will be almost entirely online, it removes the barrier of folks having to get to Denver to participate. Please view the CLLARO guide and find more information about the program online at www.cllaro.org/cfp or by contacting program manager Alejandra Colmenero (alejandra.colmenero@cllaro.org). **Candidates can apply at bit.ly/cllarocfp2021** . Applications are due Oct. 4, 2020. Applicants will be required to provide application as a PDF to include the following:

- 1. Cover letter introducing yourself to the CFP program and why you're applying
- 2. Resume
- 3. One letter of recommendation.

Answer the following two questions as part of the application:

- Why should you be selected to be a CLLARO Capitol Fellow?
- Write about your policy priorities, 1-3 please. Explain why.

TERO is looking for individuals to fill the following positions

Location: Durango, CO

- CDL Drivers
- Heavy Equipment Operators
- Laborers
- Certified Engineering Technicians

Pay is DOE, must be able to pass initial drug test and random thereafter.

Please contact Laura Sanchez in TERO at 970-563-2294 or by email lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov for more information or submit your resume.

Location: Farmington, NM

- Inspection Trainees

Help Wanted

The Pagosa Springs Community Development Corporation is seeking a part time economic development recovery coordinator. Applicants should have prior project/ED experience, collaboration skills, experience with Archuleta County or similar mountain communities, and proven written and verbal communication skills. All proposals should be submitted via e-mail or hard copy to Laura Lewis Marchino at laura@scan.org or to Region 9 EDD, 135 Burnett Dr. Unit 1, Durango Colorado 81301, no later than 5 p.m., Sept. 18, 2020. Details of the job description, requirements and documents needed in submitting the resume can be found at www.pagosaspringscdc.org.

NEW EMPLOYEES



Lori Smith

Job title: Upper Elementary Guide at Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy
Description of duties: My primary duty is to instill a love of learning into my students. We can do this by guiding them through topics that they are passionate about or curious about too.
Hobbies: I love to travel, hike, camp and watercolor.
Family: I have been married for 31 years. I have a loving family with two children, 22 and 17 years old.
Comment: I'm so excited to be a part of the SUIMA family. I look forward to working with our students and travel with them on their wonderful, educational journey.

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 LEGAL NAME CHANGE
In the Legal Name Change of,
Roxane Frost Bigleggins, Civil Subject
Case No.: 2020-0118-CV-NC

Notice is hereby given that Roxane Frost Bigleggins has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Roxane Frost Washington. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by fi ling an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **OCTOBER 16, 2020**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 4th day of September, 2020.
BY THE COURT,
Marlene Price, Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-0108-CV-PR
Sarah Jane Baker, 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 **OCTOBER 6, 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 25th of August, 2020
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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

Detention Sergeant

Closes 9/7/20 – Under general supervision of the Detention Lieutenant, assist in the planning, organizing, and reviewing administrative and staffing functions and activities in the Detention Division. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour

Detention Transport Officer

Closes 9/8/20 – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Internal Audit Deputy Director

Closes 9/7/20 – Under minimal supervision, performs work of considerable difficulty related to the management and performance of internal audit activities. Assisting the Director of Internal Audit with the overall administration and technical direction of the Internal Audit Dept. Manages or conducts complex financial, operational, compliance, and other internal audit engagements. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit. Pay grade 25; \$86,368/year.

Internal Auditor

Closes 9/7/20 – Under general supervision, performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of moderate difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. In order to gain experience in the practical application of program auditing and government accounting, duties assigned are to familiarize employee with the more complex auditing work found at the next higher level; performs related work as assigned. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit and other internal audit personnel as assigned. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Senior Detention Officer

Closes 9/7/20 – 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 18; \$18.96/hour.

Senior Internal Auditor

Closes 9/7/20 – Under minimal supervision performs internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Conducts complex financial, operational and compliance audits; serves as a lead auditor with extensive responsibilities in examining the performance of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. As a key contributor and leader in conducting internal audits for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Senior Auditor will plan, execute and report on all aspects of the audit, use analytical tools to conduct audits and make recommendations that add value. Will build upon and broaden business knowledge with exposure to the entire organization, including access and exposure to all levels of management. Supports the project manager of the Performance Management and Key Performance Indicator program, and recommends improvements to business processes that will promote overall efficiency, productivity and profitability. Reports to the Director of Internal Audit. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

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.

Dental Assistant

Open Until Filled – Under dentist supervision, Perio-Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. 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; \$78,315/year.

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. 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. 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. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/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.

Medical Assistant (Temporary)

Open Until Filled – A Medical Assistant position, providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/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 Dept. 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, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Position is paid on the Education Scale.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

A professional position within the Dept. 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

Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. 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

Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family, group and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B-Foster Care program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

TEAM Worker

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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

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

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.



FLY FISHING

Have fly rod, will travel

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

A friend from California called late last winter wanting to know if I'd like to join him for two days of fly fishing in Gunnison, Colo. this summer. I quickly checked my analog calendar and discovered that the days he wanted to fly fish in August were available. Actually, most of August was available. So, I blocked the days out, in ink, made a hotel reservation and got ready for August. Then Covid arrived. But we figured separate rooms and staying six feet apart on the river and creek would keep us safe. It did.

I, of course, figured we would be fishing the Gunnison and Taylor rivers. However, I had forgotten my friend loves fly fishing small rivers and creeks more than me. So, when we meet up in Gunnison I was pleased to discover that the East River and Spring Creek had been researched, and found to be acceptable for our wants and needs.

The first day we fly fished the East River north of Crested Butte. The road leading into the area we were going to fish went from a nice paved two-lane road to a gravel road fairly quickly. Similar to many mountain roads it was heavily traveled, but not with fishermen. Once we found a place to park, by a great looking stretch of river, we booted and suited and headed in different directions agreeing to meet up later. Even though it is advertised as a river, East River reminded me of a



We again found the browns happy to eat our dry flies. We also didn't find anyone else fly fishing. This was a great end to two days of small stream fishing in the land of famous big rivers.

small stream. That was the only thing I could find fault with. The river was loaded with brook trout wanting to eat dry flies. And, they weren't too particular about which dry fly I was casting. I occasionally did have to change flies. But only because the fly I was using fell apart due to being eaten so many times.

After a quick lunch at the back of the truck we headed out again. The river remained clear with lots of pools holding lots of brook trout. As I followed the river upstream I found myself looking at one of the biggest beaver ponds

I've ever seen. I tried fishing it but discovered the bottom was so soft I was soon in over the tops of my hip boots. This was a good place to stop for the day and rest up for tomorrow.

Spring Creek was our destination for the second day. It is located just north of Almont. As we drove up the canyon, following the river, I was reminded of the drive into Lime Creek. However, unlike Lime Creek, the canyon opened up into a big meadow similar to the East Fork of Hermosa. This meadow goes for several miles, and the creek is filled with brown trout. Also, like the brooks from yesterday, these browns loved dry flies. Another similarity to yesterday was the lack of other fly fishers. Things were looking good and would get better.

Once rigged we split up to see if we could find out what these brown trout liked to eat. It didn't take long to discover their favorite fly of the day. I learned that, in addition to a fairly easy creek to wade, there was a walking path that followed the river. The path was right next to the river making it easy for people with old knees and hips to fish. After a quick lunch we decided to drive upstream and see how it looked. Unbelievable is a good description.

The creek meandered through the meadow with numerous places to park and have an easy hike to the water.

So, when the snow and Covid shuts you in this winter, pull out your favorite map of Colorado rivers and find some great places to travel with your fly rod.

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

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Big Game Hunting Season

Big Game permits will be available beginning Monday, August 17th, 2020. Please call (970) 563-0130 to make arrangements for pick-up. Due to Covid-19 we are also encouraging tribal members to have them mailed, if possible.

Big Game Season Dates:

SUIT Reservation

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

Early Archery Aug.29- Sept.11

General Sept.12 - Dec.31

Brunot Area

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

Sept. 2nd - Nov. 22nd

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 29 30 31 32 33 34 35

- Across**
- 1 Arapaho Chief Powder ---, who brought Ouray a boy alleged to be his abducted son
 - 5 "--- be a cold day in Hell ... "
 - 9 Soon
 - 10 "And --- to go before I sleep" (Frost)
 - 12 --- River Indian Reservation, Wyoming
 - 13 Hickory nuts
 - 15 It's --- until the fat lady sings
 - 17 Archaic expression of disgust
 - 18 Unpopular sleeper
 - 19 Fido food
 - 20 Stormy blue sea is fit for service (var.)
 - 22 Uncover
 - 24 Blab
 - 27 Unwell
 - 28 Petty detail
 - 29 Isaac ---, who allegedly defined "one millihelen" as enough beauty to launch one ship
 - 31 Corrosion
 - 32 Juan de ---, Conquistador who established New Mexico and brutalized Native Americans
 - 33 Bill of Rights defender, briefly
 - 34 Rams' dams
 - 35 Ooze
- Down**
- 1 "Two --- and a Rabbit" (Legend)
 - 2 Negatively charged particle
 - 3 Relief map feature
 - 4 Approve openly
 - 5 Commands
 - 6 Wedding cake layer
 - 7 Inc. relative
 - 8 Salad ingredient
 - 11 Cut
 - 14 Website promotion technique
 - 16 Churchill signal
 - 19 Achomawi Rancheria in California
 - 21 Prohibit
 - 22 Native American trust land administrator
 - 23 Too
 - 25 Cotton thread
 - 26 Consume completely
 - 28 Tiny speck
 - 30 Gaping mouth

Answers for this crossword will appear in September 25 issue of the Drum.

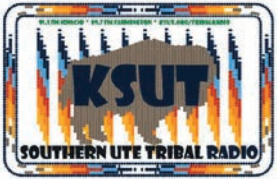
Answers for Aug. 28, 2020 Crossword Puzzle:

Across: 1 Pains, 6 Katy, 10 All up, 11 Ho ho, 12 Coeur d'Alene, 15 Tex, 16 Eek, 17 Ida, 18 Geniuses, 20 Oh no, 23 A try, 24 Goodyear, 28 Put, 29 USB, 30 USD, 33 Unsurpassed, 36 Deft, 37 Santa, 38 Sews, 39 Horsy.

Down: 1 Pact, 2 Aloe, 3 Ilex, 4 Nu, 5 Spree, 6 Khaki, 7 AOL, 8 Theist, 9 Yonder, 13 Den, 14 Easy, 18 God, 19 UAR, 20 OGPU, 21 Hounds, 22 Not see, 25 Yurts, 26 ESP, 27 Abash, 30 USNR, 31 Sets, 32 D-Day, 34 UFW, 35 Sao.

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)
- www.KSUT.org (Streaming live)



See what's new at KSUT

Take the virtual tour of the newly built KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center at <https://www.ksut.org/post/>

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, Sept. 11



68°F sunny

Light to variable winds in afternoon

Saturday, Sept. 12



74°F sunny

Sunday, Sept. 13



77°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

