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## CORONAVIRUS

# LaPlata, Archuleta move to higher risk Covid-19 categories

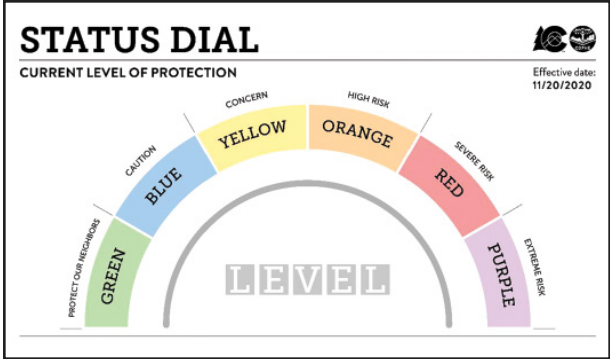
Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Due to a consistent and drastic spike in local COVID-19 cases, as of Friday, November 13, La Plata County will move up a level on Colorado’s COVID-19 Dial to level “Orange” (High Risk). This reduces the legal operating capacity for most businesses from 50% to 25% and moves last call for alcohol sales to 10 p.m.

To support compliance with the new restrictions, SJBPH has issued a Public Health Advisory for La Plata County. The Advisory strongly recommends that public and private gatherings in any indoor setting be limited to one household only, and that people stay at home between the hours of 10 p.m. and 5 a.m. SJBPH recommends that all non-critical businesses close to the public during these hours. The Advisory will remain in effect until November 30.

Archuleta County will move to Level “Yellow” (Concern) also on Friday, November 13. This limits the possibility of spread by reducing the maximum capacity at large venues and events from 250 to 175 and moves last call for alcohol sales to 11 p.m. The full list of changes can be found at the CDPHE website.

“Our community has shown we can choose to



be successful in fighting COVID-19,” said Liane Jollon, executive director of SJBPH. “While cases rose around the state in the fall, we took the steps necessary to keep our schools open and our economy strong. But Archuleta County will not be spared the uncontrolled levels of disease seen in the rest of Colorado unless we all act now to reduce the spread. We know everyone is tired of this pandemic, and we are so thankful of the sacrifices everyone has made in their workplaces and social lives. We must ask all community members to once again come together and adopt good public health practices to keep our families and neighbors safe.”

With the onset of winter and more activities moving indoors, the community must act now to cancel social gatherings, move as many employees as possible to remote work, and stay home as much as possible, to keep everyone safe from COVID-19.

During the holidays SJBPH is urging all local residents to abide by their recent advisory urging no social gatherings with others outside your household, and no socializing outside your home after 10 p.m.

For information about all phases of the state’s COVID-19 dial framework for public health protections, visit <https://covid19.colorado.gov/data/covid-19-dial>.

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/>

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Donny Garcia/Tribal Housing Dept.

The deck replacement work was carried out starting in mid-October, with crews continuing through the end of November on the final stages of construction. The La Boca bridge is expected to be open for public use on Nov. 30, 2020, weather permitting.

## TRANSPORTATION

# Ghosts of the Railroad: La Boca Bridge revitalized

By Fabian Martinez  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Repairs began on the La Boca Denver & Rio Grande Trestle, or more commonly known to locals as the “La Boca Bridge,” on Oct. 22. The bridge is currently only one of two known steel bridges that exists in La Plata County on the original Denver & Rio Grande line.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Construction and



Donny Garcia/Tribal Housing Dept.

A patchwork of wooden planks and railroad ties made for a treacherous crossing across the Pine River.

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## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

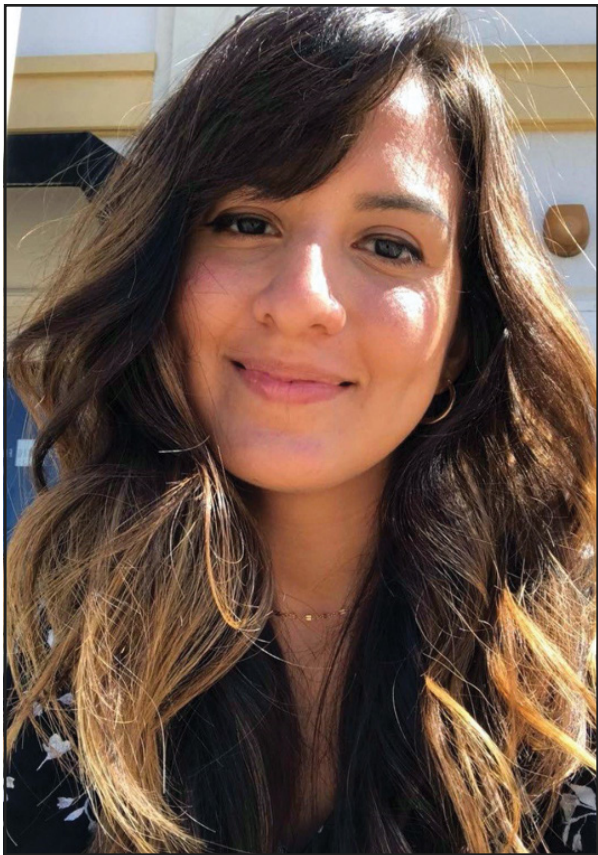
# New behavioral health therapist onboard

Staff report  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division excited to announce that we have hired a Native Connections Program Behavioral Health Therapist!

Please welcome Stephanie Garcia, Licensed Professional Counselor. Garcia brings over six years of clinical experience to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. She has a Master of Science degree in Mental Health Counseling from Loyola University in New Orleans and has extensive training working with young children utilizing play therapy. Garcia’s background comes from working with underserved communities and youth in Houston, Massachusetts, and New Orleans, in various mental health settings.

Garcia specializes working in early childhood as well as with adolescents and young adults. While she has a vast knowledge of many behavioral health issues, she will be specializing in working with youth to promote mental health and our efforts to reduce substance usage among our Native American Youth on the Southern Ute Reservation.



courtesy Native Connections

Stephanie Garcia, Licensed Professional Counselor, brings over six years of clinical experience to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

We are also proud to say she will be co-host for an upcoming “Native Connections Program: Mental Health is Health” virtual event series on Zoom and also Mental Health Talking Circles which are coming soon!

If you are a Native Amer-

ican youth up to the age of 24 and would like to set up an appointment with Stephanie Garcia, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581. The Southern Ute Native Connections Program looks forward to supporting you living the best life possible.



courtesy Robin Henry/U.S. Army Corp of Engineers

Snow and fog surround Fisher's Peak, Colorado's newest State Park and the second largest in the State. The park officially opened to the public this fall.

## STATE OF COLORADO

# NAGPRA seeks Tribal voice in development of newest State Park

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Governor Jared Polis cut the ribbon on what is Colorado’s newest state park just outside of Trinidad, Colo. at the end of October. Colorado Parks and Wildlife announced that only a small portion of the park would initially be made available to the public, as part of this soft opening. The state acquired for the land in a historic purchase of a large private ranch situated in the southernmost section of Eastern Colorado, neighboring the New Mexico border.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe recently reached out to the Colorado Parks and Wildlife requesting input on the planning process for opening the park to public access and recreation. The Tribe’s Chairman, Christine Sage sent a

formal letter to the state by way of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA), whose office acts as the liaison between both of Colorado’s Ute tribes and the State of Colorado.

“Essentially resource management plans [should be] developed, which are derived through consultation with Tribes and surveys,” said Garrett Briggs, NAGPRA Coordinator for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. “The Land use plan should be drawn up with respect to plants, animals, wetlands and cultural resources – the land use plan would be developed to avoid those culturally significant areas and protect the plants and animals who may be endangered.”

“That’s one of the challenges that we are concerned about, identifying

those areas, and working collaboratively to reduce the impacts to those [cultural] resources,” Briggs said.

The formal letter from Chairman Sage, addressed to Crystal Dreiling, Senior Ranger with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources stated:

“The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Cultural Preservation Department is requesting to engage in consultation with you to discuss the development of natural resource and cultural resource management plans for the State of Colorado’s newest land acquisition the Fisher’s Peak property, in southeastern Colorado.

This request is predicated on our traditional stewardship responsibilities that were bestowed upon our Ancestors

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## LA BOCA BRIDGE • FROM PAGE 1



Donny Garcia/Tribal Housing Dept.

Southern Ute Tribal Planning worked with Monarch Iron of Durango, Colo. to replace the aging wood deck with steel and concrete, giving the historic bridge a modern touch.

Project Management department has been working to replace the aging boards that comprise the current bridge deck. For years the bridge was declared unsafe due to the rapid deterioration and weathering of the boards that make up the deck. The steel trestle itself, which provides the framework of the bridge, is in excellent shape overall.

“Tribal Council instructed us to replace the deck,” explained Interim Director of Construction and Project Management, Garry Fulks. “Three different options were discussed, and it was decided to do a ‘slab on deck.’” This option features a steel deck on the bottom and a slab of concrete on top to make up a new road. This option gives the bridge better integrity to hold vehicles on the bridge while also cutting the expense.

“The Southern Ute Indian Tribe felt there was a responsibility of giving an option of access,” said Fulks. “[The bridge] gives access to a cemetery where tribal members are buried, access for oil and gas workers, and access for tribal member recreation.”

Built in 1881, the La Boca bridge was a major crossing for the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad (D&RGR) over the Los Pinos river. According to *Pioneers, Prospectors and Trout: A Historic Context for La Plata County, Colorado* by Jill Seyfarth and Ruth Lambert, La Boca was one of the last stops to take on water, freight and passengers in Colorado before the train moved into Northern New Mexico. The La Boca Stop featured a section house, storage facilities, water tank for the D&RGR use as well as a small store and post office for the surrounding residents.

For those living in Ignacio, Arboles, Allison and La Boca during the early automobile era, the railroad was a vital lifeline for those traveling in the Southwest. The railroad was also an essential component in helping move supplies from Durango to Ignacio and into the less populated areas of Southern Colorado and Northern New Mexico.

If asked, many elders raised within the La Boca and Ignacio area will remember the distant rumble and whistle of the train pulling into the depots. The Ignacio Depot was established near where the current Southern Ute Utilities Division is located.

Southern Ute tribal elder Georgia McKinley is one member of the community who remembers the era of the railroad and its prevalence in the region.

“The railroad went right in front of my house,” described

McKinley. “I remember the freight train would come in the night or very early in the morning. You would hear its whistle, and it was very scary at times.”

The railroad was one of the easiest ways to go into Ignacio during a time when accessibility was severely limited to horse and wagon or, for those who could afford it, an automobile. For McKinley it was a special treat to take the train.

“We would ride the train into Ignacio [from La Boca] for the Tribal Fair or during San Ignacio. We would ride back down to the depot and have to walk home,” explained McKinley. “If we needed groceries [or supplies] we would go by wagon [instead] and stay in Ignacio. We would leave by 3 p.m. and get home by dark.”

Many others that grew up in the time of the train and in the La Boca area would have similar experiences, like Southern Ute tribal elder Carol Olguin who was a young girl during the time she lived in La Boca and when the train was still in operation.

“We would go down by the tracks and pick currants [near the Los Pinos], and we would wave at the train as it passed by — going to Ignacio from La Boca,” Olguin said about her earliest experiences with the train. For Olguin, her experiences with the railroad were limited to her time at the Pagosa Junction school house near the Pagosa Junction Depot on the eastern side of the Southern Ute reservation, where she spent her time until the fourth grade.

“The boys would have to make sure there was coal in the shed for the train when it stopped [to gather supplies],” explained Olguin. Pagosa Junction is one of the last areas in the region where the original narrow-gauge tracks and remnants of the railroad can still be seen. A steel bridge similar to the La Boca trestle still stands there in a state of disrepair.

While the Pagosa Junction bridge is a ghost of its former glory, the La Boca Bridge continued to be in use even after the fall of the railroad. For most elders traveling around La Boca, the trestle was not often used as an access until after the railroad ceased operations entirely.

“We used to go down [to La Boca] and visit my mom’s friend,” stated McKinley. “We hardly ever used the bridge. We always crossed the river.”

Years later, Olguin would experience something similar. “We would go in the pickup and would cross the river. I would lie down in the pickup bed and watch

the cotton woods as we crossed.”

If crossed during the railroad era, the bridge often posed a safety hazard as the train could be oncoming. The bridge was ultimately designed only for train access at that time. It was often easier and safer for families and individuals to cross over in the river to reach their destination via vehicle or wagon if the water was low.

For many years the train was a common sight in the region, but slowly the whistle and the echoes of the train began to die as the southwest moved into the modern reign of cars and the coming of the interstate.

According to an Ignacio Chieftain article dated Nov. 8, 1968, the railroad had begun to reach its end. In August 1968, there was a recommendation by an Interstate Common Commission examiner to abandon the line in its entirety from Antonito, Colo. to Farmington, N.M. as well as Silverton, Colo. to Chama, N.M. Denver and Rio Grande officials stated that the line was an “obsolete and misfit facility,” and argued for the railings to be dismantled and to cease all operation. A study was to be conducted to determine if the line could continue for commerce or tourism purposes. Ultimately, the line was abandoned around 1969 and the railways were pulled from the existing line, leaving only the Durango and Silverton route in operation as a tourist attraction.

Even without the railroad, the La Boca Bridge continued to stand with a new purpose — as an access bridge.

“Right now, we just use it to cross the river to go to the cemetery,” explained Olguin. “Where my mom and dad are buried.”

For those that currently live in the La Boca area, the current legacy builds on top of the foundation created by the railroad.

“It is a relic of the past,” says Olguin. “It was a memory of a past time when tribal members would visit other places and attend the ceremonies of Durango and Dulce. It was more than a means of transporting themselves.”

Now as the La Boca Denver & Rio Grande Trestle is being repaired, the bridge will continue to stand and provide for decades to come; specifically, for those needing access to homes, oil and gas wells, for recreation purposes or as a pilgrimage to pay respects to those in the La Boca Cemetery.

The La Boca Bridge is currently projected to reopen Nov. 30 with weather permitting.

## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Southern Ute tribal member and Vietnam War veteran Rod Grove (center) carries the flag of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with fellow veterans during Durango’s annual Veterans Day Parade Nov. 11, 2010.

This photo was published in the Nov. 19, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Oolcu Buckskin/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Grand Entry was led by Russell Box Sr. during the 2000 Veterans Powwow and held in the Head Start Gymnasium. Many dances took place in honor of the attending Veterans. Dancers and spectators shook hands with the Veterans during one of the honor songs.

This photo was published in the Nov. 17, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

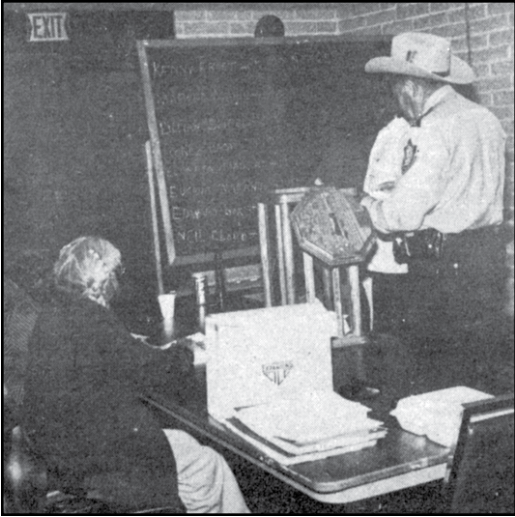


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## 30 years ago

On Nov. 16, 1990 ARCO Oil and Gas representative, Jim Hill presented Carlos Senca, KSUT Manager and Eddie Box Jr., KSUT Board of Directors President, with a \$5,000 grant.

This photo was published in the Nov. 21, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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## 40 years ago

Intense moments of quiet are felt at the night of the Election on Nov. 7, 1980 as the votes were being tabulated by the Election Committee and the Tribal Chief of Police, Arthur Weaver. Results were as follows: Kenny Frost 52, Martha Myore 41, Renee Baca 57, Elberta Velasquez 33, Eugene Naranjo 26 and Neil Cloud 34.

This photo was published in the Nov. 21, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.





UTE LANGUAGE

Cultural Preservation Dept. receives prestigious language grant

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL PRESERVATION

The Cultural Preservation Department is excited to announce that the Tribe was awarded the Administration for Native Americans (ANA) Preservation and Maintenance grant, written with the assistance of the Southern Ute Education Department. The grant was awarded to the Tribe for a three-year period and includes three proposed plans to help get our language preserved and in the homes of our people.

“ANA believes language revitalization and continuation are two of the first steps taken in preserving and strengthening a community’s culture,” according to their website. “Use of native language builds identity and encourages communities to move toward social unity and self-sufficiency.”

“The project is called the UTE (Using Technology and Education) Language Preservation Project, so I am hoping you will recognize it as we promote it in the community,” emphasized Cultural Department Director Shelly Thompson. “Our late Chairman Leonard C. Burch is quoted as saying, ‘No people can maintain their identity without a language, the vehicle of their thoughts, dreams and aspirations. If we are to remain Ute, Nuuchiu, we must protect our language from dying out, we must help it regain its rightful place in our lives and in the hearts and minds of our people, especially our youth.’ The previous passage is taken from the preface in the Ute Dictionary, we used this as our inspiration for writing the grant to preserve our language.”

“We only have 32 Ute speakers in the Tribe, and it is vital that we get our language documented as soon as possible and get teachers the support and education they need to teach the children [in a way] that is structured,” Thompson said. “It is also important to get the parents involved in the Ute language to prevent it from dying by providing them the education of the Ute language so they can begin using our beautiful language at home with their children. It is a start, and I am hoping this also brings the community together, we all need each other, we area Tribe.”

In the grant, we proposed to complete three tasks that involve the preservation of the Ute language using the elders, other Ute speakers and the community. The three tasks are: 1) Create the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute (SILDI); 2) Certify at least of 15 Ute community members under SILDI; and 3) Create an online audio and video dictionary with an app.



The Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute will be working in conjunction with Fort Lewis College and will provide college credit courses on the Ute language classes associated with SILDI.

Classes are open to Ute tribal members from the Southern Ute, Ute Mountain and Ute Indian Tribes, descendants, community members and Fort Lewis College students. Fort Lewis College offers tuition free classes for Native Americans, so this will assist with costs. The classes will be online to allow those who may not be in the immediate area to attend. We are hoping to make the classes available on the weekends. We will need community members to be a part of the Mentor Circle which will be created to assist with SILDI to ensure there is support for the students as well as keeping track on the classes being offered. We are hoping SILDI will not end after the end of the grant and will continue to serve as a way for our language to continue into the future.

“Language is the backbone of a people’s culture and traditions,” explained LaTitia Taylor, Southern Ute Education Department Director. “This grant will help sustain the Ute people’s existence and viability by reviving the language. Past and present Tribal Councils understand this and have already set the groundwork with resolutions and the establishment of the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy in which the Ute Language is a corner stone. It is time that we all work together and revive our language to its full capacity.”

We will be recruiting students for the Certification Program under SILDI at the beginning of the year. This will be a three-year, seven semester program with some semesters having two classes. The certificate received at the end of the program will provide documentation from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe that you have completed the required courses to be able to teach Ute on the Southern Ute Reservation. This will assist tribal members to obtain employment with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy as Ute guides, the Ignacio School District and the Cultural Preservation Department as educators. You can also take these

courses for personal interest in order to learn the Ute language. The other two Ute tribes will be able to use the certificate as they choose and can contact the Cultural Preservation Department for more information.

The online audio and video Ute Dictionary with an app, will be the longest project we will work on; we will work with the University of Arizona to assist in the creation of the app to ensure it remains the property of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. We will be working with the elders and other Ute speakers to add to the existing official Ute Dictionary. We will also need artists for artwork to be a part of the Ute Dictionary and the app, so it will belong to the Tribe in various ways. We will have an Art Contest for the cover of the Ute Dictionary. When these materials are completed, they will be given to every Tribal household so they can use in their homes.

“I am so excited to be able to be a part of the UTE Language Preservation Project because language was a priority of mine when I became the Cultural Preservation Director,” stated Shelly Thompson.

There is an opportunity for a tribal member to assist with the UTE Language Preservation Project as a contracted Media Technician. The Request for Proposal (RFP) will be posted soon, so if you are interested please watch out for this great opportunity to submit your proposal when it is announced. There will be other part-time positions that may become open in order to assist with this project as well.

Elders and Ute speakers are encouraged to participate in all aspects of the grant and if you are wanting to participate in any manner, especially the Mentor Circle, participate in the recordings, or adding to the Ute Dictionary, please contact Shelly Thompson, Cultural Preservation Director at 970-563-2984 or LaTitia Taylor, Education Director at 970-563-0237.

If you are interested in receiving a Certificate in Ute Language from the Southwest Indigenous Language Development Institute, please watch for the recruitment information that will come out in January 2021.

Please be safe and remember to take care of each other and especially the elders.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts Feature Series: Advocate Edition

Staff report

STRONGHEARTS

StrongHearts advocates are breaking new ground offering culturally appropriate advocacy for Native American and Alaska Natives nationwide. Our featured advocate is Vanessa who is helping StrongHearts to become a leader in the field of advocating for Native people who experience domestic, dating and/or sexual violence.

Vanessa is a StrongHearts advocate who dives deep into her lived experience as a victim-survivor. She is determined not to be defined by her past and who has the will to make a difference. She is an exemplary Native woman who changed the trajectory of her life. Through hard work and healthy choices, Vanessa was determined to overcome the hardship that comes from being raised in a home where domestic violence was prevalent.

Personal Experience with Domestic Violence

“I grew up in low-income housing in Minnesota where I saw and heard physical violence and verbal/emotional abuse. [My parents] showed they loved each other by hitting each other,” she said and explained that she didn’t know what domestic violence was, but she knew



courtesy/StrongHearts

Vanessa is helping StrongHearts to become a leader in the field of advocating for Native people who experience domestic, dating and/or sexual violence.

what it looked like, what it sounded like and how it felt. Without positive role models, she thought violence was normal. Eventually, she found herself on the same path.

“When you’ve been through so many traumatic experiences starting from a young age you lose yourself. My domestic violence experience started with my very first boyfriend at 13 years old. From what I saw and heard growing up it was somehow what I thought was normal. Domestic violence followed me throughout my whole life and in every relationship from my teenage years into adulthood. I didn’t have role models growing up as a young woman and thought, this was the way life was supposed to be. This was my life.”

Vanessa was in a toxic relationship, but alone in raising her four children.

She started to use alcohol and drugs as a coping mechanism. Try as she might to escape substance abuse, she became an addict. She knew deep down this was not how she wanted to live. It was not who she wanted to be.

“I hurt myself, my kids and loved ones in the process,” said Vanessa. “I was having bad anxiety and decided I just couldn’t take it anymore. I wanted to be happy and something told me I deserve to be happy.”

Finding Help

That was four years ago. After 18 years of experiencing domestic violence, Vanessa called a crisis hotline and started individual therapy at the Harriet Tubman Center in Minneapolis. From there

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Calling all Elders

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

Record yourself or call Cultural Preservation Department for assistance

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HEALTHY RECIPES

Traditional holiday roots

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

One of the tastiest dishes for Thanksgiving will be one that incorporates sweet potatoes or yams. Try this delicious alternative to the super sweet dishes that use marshmallows and lots of butter. The sweet potato is just that; sweet; so, it doesn't really need all the added sugars and is just as tasty. This dish is very simple to make, mixing all the ingredients together and then baking. It is packed, nutritionally, with fiber, vitamins and minerals. Enjoy!



Ahead of Thyme

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

Holiday Roasted Root Vegetables

- Ingredients:**

  - 2 large sweet potatoes, cut into bite sized cubes
  - 4 carrots, cut into slices
  - 1 cup prunes, pitted
  - 1 cup dried apricots, cut in half
  - ½ cup orange juice
  - ¼ cup brown sugar
  - 2 T Butter
  - Other optional veggies to try: turnips, rutabaga, parsnips, beets, cut into bites sized pieces
- Directions:**

  1. Put all ingredients in a large bowl and mix to combine
  2. Place in a baking dish prepared with cooking spray
  3. Bake at 350 uncovered for 30-45 minutes, stirring occasionally
  4. Dish is done when easily pierced with a fork and is "caramelized"

Makes 12 Servings  
**Nutrition per serving:**  
Calories 141, Fat 2.2g, Protein 1.5g, Carbohydrates 30g, Fiber 4g

PUBLIC HEALTH

WIC program helps address food insecurity during COVID-19

**Staff report**  
**SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH**

In challenging times like the one we are experiencing due to the coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic, the Women, Infants, and Children (WIC) program proves to be crucially important for the well-being of families. WIC is a program of SJBPH with services available in La Plata, Archuleta and San Juan (Colorado) Counties. WIC agencies across the state provide eligible families with debit cards to buy preselected healthy foods, nutrition and breastfeeding education, and referrals to other community resources for low-income mothers and children. WIC has been a pillar of healthy food access for low-income families for over 40 years; a program offered at SJBPH for over 19 years. Over that time, the Colorado WIC program has evolved to include more food choices at the grocery store, telephone and online education options, remotely managed debit cards, and the WIC Shopper App. The technological adaptations have allowed WIC to continue operating seamlessly during this time of social distancing, easily enrolling newly eligible mothers as well as families experiencing income reduction related to the economic impacts of COVID-19. Living in a rural community can be incredibly rewarding but is not without costs. Food insecurity, defined as lack of access to enough food to meet one's basic needs, is just one of the issues faced by some of the people SJBPH serves along with others like transportation, access to healthcare, and a lack of affordable housing. Not having enough food to eat is a concern for 12 percent of the residents in both Archuleta and La Plata counties. Poverty is the main reason people face the inability to access nutritious food. With food insecurity as an issue for many families in our region, the COVID-19 outbreak has put more demands on families who may need additional support at this time. With many local residents experiencing job loss, having to care for out-of-school children at home, and facing other constraints posed by the pandemic, accessing enough healthy food has become more challenging. The benefits of the WIC program during times like this can mean a lot to a family trying to keep food

on the table. WIC focuses on teaching proper nutrition habits early, starting in pregnancy and early childhood, and has been shown to improve nutrition and health for both mothers and children. This focus on childhood nutrition is particularly crucial now, as many families may be faced with a reduction of food supports from school and more challenges related to safe shopping with kids in tow. Every family deserves healthy, affordable foods and WIC continues to decrease barriers families face in getting those foods to their table and proves to be a key support in maintaining the health and well-being for families who may be particularly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. For more information on the WIC program, visit [sjbpublichealth.org/wic](http://sjbpublichealth.org/wic). Mothers are eligible to participate in the WIC program if they are pregnant, breastfeeding, and/or if they have a child under the age of five. Fathers, foster parents, and other caregivers are encouraged to participate in WIC, too. *Jenny Howell is the WIC program manager at San Juan Basin Public Health.*

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Reducing means to suicide and harm

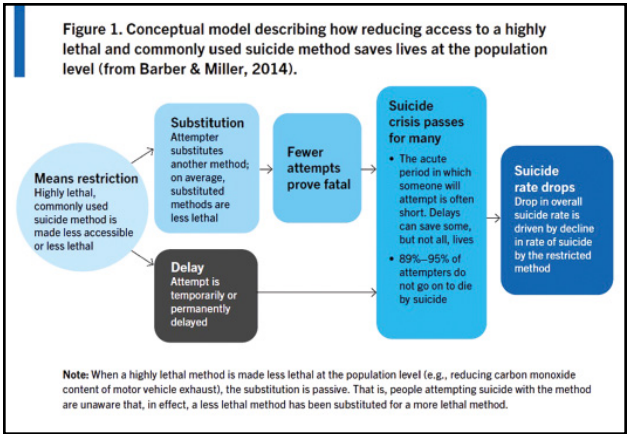
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NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

What does "reducing means to suicide and harm" mean? First off, knowledge is power, and prevention is key to saving lives. We understand that some of the contents of this article might make the reader feel uneasy and might even trigger past traumas and experiences. We encourage you to please reach out to someone to talk about how you feel. Your mental health and safety are important to us. Across the country and in our Native American communities, most or all of us have been affected in some way by suicide – in the news, in our families or communities. Death by suicide isn't new to our country, although we have seen an increase these past few years. There has also been research, studies, and programs developed to help prevent and understand why people die by suicide. One thing is for sure: all suicides have one thing in common and that one thing is the lethal means to harm oneself. Reducing means to suicide and harm includes reducing access to lethal objects or instruments, including firearms, medication, and sharp objects. Studies have shown that reducing means to lethal objects, instruments or areas (for example, unattended bridges and bodies of water) can save lives. According to the Lethal Means & Suicide Prevention: A Guide for Community & Industry Leaders 2020 report developed by the Action Alliance, there is relatively strong evidence that reducing access to, or the toxicity of, a commonly used and highly lethal means is associated with reductions in the overall suicide rate. When people's access to a highly lethal means that they would use is blocked, it creates two pathways by which lives are saved (see Figure 1): they may attempt with a method less likely to prove fatal and thus live, or



they may not attempt at all. **What are the lethal means?** Many studies and data collection have been performed to determine what means were used by people who died by suicide and attempted suicide. According to the Action Alliance's 2020 report, in 2018, 48,344 people died by suicide in the United States, making it the nation's 10th leading cause of death and equating to about one suicide death every 11.1 minutes (CDC, 2020; CDC, 2017). In addition to those lives lost to suicide, 1.4 million adults attempted suicide, and 10.7 million adults had serious thoughts of suicide in 2017 (SAMHSA, 2019). They also find that 50.5% sis or suicidal ideations. **Let's start talking.** Although talking about suicide and mental health might be taboo in some Native American communities, talking about it is not helping. Many tribal communities are now opening-up about their traumatic experiences and mental health difficulties. They are finding that opening-up and talking to someone about how they are feeling and exploring why they feel the way they do is really helping them understand the impact things have had in their lives. **Myth buster:** Starting the conversation about suicide with our families, friends, or even strangers does not mean we are put-



of suicide deaths in 2018 were by firearms, 28.6% by suffocation, 12.9% by poisoning, 2.4% by jumps, 1.9% by cutting/piercing, 1% by drowning, and 2.6% by other. Males have a higher percentage of suicide by firearms (55.9%) than do females (31.5%). When we reduce the means, we create time and space to get the person to professional help and save a life. Therefore, it is so important to understand what the signs and symptoms are for a person who might be experiencing a cri-

ting suicidal thoughts into their heads. If anything, showing that you are open to talk about suicide and being a good listener has been shown to be a key suicide prevention strategy. **FREE 15" Gun Locks Available** The Southern Ute Native Connections Program teamed up with the Southern Ute Police Department and the Southern Ute Wildlife Division to help reduce lethal means to suicide and harm. We are offering FREE gun locks to all Native Americans living on the Southern Ute Reservation. Gun locks are not only a great way to protect against accidental injury and death but also help to prevent suicide. Please call the Southern Ute Tribal Health Center 970-563-4581 or the Southern Ute Police Department 970-562-4401 or the Southern Ute Wildlife Division 970-563-0130 to pick up a gun lock. Please reach out to talk to someone if you or someone you know is struggling with anxiety, depression, loss in life (family, friends, pet, job, etc.), ability to cope, substance use, or experiencing a mental health crisis. If you have any questions or need to schedule an appointment, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581. We are seeing people via telehealth for the protection of our staff and community members. In case of after-hours or weekend emergency, you can contact the 24/7 Axis Health System Crisis Team at 970-247-5245.

LOCAL RESOURCES

- **24/7 Axis Crisis Line:** Southwest Colorado 970-247-5245 or text 741741.
- **Southern Ute Health Center – Behavior Health:** 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans, call to schedule a counseling appointment.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, 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 OR 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 a 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.
- **We R Native movement:** Join by liking them on Facebook ([www.facebook.com/weRnative](http://www.facebook.com/weRnative)), signing up for the text messaging service (text NATIVE to 24587).

**SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT**

**SUBMIT A TIP**

**Anonymous Tip Submissions**

Do you have information about a crime?

Please call the Southern Ute Police Department Anonymous Tip Line - (970) 563-4999. This "Tip Line" was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The "Tip Line" is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it DOES NOT replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number (970) 563-4401.

If you prefer, you may also submit an anonymous tip online by visiting: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/supd>





TRIBAL HEALTH

Be prepared for isolation or quarantine

By Paige Kapp, Pharmacist  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

The cases of coronavirus or COVID-19 are adding up across the Four Corners, including Ignacio. Some grocery shelves have been wiped out. Many of you have already stocked up on essentials. Here are some tips to help you prepare, in case you or your family need to stay at home due to illness or exposure to COVID-19. Most quarantines will last about two weeks, so having food and supplies on hand can make this easier.

First of all, keep it in perspective. Hoarding is not necessary. Unlike a natural disaster, utilities like water and electricity are still available. Friends, family, and neighbors want to help, and businesses in the community are prepared. You can use a smart phone or computer to place your online grocery order and ask a friend to pick it up and leave it at your door. Smaller businesses are offering telephone ordering and payment as well.

Some things you'll want to make sure you don't run out of:

- **Food and drinking water** – your usual groceries will probably keep for the first week.

After that, have enough frozen, dry, or canned food to feed your household for another week. If you need food assistance, check out the Native Connections Family Resource Guide [www.southernute-nsn.gov/?s=native+connections](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/?s=native+connections), or contact your local food bank.

- **Medicines** – call ahead for refills. Always try to keep at least a two-week supply. If you run out, ask for delivery, or friends and family to bring them to your door.
- **Cleaning supplies** – you'll need soap and water to clean your hands, and surfaces in your home. After cleaning surfaces, use a household disinfectant like Lysol, Clorox wipes, or Formula 409 to kill germs. Rinse surfaces that will be in contact with food.
- Disposable plates, cups, and utensils to avoid handling of dishes from someone who is sick.
- **Masks** – for going into the community or using in your home if you must care for someone who is sick. If you use disposable gloves, be sure to change them after touching with any contaminated surface.

- **Personal hygiene** – toilet paper and feminine products to last a couple of weeks.
- **First aid kit** – include over-the-counter cough and cold medications and a thermometer.

**Dialysis:** talk to your dialysis staff and have a plan. Do not go to appointments without first notifying staff and transportation if you have COVID-19.

If you think you need health care or emergency services be sure to call ahead and let them know if you have tested positive or think you may have COVID-19. This way they can be prepared and protect others while caring for you.

Tribal Health Department Hours by appointment only:

- **COVID-19 Testing:** Mon. & Fri., 8 a.m. – 2 p.m., Tue. – Thur., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **Health Center and Pharmacy:** Mon. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **Lab:** Mon., 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., and Tue. – Fri., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- **Dental:** Mon., Wed., and Fri., 8 a.m. – 1 p.m. for emergencies only
- **Optometry:** Closed until further notice

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Center Hours

Due to the evolving Covid 19 Outbreak the Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

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

- **S.U. HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily.  
**Covid-19 Testing:** Mon. and Fri., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tue., Wed., Thur., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; **Lab hours:** Mon. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tue. – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
- **NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Appointment only. NO WALK-INS!
- **DENTAL:** Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Emergency visits only.
- **OPTOMETRY:** All Optometry visits are canceled until further notice.
- **PSYCHIATRY:** Visits are no longer being offered; Patients will be treated via tele-medicine.
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE** All appointments will take place via tele-medicine. SUHC staff will be calling patients to make arrangements for service.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

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Suicide Prevention: Steps to Remember

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR)

**QUESTION:** Ask them "Are you thinking about killing yourself?" Don't say "do you want to hurt yourself?"

**PERSUADE:** Persuade the person to allow you to help them find help. Ask them "Will you let me assist you to get help?" You can also ask them to promise you they won't kill themselves while you arrange for help. If persuasion doesn't work, call the police immediately.

**REFER:** Refer the person to appropriate resources for help. Assist them in making

arrangements for help and getting them to agree to follow through with help. Stay on the line with them if you are transferring them to 911 or other services.

To learn more about the Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) suicide prevention method, please sign up for a FREE online training by contacting Precious Collins at 970-306-8131 or email [precolins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:precolins@southernute-nsn.gov). Let's all learn the warning signs and what to do if someone is experiencing a crisis.

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 – Coalition meetings are postponed until further notice.

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

Upcoming Community Events:

Native Connections is planning something special for the holidays coming up. Please keep an eye out for announcements via the Southern Ute Facebook page and emails.

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.



There's lots to learn

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Contact Us

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TEXT (970) 317-4840  
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GUN SAFETY

REDUCING MEANS TO SUICIDE AND HARM.

PROJECT



COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE'S NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION, WILDLIFE DIVISION AND SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FREE

PLEASE CALL ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP YOUR GUN LOCK.

SOUTHERN UTE WILDLIFE DIVISION 970-563-0130

SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT 970-563-4401

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER 970-563-4581

FOR ALL NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING ON THE SOUTHERNUTE INDIAN RESERVATION.

For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Native Connections Program at 970-563-2487.





## New from the Ignacio Community Library

Homebound delivery is a service designed to offer library materials to patrons with disabilities or medical conditions that prevent them from visiting the library. We are also offering it to anyone staying home during the times of COVID-19.

- available to all ages

- items are delivered through the mail
- available to anyone within a 10-mile radius of the library
- completely free to the patrons

All you need to do is fill out a form to enroll in the program. Please call ICL at 970-563-9287 to learn more.

## Durango Learning Lab Session 2

The Durango Learning Lab is an educational community wide program with a commitment to universal access regardless of family income. Session 2 begins on Nov. 9 – Dec. 18 and registration is open at [www.durangolearninglab.com](http://www.durangolearninglab.com). The Durango Learning Lab supports academic success and free exploration for remote, blended, and homeschool students grades 1st-12th. Cohorts of 8-12 students are organized by learning model (fully remote vs. blended) and grade level and meet one day per week during a five-week session. Students are invited to join peers for a safe workspace and a wide range of enrichment activities ranging from robotics to aerial acrobatics. Unlimited scholarship opportunities available. For more information and registration please visit [www.durangolearninglab.com](http://www.durangolearninglab.com).

## Looking for a change in professions?

If you have a Bachelors degree in any discipline this may be for you.

The state of Colorado is in need of more teachers.

Please join us for a virtual information session to learn how you can obtain your Colorado Teacher's License through the Public Education & Business Coalition (PEBC) Teacher Residency. You will have an opportunity to meet members of our team, learn about our teacher residency model and application process, and the communities in your area where you can pursue a teacher's license. No prior teaching experience is required.

- PEBC Residency Information Session - December 7, 2020

For more information visit,  
[www.pebc.org/learn-with-us](http://www.pebc.org/learn-with-us)  
or [www.cvent.com/c/express/817b8b08-fd67-4807-b03d-71a2c93ca04a](http://www.cvent.com/c/express/817b8b08-fd67-4807-b03d-71a2c93ca04a)



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Amonnie Johnson proudly shows off the dinosaur book that he bought during the Academy's 'Bagels and Books' event on last schoolyear, March 11, 2020.

## SUIMA

# From the Eagle's Nest

### Combating computer fatigue

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

As SUIMA students continue to participate in remote on-line lessons, the feeling of computer fatigue may be setting in. Whether a SUIMA student or a student from another school, this edition of the Eagle's Nest will focus on making music. And what better time to do that, than during the holiday season.

If anyone in the house owns a musical instrument, the best thing to do is keep it visible in your home. Allow your child to play a few notes or teach your child a simple melody. If you had no musical education and have never played music before, you can still get something inexpensive for your child: a recorder! This is a plastic version of a wooden flute and can be purchased from area stores, or you may check out one from SUIMA.

A way to bring in a variety of music is to listen to music that is not normally heard in your home. There are several Smartphone Apps that allow you to listen to classical, blues, jazz, Celtic, etc. You can also make your own musical instruments by using recycled materials.

- A xylophone: fill a few glasses with different levels of water and hit them (gently!) with a metallic spoon. Let the gentle music soothe your soul.

- A guitar: make a circular hole in the middle of a shoe box and place a few rubber bands over it. Let the strumming begin!
- Maracas: put some pebbles into empty plastic bottles or yogurt containers and shake away!
- Spanish castanets: glue the lids off juice cans onto some cardboard; poke two holes on either side of the glued-on lids, tie a string onto the castanets and click your worries "down the drain."

As we approach the holiday seasons, please take care of yourself and your family. Show some kindness and compassion so that everyone can have good memories of your small celebration. Remember to stay safe, stay healthy, and enjoy those around you at a safe distance. Happy Thanksgiving everyone.

### Upcoming events:

SUIMA will be closed from Wednesday, Nov. 25 – Friday, Nov. 27 for Thanksgiving.

### Spotlight on SUIMA staff member Marilyn Olguin

Our SUIMA staff member spotlight for this edition is Marilyn Olguin.

Ms. Olguin has been with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy since the very beginning – 20 years ago! And she is the only teacher who has been in the same classroom for



courtesy SUIMA  
Ms. Marilyn Olguin  
SUIMA Infant Guide

all of those years! Before joining SUIMA, Marilyn worked with toddlers in the Southern Ute Early Head Start program. Ms. Olguin lives in Ignacio and has raised five girls: Bridget, Kim, Ultima, Ariana and Ariel. While none of these girls live with her, she doesn't live alone, as she has three dogs and two fish who enjoy her company.

When asked what her favorite thing to do is, Marilyn replied, "Spending time with my seven grandchildren, driving to the area lakes, stopping by yard sales and taking time to be with my mom."

As Marilyn helps and supports the growth of the young SUIMA students, she encourages them to get outside and explore the world. And she wants everyone to remember that the laughter you share, makes everybody happy.

Thank you, Marilyn, for being part of the SUIMA family.



# did you know?!



## Water covers about 71% of the Earth's surface!

Source: <https://www.usbr.gov/mp/arwec/water-facts-aru-water-sup.html>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Jeff Seebach at 970-563-2272 or [jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:jseebach@southernute-nsn.gov) with any questions, comments or concerns.

# UMUT Scholarship Deadline SPRING SEMESTER

## NOVEMBER 30, 2020

### Documents Required for CONTINUING Students:

- SAR (Student Aid Report)
  - Official Transcripts
- FNA (Financial Needs Analysis)
- Official Schedule of Classes
- Updated personal contact info.

- Due to the Tribal Shutdown, the Ute Mountain Learning Center is not accepting physical drop-offs.

- Please **SCAN and EMAIL ALL DOCUMENTS** to [sbegay@utemountain.org](mailto:sbegay@utemountain.org) and **MAIL ALL HARD COPIES** to:

Ute Mountain Higher Education  
Attn: Sarah Begay  
PO BOX 29  
Towaoc, CO 81334

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:



Sarah Begay  
970.570.6143 (cell)  
970.564.5759 (fax)  
[sbegay@utemountain.org](mailto:sbegay@utemountain.org)

## Make your holiday memories at the Library

As the Northern Hemisphere tilts away from the sun those of us "above" the equator prepare for the Holiday Season. The Ignacio Community Library can help you make the most of these times with creative ideas, money saving projects and the space and tools to complete the task. It can be difficult to remember all the possibilities available at your local library but the IDEA LAB is brimming with equipment and coaches. The sewing machines are set up and ready for you to use. Not only could you sew a gift that will not soon be forgotten, you can also sew festive decorations, such as stockings and pillows, to immerse your home in the holiday spirit. There are donated plans, patterns and materials for you to use or bring your own cloth or patterns. The Library has a Cricut Machine which

can not only help you create beautiful and unique cards, there are also loads of craft items for making gifts for friends and loved ones. Maybe you would rather make digital Holiday cards. Learn to use Open Me, a free, open source card making program. Origami is one of the simplest of art mediums and can be one of the most elegant. Bows, stars, Santa and place settings can all be made by folding paper. And if you shop online this Holiday, please remember you can support the Library by using AmazonSmile and choosing the Friends of the Ignacio Library as your charity. Start today, do not delay! The Holidays will be here before you know it. Call or stop by the Service Desk to make reservations and, if needed, arrange for coaching.

## Master of Social Work available summer 2021

The University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Four Corners Program is accepting applications for the Advanced Standing MSW program starting this summer 2021. Students with a bachelor's degree in social work are eligible for the one-year program. Complete your application by January 15, 2021 and we waive the \$65.-application fee. Stipends in child welfare and opioid workforce expansion and Native American tuition support to eligible students are available. For more information, email [janelle.dougherty@du.edu](mailto:janelle.dougherty@du.edu).





CORONAVIRUS

State health officials release guide to safer Thanksgiving

Enjoy the holiday safely by celebrating at home or virtually

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Thanksgiving is one of the most delicious days of the year, and a wonderful time to celebrate the people closest to you. As COVID-19 cases continue to rise throughout Colorado, it's important to do everything possible to keep yourself and your loved ones safe while celebrating Thanksgiving.

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) advises Coloradans to only

interact in-person with people from their household this Thanksgiving to help slow the alarming spread of COVID-19. This holiday season is an opportunity to reimagine what togetherness can look like and come up with creative ways to celebrate loved ones while making sure they stay healthy for many more years to come.

Dos and don'ts for Thanksgiving celebrations:

- Do cook and eat a special meal with members of your immediate household.

- Do video chat or talk on the phone with friends and family who don't live with you.
- Do wear a mask and keep 6 feet of distance from others while grocery shopping for your Thanksgiving feast.
- Don't travel to visit family and friends in other households.

See all Thanksgiving guidelines on our website at <https://covid19.colorado.gov/thanksgiving>.

Continue to stay up to date by visiting [covid19.colorado.gov](https://covid19.colorado.gov).

CORONAVIRUS

Colorado hospitalizations increasing more sharply than predicated

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Colorado School of Public Health released an updated modeling report showing hospitalizations from SARS-CoV-2 are increasing more sharply than last week's projections. Keeping hospitals at or below demand capacity will require substantial and rapid action to prevent transmission. People should only interact with members of their own household, avoid gatherings, stay home when they are sick, wash their hands, physical distance, and wear a mask.

Colorado has now reached the greatest number of COVID-19 hospitalizations we have had to date, exceeding our peak in April. We reached this even faster than the modeling

predicted. If the epidemic curve is not bent, Colorado could surpass intensive care unit (ICU) capacity in late December instead of January as reported in last week's modeling report. If contacts increase over the holidays (for example, due to gatherings between multiple households), surge capacity could be required in mid-December, unless transmission is reduced.

The latest modeling provides projections based on COVID-19 hospital census data through November 2, 2020. The models are based on Colorado data and assumptions based on the current state of the science.

Key findings from the report: Hospitalizations continue to rapidly increase. On the current trajectory the limits of current ICU capacity may be reached in late December. If spread of infections increase over the holidays due to, for example, social


gatherings, ICU capacity could be exceeded in mid-December.

Avoiding peaks in infections and hospital demand over the next two months will require a substantial and rapid increase in transmission control. The magnitude and timing of reductions in transmission will determine the severity of COVID-19 in Colorado in the months ahead.

The probability of encountering an infected person in the population is higher than it was at any point since SARS-CoV-2 arrived in Colorado. In some counties, like Denver, the virus is spreading even faster at a rate of approximately 1 in 100 Coloradans.

The state will continue to review data and model findings as the pandemic continues to inform policy decisions.


Continue to stay up to date by visiting [covid19.colorado.gov](https://covid19.colorado.gov).




## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### COVID-19 Holiday Guidance


In normal circumstances, the holiday season is a time spent gathering with loved ones and celebrate reconnecting with friends. Unfortunately, the fight to end the current pandemic is now at a pivotal point as cases continue to rise within the tribal community and across the country. The Tribal 'Stay at Home' Order limits group gatherings to 5 individuals or less to protect the health of the tribal membership. Please celebrate the upcoming holidays together but from afar. Here are some tips to celebrate a safe and enjoyable holiday season.



Share a meal with your immediate household members only. If you must prepare a meal for others, call and arrange a time to deliver the meal while limiting close contact.



Connect with loved ones by calling or Facetimeing as a way to catch up and celebrate in a safe, virtual way.




Be sure to wear your face covering when shopping for the holidays. Continue to practice social distancing and washing your hands or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.


### TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-YANI COVID-19

"Together, we will fight COVID-19"

The Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center is available from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by dialing 970.563.0214. The Call Center will be CLOSED 11.25 through 11.27, returning to operation 11.30.



## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



### VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING

**December 7 & 8**  
9:00 AM - 3:00 PM


Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate household members (including those who are not enrolled) and Tribal Caregivers. Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members are also welcome to attend. Individuals are required to wear a face mask.

Tribal Elders and those who identify as high risk have priority from 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. both days.

Testing will be open to tribal staff and the community from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. on the following days:

- December 7 - Tribal Staff
- December 8 - Community

Due to the high volume of tests, there is a slight delay in processing time. The Southern Ute Health Center or Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center staff will contact all individuals tested to share COVID-19 viral test results as soon as the results arrive.



## Southern Ute Health Center

### Behavioral Health

Call 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment  
New location: 4101 CR 222, Durango, CO

### Optometry

Cancelled until further notice

### Dental

Mon/Wed/Fri  
8:00 to 1:00; emergency only

### Pharmacy

Monday - Friday  
8:00 to 1:00

### Clinic

Monday - Friday  
8:00 to 1:00



## 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.



## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

# CLOSED

### to all visitors in accordance with the "Stay at Home" Order issued on March 25, 2020 which remains in effect until further notice.

Tribal members who require entry to conduct business with a tribal department must call ahead to schedule an appointment with tribal staff. If you have arrived for your scheduled appointment, please call the tribal department or staff to notify them of your arrival. Tribal staff will allow access only under these circumstances. All visitors and staff are expected to comply with the tribal public health order requiring the use of appropriate face covering while inside the building. Please practice social distancing and other public health guidelines.

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CORONAVIRUS

Gov. Polis urges Coloradans to step up and do their part to slow virus

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

Governor Polis provided an update on the state's response to COVID-19. "Colorado is issuing a requirement to wear a mask indoors for the next 30 days, and as hospitalizations increase everyone needs to do better by socializing only with those who you live with, wearing a mask and staying six-feet apart, so we can get our numbers under control. Early in the pandemic you heard me talk about using a scalpel instead of a sledgehammer – and that's exactly what we're doing now," said Governor Polis. "Each community in Colorado is experiencing this pandemic differently and we want to be precise in our methods. We also have significantly more information and better tools at our disposal than we did in March, and people know what to do, we just need to do it. Together, I know we can get our state back on track and save lives."

Throughout the pandemic, the State has developed a better understanding of how the disease is transmitted, including the efficacy of masks in preventing transmission. The State has also increased access to testing, like that available at one of the State's free, quick and easy testing sites, increased its supply of personal protective equipment (PPE) for frontline workers and scaled up hospital capacity while consistently working to update safety guidelines and restrictions around the data and science.

As mask wearing is a scientifically proven way to help slow the spread of the virus and help save lives, the Governor announced that the State would be extending Colorado's state-wide mask order for an additional 30 days.

The Governor continues to urge all Coloradans to take three key steps to help save lives and prevent the spread of this deadly virus:

- **Interact with only those in your household** - This means all Coloradans need to do their best to avoid any social interactions with friends and family outside of their homes throughout the month of November.
- **Keep your distance** - Just because an individual is wearing a mask doesn't mean they aren't at risk if they are interacting with others in close proximity. Coloradans have to do a better job of staying six or more feet away from others.
- **Wear a Mask** - The numbers are clear. If an individual wears a mask, they have a much lower risk of getting or transmitting the virus.

Governor Polis emphasized that progress has been made in preventing and treating the virus, and discussed the recent announcement about a vaccine. Colorado submitted the State's COVID-19 vaccine plan to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention in October. Coloradans must continue to exercise caution and follow public health best practices.

In an effort to do its part to change the trajectory of this virus, state employees, with limited exceptions, in counties with orange or red level incidence will be working remotely through at least the end of November. The Governor also urged local governments and businesses across the state that can do the same to please do so to help slow the spread of the virus.

CORONAVIRUS

Public health order specifies stricter levels as cases rise

*LaPlata County, several others move to level red*

**Staff report**  
**COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT**

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released an updated public health order that provides necessary updates to the COVID-19 dial framework today. The order updates Level Red to indicate counties where there is severe risk of COVID-19 spreading rapidly, while allowing some businesses to remain open at very limited capacity. A sixth level, Level Purple: Extreme Risk, will be added to the dial, representing when hospital capacity risks being reached, and most businesses and indoor services must be closed. The updated dial levels will go into effect on Friday, Nov. 20. Read a summary of changes.

The Colorado COVID-19 dial is a tool that allows Colorado to balance the urgent need to contain the virus with the need for localized guidance during the pandemic.

"We are adding a new level to the dial in response to out-of-control levels of COVID-19 transmission across the state," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director, CDPHE. "Coloradans must take proactive steps to reduce the spread of the virus to protect their families and communities. Wear a mask, avoid in-person interactions with people from outside your household, and wash your hands frequently. If we are not careful now, we risk plunging into the deep end of the dial, where hospitals are not able to serve everyone who needs care, whether they are COVID-19 patients or other types of patients. It's up to all Coloradans to help our essential health care workers save lives."

The new dial levels, effective Nov. 20, are:

- Level Green – Protect Our Neighbors:** for counties that are able to locally contain surges. Most businesses are open with generous capacity limits.
- Level Blue – Caution:** for counties with low transmission levels that aren't quite ready for Protect Our Neighbors. Capacity limits are more permissive than yellow.
- Level Yellow – Concern:** the baseline level for counties with elevated transmission levels but stable hospitalizations.
- Level Orange – High Risk:** for counties where numbers are going up but not to the point where everything needs to be shut down. The capacity limits are moderate.
- Level Red – Severe Risk:** for counties with high levels of transmission, hospitalizations, and positivity rates. Most indoor activities are prohibited, or strictly limited, and outdoor activities are encouraged as an alternative. The capacity limits are significant.
- Level Purple – Extreme Risk:** for counties where hospital capacity is at extreme risk of being overrun. At this level, all businesses must significantly curtail in person functions and people must stay at home except for necessary activities.

CDPHE has notified the following counties that they will move to Level Red on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020:

- Adams
- Arapahoe
- Boulder
- Broomfield
- Clear Creek
- Denver
- Douglas
- Jefferson
- La Plata
- Logan
- Mesa
- Morgan
- Routt
- Summit
- Washington

CDPHE has notified the following counties that they will move to Level Orange on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020:

- Costilla
- Custer
- Lake
- Montezuma
- Pitkin
- San Juan

CDPHE has notified the following counties that they will move to Level Yellow on Friday, Nov. 20, 2020:

- Las Animas
- Gunnison

CDPHE will share additional counties moving to more restrictive levels as necessary.

Learn more on this updated capacity chart for all 6 levels. View the updated dial.

Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.



### 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!*



## Southern Ute Indian Tribe

### COVID-19 Cases

Southern Ute Health Center Cases	Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases
63 Positive Individuals	27 Positive Individuals
23 Recovered	7 Recovered

**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19**

"Together, we will fight COVID-19"

(As of November 18, 2020)



Together, we fight COVID-19



## OFFICE HOURS

Monday  
Wednesday  
Friday  
8am – 12pm

**CURBSIDE SERVICES AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

Mail run – 10:30 Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND ALLOW THE POST OFFICE AMPLE TIME TO DISTRIBUTE MAIL.**

**AVAILABLE BY EMAIL/PHONE**

Monday-Friday  
8am-5pm

"TIS is not responsible for the content of distributed information"

**ALL TRIBAL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC**

**PLEASE BE ADVISED: THE STAY AT HOME ORDER REMAINS IN EFFECT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!**

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 Call Center

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday through Friday 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.

Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box





TRIBAL CREDIT

Purchasing a home can be challenging yet rewarding process

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL CREDIT

As there are multiple steps within buying a home, each step should be taken into careful consideration for future purposes intended. Granted, purchasing a home is a lifetime experience, it would be highly recommended that a home meets the needs and requirements of your family. While budgeting and financing are key components for securing a home, planning and researching are essential during the preliminary stages of home buying. Factors such as the location, security, and space of residence should also be thoroughly examined for the safety and security of your family's wellbeing.

During the pre-qualification, a future home buyer must first complete several tasks before purchasing a home. The first step is to eliminate any outstanding debts or collections before consulting a financial institution or mortgage lender. Debts such as school loans, credit cards, and car notes should be paid off. To exemplify good banking history, a savings account should be established with your personal banking institution. Overdraft fees and account balances should also be avoided at all costs.

Once all outstanding debts have been paid, researching lenders and institutions is the next step in financing a home. As interest rates fluctuate depending on lenders, researching financial institutions could save a homeowner large amounts of money in the end. Following the consultation of a lender, the examination of a credit score and verification of income will be completed in the next steps. Bank statements, pay stubs, tax returns and identification will be required during

the pre-qualification stage.

After being approved by a trusted lender, the pre-qualification amount will assist in the budgeting process. As affordability is important, other factors should be taken into consideration as well. Property taxes and homeowner's insurance are the additional expenses that should be budgeted for when committing to a mortgage. Depending on the size, location, and price of the home, additional expenses can fluctuate. Therefore, by staying disciplined and considerate of your family's financial wealth, affordability is key when choosing a home.

Researching the right home that meets your family's needs can be processed. Emphasizing the methodology of the process by elimination can save you time and money. Listing essential desired features within a home such as the size, location, and security can be a starting point. Going further into detail, the desired home might consist of a two-car garage, fenced yard, and or backyard porch. By listing these amenities, it can help narrow down the list of homes.

Utilizing resources such as tribal credit, real-estate agents and open houses can benefit a homebuyer during the research process. While consulting a trusted resource, it is important to keep in mind additional expenses such as maintenance and security. As previously stated, planning is a key component when purchasing a home. Therefore, thoroughly researching the background history of a residence can aid discoveries. By doing due diligence and thinking of potential possibilities of future growth, planning can help save time and money in the end.

Once a home is selected, an inspection should be

completed by a certified inspector and or appraiser. Inspecting the condition of the home can be a major deciding factor. Aspects to consider should be the year, make, and model of the home. Essentially, the home should be tested for drugs, gasses, and other harmful fumes. Taking precautions by all measures can help void out fixings and damages before closing on the home. After the home has been inspected, the home buyer can then make an offer on the home. Features, fixings, and requests can be negotiated during the offer process.

The final stages of the purchasing process will include the appraisal of the home. Within this process, mortgage companies will require the appraisal of the home to protect their interest in the residence. Doing a title search on the home is important so no other person can make a claim to the property. Also, some financial lenders might require insurance to be purchased before closing on the home. Other closing costs can include loan-origination fees, title insurance, credit report charges, taxes, and surveys. After all of the closing documentation has been signed, you are free to move into your new home.

A final tip for new homeowners is to save, do maintenance and improve. Saving will always be important, especially for an emergency fund. In case of a disaster or emergency, a fund should be established for security and safety measures. Regular maintenance should be performed on the home to maintain its property value. By performing regular duties, it can help decrease repair costs to a minimum. Improvements are always of such value, but it is recommended that it is budgeted for and spent wisely.

Attention State Hunters

Due to the Stay-at-Home orders put in place by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the following access areas have been closed and the Lands Division will not be issuing Crossing Permits to State hunters for these areas:

- Chimney Rock/Haystack Mountain
- Washington Flats
- Turkey Creek

Please contact the Lands Division for further information at [970-563-0126](tel:970-563-0126).



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DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Big Game Hunting Season

Big Game permits will be available beginning Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, 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

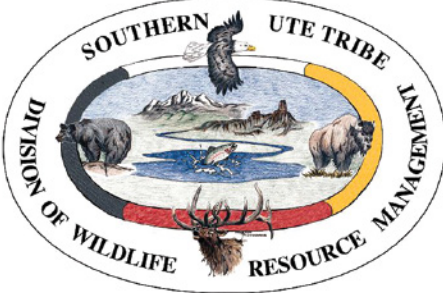
Early Archery Aug. 29– Sept. 11

General Sept. 12 – Dec. 31

Brunot Area

Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey

Sept. 2nd – Nov. 22nd



REMINDER to HUNTERS  
BIG GAME VALIDATIONS  
ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL  
HARVESTED BUCKS & BULLS

Please call to make an appointment:

**Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 p.m.**

**970-563-2416 or 970-563-2418**

**Or during office hours at:**

**Tuesday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 p.m.**

**970-563-0130**



Iconic Times for Colorado Agriculture:  
2020 Learnings and 2021 Futureproofing

Governor Jared Polis, Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg and Colorado's foremost agriculture experts will lead a keynote, panel discussion, Q&A and complex conversation, sharing learnings from an unprecedented 2020 year of disruption, while revealing predictions, trends and strategies for 2021 and beyond.

Invite, details and registration link to follow in a few weeks.  
Questions? Contact [COProud@philosophycommunication.com](mailto:COProud@philosophycommunication.com)



**COLORADO**  
Department of Agriculture

2021  
January  
Cow Hunt

Open to Local  
Southern Ute  
1<sup>st</sup> Descendants

**\$175**

**JANUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> –  
JANUARY 17<sup>TH</sup>,  
2021**

For More information and to find the link to the online store please visit the Southern Ute January Cow Hunt Website:

<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/natural-resources/wildlife-resource-management/hunting/january-cow-elk-hunt/>

Application deadline is December 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

For more information  
call (970) 563-0130



## ADVOCATE EDITION • FROM PAGE 3

she found the strength to embark on her own healing journey. She took time to heal and reflect on her life.

“I lived that traumatic life of chaos, drama and all that stuff and I learned to set up boundaries with family, friends and acquaintances,” said Vanessa. “When I learned to do that my whole life became what it’s supposed to be. I stopped the cycle of abuse in my own life and that’s when good things started to happen. I found purpose in my life. I knew that as a victim-survivor, I could use my experience to help others.”

### Helping as a Strong-Hearts Advocate

Becoming a domestic and sexual violence advocate, Vanessa continued to learn more about how she could help her community. She found that what she had in common was more than just a coincidence. She knows what it feels like to feel helpless and alone. Suicidal ideation was a common thought running through her head, but as do most Native women - she found that she was stronger and more resilient than she ever thought possible.

“I knew that after everything I’ve been through, my life experience does not define me. No matter what a victim has been through, it does not define the person they were or who they want to become,” she said. “It is my job to be that listening ear and be that calm voice for victim-survivors when they need it. I want them to feel safe with whatever it is they need to share with me. I want them to find the help they need.”

### Finding Purpose in Experience

Vanessa is glad that she was chosen to do this type of work and because she is open to sharing her experience, she knows that it can be helpful to others.

“At the end of the day, there’s somebody else going through what I did. I didn’t know which way to go but being around people who were survivors and talking with them gave me hope. As a Native advocate, I must stay true to myself by taking responsibility for who I am and how I carry myself,” she said, adding: “I found peace and serenity and so can others like me.”

It’s important to Vanessa that survivors know that they are not alone and that their lives. They need to know that it’s okay to set boundaries. Our people are rich in culture. We have what it takes to do or be whatever we want in life. We can pray, go to sweats, powwows or participate in other cultural ceremonies. Note: due to the Covid-19 pandemic, many in-person cultural activities have been canceled, however, there are many virtual resources available.

“Go in with a good heart and mind and know that victim-survivors deserve to live a happy and healthy life,” said Vanessa. “Healing starts with a lot of hard work and effort. Victim-survivors owe it to themselves to figure out what they want and need out of life.”

### The Future of Advocacy

Our StrongHearts advocates have a vision for a brighter future. “To build a stronger community, I think

we must create awareness around domestic and sexual violence. We need to break down barriers to our own success and to stop feeling as though we are less than others. As an advocate, I hope I can be the voice for those that feel they don’t have one and to guide those who know where they want to go but don’t know how to get there.

In my advocacy, I know that I must be knowledgeable and keep educating myself so that I can give the most accurate information and guidance to others. I know how much courage it takes to talk about domestic violence and that we as Native people need to honor that and treat victim-survivors with the utmost respect and dignity.”

### Giving Back

“Being a StrongHearts advocate gave me the opportunity to give back to my community,” said Vanessa. “I want Native people to know that it’s never too late to start on their journey to healing. I want them to stand tall and be proud of being Native. We all have a place and a purpose in this world. We just need to find a way to get there.”

Contact StrongHearts at 1-844-7NATIVE or click on the Chat Now icon to connect one-on-one with an advocate daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. As a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center, after-hour callers can connect with The Hotline by choosing option one.

## Council tours new skate park



Robin Duffy-Wirth/SunUte Community Center

Tribal Council members Vanessa P. Torres and Bruce Valdez toured the completed Skatepark alongside Property & Facilities Management Director, Tyson Thompson. The conception of this project by the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) began in 2015. Construction broke ground June of 2020 and was completed this month. The opening of the skatepark has been delayed due to the current pandemic and the tribally issued ‘Stay at Home’ Order and park closures. The SCSYAC shared a letter urging those who are itching to use the new park, to comply with the public health order and park closure. “Staying healthy and being diligent about our safety and health for everyone is so much more important at this time,” the letter read.

## ATTENTION All Tribal Parks and Playgrounds Are Closed Until Further Notice



photo: Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

To help stop the spread of COVID-19, and for your Health and Safety, By authority of the Southern Ute Tribal Council all parks are closed. Violation may result in a citation for trespassing. Southern Ute Tribal Code: Title 5; 5-1-104 Trespassing. Penalty of \$150.00 fine and/or up to 30 days in jail. Please practice social distancing.

## MENTAL WELLNESS TIPS

IN HONOR OF  
MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

### TAKE A DEEP BREATH

When you inhale, your diaphragm should expand. When you exhale, your diaphragm should fall. This will help your mind and emotions feel more connected to your body, helping ground your thoughts.

### RELAX THOSE MUSCLES

Choose a muscle group (try your biceps first) and flex as hard as you can for 5-10 seconds then release the tension. Practice the same flex and release method with muscle groups throughout your body. This causes relaxation to be felt on a spectrum – going from one extreme to the other can help you feel more in control of your body and emotions.

### WRITE IT OUT

This is an effective way to express yourself and can help you better understand your emotions. Consider this your first step towards sharing your thoughts with others. Speaking up can be difficult but writing a letter or email can be the gateway to having open and meaningful conversations.

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## RELAPSE PREVENTION

from an INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE

**EVERY SUNDAY  
10:30AM - 12:30PM  
OCT 25<sup>TH</sup> - NOV 29<sup>TH</sup>**

**FREE & ONLINE VIA ZOOM  
OPEN TO ANY MOTHER IN RECOVERY!**

This 6 week series will offer education about the traumatic events & policies that have contributed to addiction and mental health challenges for Indigenous women, while offering relapse prevention strategies rooted in Indigenous land based healing modalities. We will explore how positive connections to identity, land, culture and community serve as strong foundations for relapse prevention. Trauma informed yoga and mindfulness practices will be offered during each session.

#### GOALS OF THE SERIES:

1. Learn about Indigenous land based forms of healing as relapse prevention strategies.
2. Develop a positive connection to our Indigenous Identity.
3. Deepen our ability to act as an Ally to Sacred Indigenous Teachings.
4. Strengthen our recovery through yoga & mindfulness movement practices.

\*no yoga experience necessary, everyone welcome.

**FACILITATOR : AVIS O'BRIEN**

Email Frances at [mrt.board@gmail.com](mailto:mrt.board@gmail.com) to register



Canadian  
Red Cross

## 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](mailto:lbox@southernute-nsn.gov)



SEXUAL ASSAULT SERVICES ORGANIZATION

## Join the Conversation: Sexual Violence and Homelessness

#### Topics of Discussion:

- Best practices when working with this population
- The ways in which homelessness increases the risk of Sexual Violence
- The community supports in Durango that help to protect individuals from Sexual Violence

Wednesday, December 16th

1pm-2:30pm

Via Zoom



For more information contact Gabby:  
[gabby@durangosasoo.org](mailto:gabby@durangosasoo.org)





# THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

## Run-Off Election • Dec. 18, 2020

### Southern Ute Election Board

Emergency Deadline for Run-Off Election 2020– Thursday, December 17, 2020 by 5 P.M.

#### EMERGENCY ABSENTEE VOTING PROCEDURES:

11-5-107

- (1) A voter may make a written request that the Election Board provide him an emergency absentee ballot if:
  - (a) He will be confined in a hospital or at his place of residence on election day because of events arising after the deadline for absentee ballot requests; or
  - (b) He must be absent from the reservation on election day and the reason for such absence arose after the deadline for absentee ballot requests.
- (2) The written request shall contain the following:
  - (a) The voter's name and address;
  - (b) The nature of the emergency causing confinement or absence from the reservation; and
  - (c) The voter's signature.
- (3) An emergency ballot may be requested any day after the day of the absentee ballot deadline but prior to the day of election. The Election Board shall review emergency requests on a case-by-case basis. If the Election Board determines not to grant the request, the voter shall be promptly notified of the denial and the reason. If the Election Board determines that the request should be granted, the Election Board shall deliver the emergency ballot at its office during regular business hours or, in the case of a medical emergency, at the place where the voter is confined.



Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2302  
Ext. 2305/2729/2728  
Off Reservation Tribal Members  
Telephone: 1-800-772-1236 ext.2303  
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe 2020 Run- Off Election

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN and TWO (2) TRIBAL COUNCIL Seats

The Election Board has determined these dates for upcoming 2020 Run-Off Election according to the Constitution and Election Code.

**Run-Off Election– December 18, 2020 7:00 A.M. to 7:00 P.M.**  
**held at SunUte Community Center in Ignacio, CO**

Notice of Election-	Wednesday, November 18, 2020
Voter Registration Deadline-	Monday, December 7, 2020 by 5:00 pm
Absentee Ballot Request Deadline-	Monday, December 7, 2020 by 5:00 pm
Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline-	Thursday, December 17, 2020 by 5:00pm

Candidates	Council	Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303
Chairman		Ext. 2305/2729/2728
Melvin J. Baker	Lindsay J. Box	Off Reservation Tribal Members
Lorelei Cloud	Linda K. Baker	Telephone: 1-800-772-1236 ext.2303
	James M. Olguin	Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov
	Stacey Oberly	

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe Run-Off Election 2020

#### COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & VOTING DAY PROCEDURES

Due to COVID-19 and winter coming up, the Election Board will be supervising and administering the **Southern Ute Indian Tribe Run-Off Election 2020** at SunUte Community Center, Ignacio CO.

- Voting will take place inside SunUte meeting rooms as in previous elections due to winter conditions
- 2 voters in the polling place at one time.
- An "X" will be located outside on the sidewalk next to the meeting room outside doors, marking every (6) feet where voters will stand when more than one voter is present.
- We ask all voters to please wear a mask. If you do not have one we will provide a disposable one for your use.
- Sanitizing of the voting booths will occur throughout the day, please be patient.
- Hand sanitizer will be provided for your use, please sanitize before coming to the election area.

The counting of the ballots will be a closed session, only the board members and personnel assisting the board in this process will be allowed for safety due to it being in an enclosed area.



For Absentee Ballot request contact Election Board at 970-563-2303 or ext. 2305/2729/2728  
Off Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

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### OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE RUN-OFF ELECTION DECEMBER 18, 2020

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN NOTICE: VOTE FOR 1 (ONE)

- ☐ Melvin J. Baker  
☐ Lorelei Cloud

#### TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS NOTICE: VOTE FOR 2 (TWO)

- ☐ Lindsay J. Box  
☐ Linda K. Baker  
☐ James M. Olguin  
☐ Stacey Oberly

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING THE HIGHEST  
NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

### SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2020 RUN-OFF ELECTION TRIBAL CHAIRMAN AND TWO (2) COUNCIL SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming  
2020 RUN-OFF ELECTION according to the Constitution and Election Code

**RUN-OFF ELECTION-** Friday, December 18, 2020 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

**VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE-** Monday, December 07, 2020 by 5 P.M.

**ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE-** Monday, December 07, 2020 by 5 P.M.

**EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE-** Thursday, December 17, 2020 by 5 P.M.

**THE 2020 RUN-OFF ELECTION** will be held at SunUte Community Center, Ignacio, CO

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305, 2729, 2728  
Off Reservation Tribal Members: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303  
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

## CONNECT WITH CANDIDATES

INDEPENDENT COLLABORATION FOR CANDIDATES BY CANDIDATES.



Event is for Southern Ute Tribal Members only.

**TUESDAY'S Nov. 17 & 24 | Dec. 1, 8 & 15, 2020**

**6 PM- 7 PM**

**Hosted via Zoom**

Meeting ID: 825 9943 3222

Passcode: SUvote2020

Same zoom link used for all nights. Send all  
questions to: SubmitQuestion4SUTC@gmail.com  
or call/text 719-315-4916.



### 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 GI Manager at 970.563.2443

**VOTE**



**2020**





# SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

## Run-Off Election



*Dec. 18, 2020*



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"Together we can create the change we need for our future."

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### *Vehicle fatalities involved unbuckled occupants*

An average of an additional 70 lives could be

This enforcement effort marks CDOT's first Click It or Ticket enforcement period to take place in November. During the most recent Click It or Ticket enforcement period in July 2020, 1,839 unrestrained drivers and passengers were issued citations across Colorado.

- **Adults** – Colorado has a secondary enforcement law for adult drivers and front-seat passengers. Drivers can be ticketed for violating

- **Children** – Colorado's Child Passenger Safety law is a primary enforcement, meaning the driver can be stopped and ticketed if an officer sees an unrestrained or improperly restrained child under age 16 in the vehicle.

From 2013 to 2017, 30 children from infants to age eight were killed in passenger vehicle crashes in Colorado. Among these, more than half were in an improperly used or installed car seat – or no car seat at all. Parents and caregivers can learn more about Colorado child passenger safety laws, recommendations and recalls at [CarSeatsColorado.com](http://CarSeatsColorado.com).

Click It or Ticket is a nationwide campaign from NHTSA. Since Click It or Ticket was introduced in Colorado in 2002, statewide seat belt use has increased from 72% to 86%. For more information about seat belt safety and enforcement citation numbers, visit [SeatBeltsColorado.com](http://SeatBeltsColorado.com).

# Bad guys teach you how to enable macros

Typically, malicious Excel files are attached to a phishing email. If you choose to open the attachment and enable macros, the file will automatically install the

If you fall for this trick and enable macros, a dangerous piece of malware is installed onto your computer and cybercriminals will have complete access to your system.

- Stop, Look, and Think.  
Don't be fooled.

If you would like to participate in the parade or if you have any questions, please reach out the ELHI Site manager. Allison Leath at 970-563-4100 or [elhimanager@gmail.com](mailto:elhimanager@gmail.com).



IN LIEU OF THE ANNUAL TASTE OF CHRISTMAS EVENT, WE ARE HOSTING A COVID-SAFE HOLIDAY LIGHT PARADE!!  
THE PARADE WILL ENSURE A SAFE HOLIDAY EXPERIENCE BY ADHERING TO CURRENT OR POTENTIAL MANDATES THAT COULD ARISE  
WE FEEL LIKE WE ALL NEED THIS -- OUR FAMILIES, FRIENDS AND ESPECIALLY THE CHILDREN -- HELP US MAKE THIS SPECIAL!!  
BROUGHT TO YOU WITH LOVE BY THE TASTE OF CHRISTMAS COMMITTEE



\*\*\*KSUT Tribal Radio (91.3) will be broadcasting music and live coverage for this event so please tune-in from your radio!!\*\*\*



OH, and we almost forgot to mention..... **SANTA** will be making an appearance and you won't want to miss it!

If you have any questions or would like to participate, please contact Allison Leath @ 970-563-4100 or [elhimanager@gmail.com](mailto:elhimanager@gmail.com)

Manna will be closed the day after Thanksgiving





IN THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT  
ON THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN RESERVATION ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER 2020-03  
MODIFIED ADMINISTRATIVE ORDER IN RESPONSE TO THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

WHEREAS, the emergence of the COVID-19 virus has created a public health emergency, the Southern Ute Tribal Court shall take all measures reasonably necessary to protect the health of Tribal elders, Southern Ute Tribal membership, Southern Ute community, litigants, and court staff from the COVID-19 virus.

Whereas, since early this year, the Southern Ute Tribe, the State of Colorado, and our community have struggled in the face of the unrelenting COVID-19. Virtually every segment of the Southern Ute Tribe has been impacted by this terrible disease. The Southern Ute Tribal Court is not insulated from the impact of this virus and we have necessarily adjusted our operations to provide the essential court services we are legally bound to, while striking a balance between fulfilling our responsibilities and promoting public safety. While it has not always been easy, we have successfully managed to accomplish much of our essential work under these trying circumstances. Despite our collective best efforts, the COVID-19 pandemic marches on and has recently worsened.

WHEREAS, the Chief Judge of the Southern Ute Tribal Court possesses the inherent authority to establish such standards and procedures by administrative order.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

Effective Monday, November 16, 2020, and continuing until further notice and order of the court, the Southern Ute Tribal Court shall only hear cases that directly affect public safety or are mandated to be heard pursuant to the Southern Ute Tribal Code. Such cases include:

- 1. Petitions for protection orders;
- 2. First appearance advisements for incarcerated persons and the setting of bail;
- 3. Revocation hearings involving an incarcerated defendant;
- 4. Proceedings necessary to protect the rights of criminal defendants, pursuant to the Indian Civil Rights Act and the Southern Ute Tribal Code;
- 5. Detention hearings for juvenile delinquency cases;
- 6. Dependency and neglect cases, as required by the Southern Ute Tribal Code;
- 7. Involuntary commitment hearings;

- 8. At-risk adult or juvenile hearings, if emergency;
- 9. Emergency custody matters or other domestic issues requiring immediate attention;
- 10. Bench trials, if the trial can be conducted remotely or in a manner reasonably safe enough for the Southern Ute Tribe and its employees;
- 11. Other proceedings deemed necessary by a Southern Ute Tribal Court judge to protect the health, safety, or welfare of an individual or members of the community.

Modified Operations of the Court

All employees and people entering the Tribal Court shall follow the Southern Ute Tribe's mandate to wear an appropriate face covering, maintain social distancing, and to refrain from entering the Tribal Court if exhibiting the following symptoms:

- You or anyone you live with tested positive for COVID-19 within the past 14 days;
- You have fever or chills; You have a cough;
- You have difficulty breathing or shortness of breath; You have muscle or body aches;
- You have a sore throat; or, You have a new loss of taste or smell.

The clerk's office, probation services, and family court support office shall operate on minimal staffing. Probation and Family Court Support employees shall minimize in-person contact to the extent they are reasonably able to do so, while maintaining their essential services for the protection and safety of those they serve and the community. The Tribal Court shall be available by telephone and email from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Attorneys and the public are encouraged to communicate with the court via email, remote technology and telephone to avoid any unnecessary appearances at the Southern Ute Tribal Court. The Tribal Court clerk's window shall be open for in-person business only Mondays through Thursdays between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m. The clerk of the court shall keep updated information on the telephone answering service (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, on its telephone answering system, and on the Tribe's website: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-court/>

ALTERNATIVES TO PHYSICAL APPEARANCE IN COURT

For all civil trial matters, the standard practice shall be that all parties and witnesses testify by remote technology (Zoom/Webex/telephone). Upon request of a party, the judge may allow in-person testimony. If in-person testimony or appearances are required, then the Court may set the cases for a future date when such appearances may be hosted in a safe manner.

Emergency hearings or hearings required to be heard by law shall be held, but courtroom appearances shall be minimized to the extent possible. Requests for in-person hearings must be submitted in advance such that the Court can make necessary arrangements.

For all criminal cases, the judges shall establish procedures to maximize the ability of criminal defendants to appear remotely where constitutionally and legally permissible.

Hearings for all defendants who are not incarcerated shall be heard remotely. If a defendant requires to be present for a hearing, the defendant must file the request for consideration. The defendant and plaintiff shall be responsible for the arrangements to allow for each party's witnesses to appear remotely and for evidence to be admitted using remote technology.

Pursuant to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Code, the court finds the delay of criminal trials beyond the 90 day speedy trial period to be "necessary", when a remote hearing is deemed insufficient. Jury trials shall be disallowed until they may be conducted in a safe manner. The Court finds the Southern Ute Indian Tribe forbids gatherings of more than five people in an enclosed indoor space, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a vulnerable Elder population, and there are insufficient resources to be able to safely conduct a jury trial during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Where applicable, defense attorneys need not obtain the signature of a defendant, where instead the attorney may sign and represent the wishes and understanding of a client. This is to allow for the safety of defense attorneys to communicate with their clients by telephone and file pleadings on their clients' behalf.

The Court finds that for those identified as part of a vulnerable or at-risk population by the Center for Disease Control, COVID-19 is presumed to be a material change in circumstances, and the parties do not need to supply additional briefing on COVID-19 to the court. For all other cases, the COVID-19 crisis may constitute a "material change in circumstances" and "new information" allowing for the amendment of a previous bail order or providing different conditions of release, but the finding of changed circumstances is left to the sound discretion of the presiding judge.

Parties may present agreed orders for release of in-custody defendants, which should be presented to the court without the need of a hearing.

If a hearing is required for a vulnerable or at-risk person, the court shall schedule a hearing, which shall be expedited with due consideration of the rights of witnesses and victims to participate in a safe environment. The courts will utilize remote technology hearings for any scheduled criminal hearings, unless impossible. For all critical stages and hearings, courts shall provide a means for the defendant to have the opportunity for private and continual discussion with his or her attorney. These

hearings must be recorded and preserved for the record.

For civil protection orders, the Court finds "good cause" to extend an initial temporary protection order beyond the 14 days within which to hold the permanent protection order, pursuant to the SUIT §2-2-103(5). The Court shall further allow for service on the Defendant by way of mail, rather than personal service. This provision does not relieve the prosecution of proving a knowing violation of such an order.

Good cause exists to extend any temporary ex parte orders beyond the initial period until a hearing can be held in a safe environment for the plaintiff, defendant and witnesses.

The presiding judges will allow the prosecutor and defense counsel to stipulate that when nothing of substance will occur at a scheduled hearing, then the defense attorney may appear in court or telephonically in lieu of the defendant's appearance without prior court order.

If, upon motion in a criminal case, a criminal defendant who has a compromised immune system or is over the age of 55, the court shall attempt to continue the defendant's case to later date to minimize health risks.

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The clerk of the court shall post the following notice at the entrance of the Justice Building and other locations in the courthouse: The Southern Ute Tribal Court provides essential services to the public and we will endeavor to maintain operations to the fullest extent possible, while protecting the Southern Ute Tribal community, employees, and litigants. We understand there is concern about the COVID-19 virus and so we are requiring that you PLEASE NOT COME TO THE COURTHOUSE, PROBATION, OR FAMILY

COURT SUPPORT OFFICE if: (1) you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 and you have not received a subsequent test confirming you are currently virus-free; (2) you have been in direct contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past fourteen days; (3) you are experiencing a fever, cough, shortness of breath, or any other respiratory illness symptom. If any of these three criteria apply please call the clerk's office at 970.563.0240 to reschedule your court date or request to appear by telephone if you are not represented by an attorney, or contact your attorney to file a request for a continuance or a telephone appearance. If you are a witness in a case, please contact the attorney or party issuing the subpoena to explain the circumstances and discuss the available options. If you are summoned to report for jury duty, please call the court to request an excuse. Please call the probation department or family court support office to reschedule any appointment if any of the three listed criteria apply to you.

Until further notice, the court will require persons to wear face coverings / masks in court. It is also permissible to bring small plastic containers of hand sanitizer into court and the probation and family court support offices. Please remit any criminal or traffic payments using the Tribal Court's online payment system found at [www.citepay.com](http://www.citepay.com), if possible.

This administrative order may be modified as conditions warrant. DONE AND SIGNED THIS 13th DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.

M. SCOTT MOORE  
CHIEF JUDGE,  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC – TRIBAL COURT

The Court, FCSO, and probation department provide important and essential services to the public and we will endeavor to maintain normal operations to the fullest extent possible. Because of the increasing risk posed by COVID-19, the Court is asking the public to cooperate with the Court in conducting all business remotely, if and when it is possible to do so. Southern Ute Tribal Court is requesting that you **PLEASE NOT COME TO THE COURTHOUSE IF:**

- 1. you have been diagnosed with COVID-19 ("Novel Coronavirus") and you have not received a subsequent test confirming that you are currently virus-free;
- 2. you have been in direct contact with someone who has been diagnosed with COVID-19 within the past fourteen days; OR
- 3. you are experiencing a fever, cough, shortness of breath, loss of sense of smell or taste, or any other respiratory illness symptoms.

If any of these three criteria apply, please call the clerk's office to reschedule your court date or request to appear remotely. If you are represented by an attorney, contact your attorney to file a request for a continuance or a remote appearance. If you are subpoenaed as a witness in a case, please contact the attorney or party issuing the subpoena to explain the circumstances and discuss the options available. To ensure the safety of all persons appearing or attending Tribal Court, the following mandatory guidelines are in effect until further notice:

- 1. **HOURS OF OPERATION:** Beginning November 16, 2020, The Southern Ute Tribal Court window will be open to the public Monday through Thursday from 8:00 a.m. to 12:00

- p.m. Phone calls will be accepted Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., and the Court accepts electronic filings, payments and will set up electronic remote hearings, as necessary.
- 2. All persons entering the courthouse building shall observe foot traffic designations, wear face masks, and practice recommended social distancing standards at all times. Masks will be provided to those who do not have one.
- 3. All court hearings will be conducted remotely whenever possible. There shall not be more than 5 people allowed in the courtroom at any one time. Those waiting to go into the courtroom shall wait in the court lobby or outdoors and practice recommended social distancing standards.
- 4. Those entering the courtroom must have their temperatures checked by the Bailiffs & fill out a questionnaire regarding COVID-19 symptoms and contacts,
- 5. and must be approved for entry based on this information. If you cannot safely enter the courtroom, your matter will be re-set for a later date.
- 6. Those entering the courtroom must wear face masks required pursuant to Tribal directive, and practice recommended social distancing standards at all times. Masks will be provided to those who do not have one.
- 7. Those persons not entering the courtroom but proceeding to the Clerk's window shall wear a face mask and shall practice recommended social distancing standards at all times. Masks will be provided to those who do not have one.

Thank you for your cooperation

UPCOMING SOUTHERN UTE DRUM  
DEADLINE HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

DEADLINE	ISSUE	HOLIDAY	OFFICES CLOSED
NOV. 16	NOV. 20	THANKSGIVING	NOV. 26 & 27
NOV. 30	DEC. 4	LEONARD C. BURCH DAY	DEC. 10 & 11
DEC. 14	DEC. 18	CHRISTMAS	DEC. 25
DEC. 23*	DEC. 30	NEW YEAR'S DAY	JAN. 1, 2021

\*EARLY DEADLINE AND DISTRIBUTION

Happy Holidays from the Drum!





Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomores Jace Carmenoros (63) and John Riepel (4) drop Del Norte's Fletcher Madrid (33) for a loss during season-ending 1A Southern Peaks Conference action Friday night at IHS Field. The hosting Bobcats blanked the Tigers 40-0.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

SHUT-OUTRO: IHS ends '20 blanking Tigers

Tucson fires 5 TD in 40-0 home victory

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

During four years with Ignacio Football, Dylan Labarthe had seen plenty of ups and downs, quirks and oddities.

He hadn't seen every sort of strange, but he'd certainly seen plenty.

So when an inadvertent whistle along the home sideline halted him roughly ten yards from a sure touchdown reception late in the third quarter during the Bobcats' 2020 finale, the senior wide receiver, clearly confused by the stoppage and sporting an expression requesting explanation, at least knew to keep any frustration simmering beneath a boil.

Ultimately, the incident – an apparent reflex action linked to the official's flagging of lineman Jeremy Roderick for a borderline block helping spring Labarthe into space – could be humorously chalked up to it occurring on Friday the 13th, with the 'Cats helpless to reverse time.

Wasting no more of it than needed to regroup as the ball was even repositioned eight yards behind the initial line of scrimmage – the Del Norte 22 – before replaying first down, Ignacio's offense made sure that those six points would be secured.

And while junior Gabe Tucson's throw to Labarthe went right, his subsequent



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Ignacio senior running back Joe Garcia (23) prepares to put an eluding move on Del Norte's Brennan Velasquez (3) during 1A Southern Peaks Conference action Friday, Nov. 13, at IHS Field. In helping the Bobcats blank the Tigers 40-0, Garcia booked his seventh rushing touchdown of IHS' coronavirus-abbreviated, five-game 2020 campaign.

dart to Shawn Campbell hit the junior in stride down IHS Field's left-middle, allowing Campbell to cruise into the end zone for what ended up being the team's final score of its coronavirus-abbreviated campaign.

"In all honesty, I felt bad for Dylan because it got called back," said Campbell, whose ensuing point-after kick increased Ignacio's lead to 40-0 with 1:47 left in the third. "I don't know what it was – a faulty whistle or something – but it turned out that we scored, and I think everybody was happy with that."

"As our last game as seniors and everything, you know ... I was sad but happy at the same time because I wanted to get this done – end the season on a win," Labarthe said. "And I'm proud with how our

team played; I'm glad we all stuck together, and I'm glad with the outcome."

Powered by senior running back Isaac Peeran, shouldering most of the visitors' offensive load after starting quarterback Malachi Gallegos was injured by a second-quarter sack courtesy Bobcat senior Joe Garcia and a couple others, the Tigers did their very best to spoil the shutout by mounting the contest's longest drive.

Consuming at least 10 minutes, 30 seconds of the 12-minute final frame, DNHS overcame a 9-yard Fletcher Madrid loss from the Tiger 30 on first down and, aided by two Jace Pacheco-to-Logan Cestone connections covering 31 and 19 yards, later reached

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Freshman Trajan Garcia (568) competes during the Mancos hosted 2020 Chicken last month's 2020 CHSAA Class 2A State Creek Challenge. Promoted from junior-varsity status not long before, Garcia would finish the season running with the varsity and recently earned his first IHS athletic letter – in any sport – for his efforts.



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Junior Avaleena Nanaeto (554) runs during last month's 2020 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships in Colorado Springs. Already a three-time State qualifier, Nanaeto was recently named First Team Academic All-State in addition to receiving another IHS athletic letter for cross-country.

BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Harriers receive their postseason due

Barnes is SJBL Girls' Runner-of-the-Year

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Following Ignacio Football's season-ending Nov. 13 destruction of Del Norte, freshman lineman Trajan Garcia, who came up with a fumble recovery defensively to aid the cause, took time to assess what the victory signified.

"It means a lot to me because we get to support the community and stuff like that," he said before exiting the energetic Bobcats' locker room. "And I think this season ... I got a lot of experience. At the beginning I was not that good, but then I started to get used to it and it came to me."

He could have been referring to his gridiron gains or, being a two-sport 'Cat, his JV-to-varsity advances in cross-country, for which he received his first varsity letter only a couple days before helping trounce the Tigers at IHS Field.

Head coach Daniel Holley proudly reported that the same honor was bestowed upon several members of Ignacio's first boys' XC crew in decades, including lone senior Dylan Labarthe, juniors Gabe Tucson and Jeremy Roderick, sophomore Eppie Quintana and freshman Phillip Quintana.

Tucson was also awarded CHSAA Academic All-State Honorable Mention status, despite coping with the added pressure of mastering IHS' offense as the football team's starting quarterback, once the Association gave its go-ahead to a Fall 2020 season – commencing as the



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Junior Gabe Tucson (979) runs in Durango during the 2020 Four Corners Southwest Classic. Tucson was recently named CHSAA Academic All-State Honorable Mention for his classroom work during the cross-country season, and also received his first IHS athletic letter in the sport.

cross-country campaign was reaching its crescendo.

Emerging as the Lady Bobcats' No. 1 as an atypical freshman, Maci Barnes was named All-San Juan Basin League as well as SJBL Girls' Runner-of-the-Year – over both present senior Charlize Valdez, who won the award last year, as well as Mancos senior Grace Manning.

Valdez, meanwhile, was also named All-League as Ignacio not only qualified as a team for the 2020 CHSAA Class 2A State Champion-

ships – a first for the third-year reborn girls' program – but scored a top-10 result on the challenging course in Colorado Springs. Both she and Barnes also received First Team Academic All-State, along with juniors Avaleena Nanaeto and Alannah Gomez, plus freshman Moriah Ashley.

Honorable Mention Academic All-State went to senior Vanessa Gonzales, as well as the varsity letter also awarded Barnes, Valdez, Nanaeto, Gomez and Ashley.



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Senior Charlize Valdez (533) leads Rye's Clarissa Peterson (534) and La Jara Centauri's Austyn Shawcroft (528) around a bend in the Norris-Penrose Event Center course during the 2020 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships in Colorado Springs. Again a front-runner for SJBL Girls' Runner-of-the-Year, Valdez was recently named All-SJBL as well as First Team Academic All-State.

SETTING THE TABLE(S)  
Standings as of Nov. 16, 2020

Volleyball: 2A/1A San Juan Basin League

SEASON CURRENTLY POSTPONED BY CHSAA DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Football: 1A Southern Peaks Conference

Team	OVERALL			SPC			SCORING		
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	Pct.	W	L	US/THEM
Centauri	6	0	1.000	4	0				348/15
Monte Vista	4	2	.667	4	1				202/103
IGNACIO	3	2	.600	3	2				131/147
Del Norte	1	4	.200	1	3				30/187
Dolores	0	5	.000	0	4				8/258
Center***	0	3	.000	0	2				18/93

\* the teams' Oct. 29 game was postponed due to COVID-19 concerns

LAST TIME OUT: Del Norte 0, at Ignacio 40 (Nov. 13)

Scores By Quarter:

DNHS.... 0 0 0 0 — 0

IHS.... 14 12 14 0 — 40

Scoring Summary:

Q1, 3:37—J.Garcia (I) 4 run (S.Campbell kick)

Q1, 2:21—D.Labarthe (I) 19 pass from G.Tucson (Campbell kick)

Q2, 9:31—J.Riepel (I) 64 pass from Tucson (Campbell kick missed)

Q2, 8:27—L.Toledo (I) 9 pass from Tucson (Garcia run failed)

Q3, 5:33—Campbell (I) 36 pass from Tucson (Campbell kick)

Q3, 1:47—Campbell (I) 30 pass from Tucson (Campbell kick)

—compiled by Joel Priest



# 2020 Homecoming Royalty



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior running back Joe Garcia (23) and senior Vanessa Gonzales – herself barely a month removed from the Lady Bobcats’ CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships appearance – were named Homecoming 2020 King and Queen during halftime of IHS’ season-ending football game Friday, Nov. 13, versus Del Norte. In helping Ignacio prevail 40-0, Garcia logged his seventh rushing touchdown of IHS’ coronavirus-abbreviated, five-game campaign.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Alric Hudson (56) and Lexy Young comprised the Junior Royalty for Homecoming 2020, and were presented to fans at IHS Field during halftime of the Bobcats’ 40-0 football triumph – Hudson was unfortunately unable to suit up fully – over Del Norte.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Dylan Labarthe (3) and Charlize Valdez were named Senior Royalty, First Attendants for Homecoming 2020, and were presented to fans at IHS Field during halftime of the Bobcats’ 40-0 football triumph – Labarthe snagged one touchdown catch – over Del Norte.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Lawrence Toledo (2) decides on whether to present Caitlyn Chapman with either her flowers or honorary sash during Homecoming 2020 festivities held at halftime of Ignacio’s 40-0 rout – Toledo caught one touchdown – of Del Norte. Toledo and Chapman were named Senior Royalty, Second Attendants.

# IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL BOBCATS

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the Ignacio 13 via a 5-yard Peerman carry.

But a 15-yard personal foul after the play pushed Del Norte back to the 28, and Pacheco’s first-down completion to junior Brennan Velasquez lost six more yards back to the 34. Pacheco was then sacked back at the 41, but Peerman then plowed through for 17 yards on third down, giving DNHS one last hope of posting points.

“I think they were really counting on it,” Garcia said, acknowledging Peerman’s prowess. “He was very focused and knew what he wanted to do. He just did his job, and for a couple plays did it better than we did ours.”

With head coach Richie Madrid electing to try moving the chains rather than attempt a long field goal, there was no doubting the workhorse would again get the call ... and the Bobcats (3-2, 3-2 1A Southern Peaks) were ready, stacking Peerman up for just one yard and forcing a third turnover-on-downs.

IHS takeaways had ended five earlier Tiger series, making Tucson’s job under center much easier and his game-ending kneel-down even more memorable as Ignacio finished the unique fall — booking the program’s first winning record since 2013.

“I think we just had to change the way we looked at the game, you know? Like, at Monte Vista we went in there and I can tell you, our team ‘looked’ like we were going to lose,” admitted Campbell, referring to the previous Friday’s 56-7 road loss to the Pirates. “Nobody had fire, I guess. And then in this game, with it being Homecoming, everybody wanted to push and make something happen for our seniors. And we did that.”

“Everybody was just way more upbeat,” agreed senior Lawrence Toledo. “It started in the locker room; we got our new jerseys, and everybody was just really hyped.”

“To me it’s kind of a little bit sad, being my last game ever,” he continued. “But it feels good going out with a win, and just to be able to say we had a positive record – never something we’d had before.”

Tucson unofficially finished with 260 yards on 15-of-23 passing, and totaled five touchdowns – a 19-yarder to Labarthe, a 64-yarder to sophomore John Riepel, a 9-yarder to Toledo, and strikes of 36 and 30 to Campbell – against zero interceptions.

Not as heavily relied upon to set up the air raid, Garcia – named Homecoming King at halftime, which the ‘Cats entered with a 26-0 lead – still gained 50 yards on 13 carries and got the scoring started with his seventh rushing TD this season.

“It’s a blessing; it was all I’d ever wanted to do as a senior,” he said. “Watching other [past] seniors go ... that just sucked, and I never knew what it felt like to be in their shoes. It’s a crazy feeling, but I’ve got to thank God.”

The 4-yard tote, with 3:37 left in the first quarter, came three plays after he’d picked off Gallegos on a hurried throw meant to avoid a sack by IHS senior Clint Talamante-Benavidez. The harmless lob came down with Garcia centered between teammates Kyle Rima, Campbell and Riepel, and his return netted 26 yards down to the Del Norte 9.

Campbell’s first PAT gave Ignacio the all-important 7-0 upper hand, and two Tiger offensive plays later, Bobcat freshman Trajan Garcia recovered a fumble at the DN 38 with 2:37 left. Tucson then hit Labarthe for 19 yards on first down, the other 19 on second, and Campbell was again true with the extra point for a sudden 14-0 lead with 2:21 to go.

Following Gallegos’ unfortunate departure, Tiger Marques Quintana punted down to the Ignacio 18 with 10:04 left in the second quarter. But Joe Garcia broke through for 18 yards on first down, and after throwing incomplete, Tucson then launched a bomb to Riepel for a 20-0 advantage.

Campbell’s point-after kick missed, but the ‘Cats would quickly go back to work following a Jace Carmenoros fumble recovery at the DN 4 just 54 seconds later. A false-start penalty bumped the Bobcats back to the 9, but Tucson successfully targeted Toledo for another swift six points with 8:27 still left until intermission.

“Emotionally, it felt good ... but at the same time you just want to break down in tears at the end of it,” Toledo said. “It’s just amazing to see how much talent our team really has. Being able to run the ball, throw the ball ... do whatever we want.”

“We knew we had the advantage over them, height-wise and speed-wise. So, we wanted to take good advantage,” said Labarthe. “And they played back really far, so we just capitalized on that. I’m happy with all our wide receivers.”

Garcia’s two-point conversion carry failed, but the Bobcats were unwilling to let Del Norte (1-4, 1-3 SPC) get anything going offensively; after setting up shop at their own 35 following Campbell’s out-of-bounds kickoff, the Tigers again lost control of the ball and Talamante-Benavidez pounced on it at the 30 with 8:23 still remaining.

Ignacio’s ensuing possession ended with DNHS freshman Josh Gonzales recovering a third-down fumble, but Pacheco was promptly sacked by, ironically, Tucson, and the Tigers’ series would end with Quintana taking an 11-yard loss after bobbling the snap on an intended punt.

After forcing a Bobcat turnover-on-downs at the Del Norte 29, Pacheco managed to drive the Tigers all the way to the IHS 18 before Carmenoros came up with another recovered fumble back at the 22 with only 38 ticks left – allowing the ‘Cats to go into the break ahead by a controlling four scores.

Bent on at least not being bageled, DNHS began the third quarter in fine fashion, with Peerman powering 37 yards on second down and reaching the IHS 28. A six-yard Madrid gain reached the 13 four plays later, but the surge rapidly went into reverse; Madrid was dropped for a 15-yard loss back to the 28, and Peer-

man then took a minus-9 hit as the Tigers lost possession on downs at the Ignacio 37 with 7:46 left.

Helped by an 18-yard Tucson-to-Toledo completion down to the DN 36, the Bobcats then were able to complete a 7-play, 63-yard drive in just 2:13, with Tucson finding Campbell for a 36-yard TD along the Tiger sideline. Campbell’s PAT was good, and Ignacio’s lead grew to 33-0 with 5:33 remaining.

“We wanted to attack them ... just pound them and pound them with the running game,” said Campbell. “That’s what we wanted to do when we came in, but then we just found it in the passing game.”

To that extent, Riepel finished with a team-best 93 yards on three receptions, while Toledo snared six throws for 63.

“Me, personally, just to play ... I mean, the guys were just dying to play and be able to do something!” Campbell (4-66 receiving) continued, asked what not only the game but the entire season meant to the squad. “So, for us to do that, and have a winning season with [the pandemic situation], it’s pretty amazing. It means everything to these guys.”

“It means everything,” agreed Labarthe (2-38 rec.). “I know I’d heard about Bayfield and [other teams] shutting down and I was like, ‘I hope to God it doesn’t happen to us!’ I’m just glad we got to finish the season – and that I got to be part of ... the first winning season in seven, eight years.”

“Just looking around and seeing Lawrence, Joe, Clint, and all of them for the last time suited up like that ... It was pretty emotional, but happy at the same time,” he added, speaking on his Senior Night experience overall. “I’m glad I got to go out with them like I did.”

In defeat, Peerman unofficially finished with 123 yards on 28 carries, but Madrid was held below 20 yards and Pacheco unofficially minus-29 on six tries; he unofficially totaled 38 yards aerially on 4-of-6 passing. Cestone’s two catches netted 50 yards, but Velasquez’s two netted only three yards and Tyler Gallegos’ lone grab went for minus-6.

And while IHS’ season came to an end, DNHS’ was to survive one more week.

Benefiting from CHSAA’s six-plus-one – meaning six regular-season games, plus an extra if the team doesn’t make the postseason – scheduling option this fall, the Tigers will close up shop Friday, Nov. 20, at home versus late add Gunnison, with the non-conference Cowboys (3-3, 3-2 1A Western Slope) playing out GHS’ first varsity slate since 2017.

The scaled-down State Playoffs are set to begin Nov. 20-21, with the 1A State Championship battle scheduled for 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at CSU-Pueblo’s Neta and Eddie DeRose ThunderBowl.

## CHSAAnow.com Class

### 1A Football Rankings (11/15)

1. Limon (4-0), 2. Strasburg (6-0), 3. Florence (5-0), T-4. La Jara Centauri (6-0)/Hotchkiss (6-0)/Wray (5-1), 7. Meeker (5-1), 8. Holyoke (5-1), 9. Colorado Springs Christian (3-1), 10. Ault Highland (4-2).

### CLASS 1A STATE PLAYOFFS, FIRST ROUND

1. Limon vs. 8. Holyoke, 11/21; 4. Wray vs. 5. Hotchkiss, 11/21; 2. Strasburg vs. 7. Meeker, 11/20; 3. Florence vs. 6. La Jara Centauri, 11/21.





National Wreaths Across America Day  
Saturday, Dec. 19, 2020

American Heritage Girls Troop CO2517, who is supporting Wreaths Across America at Greenmount, Crestview, Ignacio East, Ignacio West and Ouray Cemeteries; have been working hard to ensure that the 2100 service members buried at these five cemeteries will indeed be honored this year with the placement of live, balsam veterans' wreaths as part of National Wreaths Across America Day 2020.

On Dec. 19 at 10 am, 2020, American Heritage Girls CO2517 will be helping five local cemeteries to Remember and Honor our veterans by laying Remembrance wreaths on the graves of our country's fallen heroes.

Please help us honor and remember as many fallen heroes as possible by sponsoring remembrance wreaths, volunteering on Wreaths Day, or inviting your family and friends to attend with you.


Thank you so much for supporting the American Heritage Girls CO2517 and Wreaths Across America!

<https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/164769>

We encourage all those interested in participating in this year's wreath placement to register to volunteer so that you can be kept up-to-date on details for the day as it gets closer. You can register to volunteer at <https://www.wreathsassamerica.org/pages/164769>

"It is important that during challenging times we all take a moment to remember those who have met and overcome challenges – like our nation's military and their families – and show unity in our American spirit while we work together in an effort to march forward in the face of what seems to be insurmountable odds," said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. "We are so grateful to the good people of this great nation for participating in the mission to Remember, Honor and Teach."

Join Us in Our Mission to  
REMEMBER ★ HONOR ★ TEACH




★ December 19, 2020 ★  
NATIONAL WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA DAY


**American Heritage Girls CO2517**

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or scan the QR code below.



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**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.

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FROM MELVIN BAKER TO THE MEMBERSHIP

Hello to all Tribal Members on and off the Reservation.

My name is Mel Baker and I am a candidate in the upcoming runoff election for Chairman that is scheduled for December 18th, 2020. I would like to share with you the Tribal voters my experience and why I feel that my experience is the reason I am running for the Chairman seat. First and foremost, the reason I am running for the Chairman is because I care, I care for all our members on and off the reservation. Living on or off the reservation comes with challenges. The times have surely changed, and we have to change with the times. We need to make sure that any new changes benefit our Tribal Membership. Some changes work for some but not for others. I remember the first time I got on Tribal Council, around 2002, one of the thought processes in decision making was to benefit the many and not the few. It appeared the leadership back then was more stern in regard to decisions being made.

I was first elected to the Tribal Council in 2002, I have a total of 9-yr's and 3-months being on the tribal council. Within the 9-years I also was the Acting Chairman, Vice Chairman, assisted the Jimmy Newton Administration in the Executive Office. My experience also includes being the Tribal Housing Director for five years. When I started the Director position, I was handed a blank piece of paper, I had to create policies and procedures, create a budget, write job descriptions and hire staff. I have many more years of work experience both on and off the reservation, but I wanted to focus on my Tribal Council experience.

I believe the last Financial Plan was created back around 1999-2001 by the Tribal Council with the assistance of John Juris and other outside entities. For the most part the plan has helped us get to where we are today. The financial plan created many opportunities for the tribe to grow. The plan opened the door for the Leonard C. Burch Building, the Southern Ute Montessori Academy, Sun-Ute, New Construction Services Building, New Water Resource Building, 100- homes at Cedar Point, as well as a few other projects. Never the less it needs to be updated. Having an updated plan would be a priority to get us through the next ten years and longer. If elected this would be a priority that I would like to work on until completed, it would be a road map in regard to our future finances. It has been said that if we continue to keep going at the rate we are currently going, we could run out of money within 10- years. I surely would never like to see that happen. It will take a dedicated team to accomplish this task, but we must remember this is our future. We would need to set up goals, priorities, and objectives as well as a timeline for completion. Each Tribal Council Member will have a say in our future through series of meetings with our Financial staff from the Permanent Fund, The Growth Fund, and the Casino. I would also want to have update meetings with our membership.

I would also like to see more tribal member employees throughout the organizations have a say and input, to many times I have seen Tribal Member employees sitting at the back of the room, perhaps they don't speak up in fear of retaliation. I think a lot of Tribal member employees live here on the reservation or close by, what input could they provide to the Tribal Council, after all this is their land and their tribe.

Who knows what is best for our tribal members, but our Tribal Members.

I would like to discuss Tribal member employment. Who says we cannot create job opportunities for our tribal members? Every little bit helps, our younger Tribal Members, I believe all they need is an opportunity. We could create those opportunities to help them offset costs, you have to start somewhere. We all have had to start somewhere. I used to hear past Tribal leaders say go get an education and come back home and work for the tribe, many of our Tribal members have left home to get an education, but when they come home there is nothing for them.

How many stories have we all heard about the tribe hiring for certain positions, only to send them to more training on the tribes dime, I thought they were hired because they met all the qualifications, it seems like we don't give our tribal members the same opportunities. I only say this because I have talked to tribal members who have shared their thoughts with me about how they feel. I want to help our tribal members, both on and off the reservation to the best of my ability.

I will close for now and provide more information in the next addition of the Drum newspaper. If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at 970-769-2763. Please do your part to help fight the corona pandemic. Protect our elders, children and each other.

*May the creator watch over you always,*  
*Mel Baker*

THANK YOU FROM THE 2020 CENSUS TEAM!

Thank You!!

The 2020 Census was unlike any other, and one that career Census Bureau employees will likely be talking about for years to come. Your support was an integral part of our success, especially because of the COVID-19 pandemic challenges we faced together - from learning how to manage working at home and still engaging hard-to-count communities, to teaching our children at home at the same time ... 2020 is a year none of us will soon forget.

The 2020 Census will shape decisions about how billions of federal dollars are spent each year for critical community services, and will determine political representation in Congress along with shaping redistricting and local school districts. Your tireless work on behalf of the 2020 Census to ensure that we counted everyone once, only once, and in the right place, has left a positive decade-long imprint on your community. We are so grateful for you and your support.

As always, if you or your organization are interested in learning more about the many Census Bureau data products, please visit [census.gov](http://census.gov) or [data.census.gov](http://data.census.gov).

We are grateful for your support! Words seem insufficient as a "thank you," so we look forward to seeing you soon to express our thanks further, and to share some of the exciting new ways to access data at [data.census.gov](http://data.census.gov). Until then, stay well and know that your work is truly appreciated!

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Credit Committee Member Vacancy

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for up to three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. The Credit Committee submits approved applicant recommendation to the Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Division Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; and Hold weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee’s annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email at [dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov). If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancy

Open Until Filled – The Southern Ute Gaming Commission is seeking (2) Full time and (1) Alternate positions, must be Southern Ute Tribal Members. One Full-time Gaming Commission position term is 2 years 6 months. Second Full Time Gaming Commission position 11 month term. One Alternate Gaming position is a 3 year term. Applicants must possess the following attributes pursuant to the Regulation One of the Gaming Commission Rules and Regulations: Applicants must be at least twenty-one years of age; Applicants must possess a basic knowledge and understanding of gaming activities authorized on the Southern Ute Indian reservation; Applicants must have experience or expertise in regulatory matters or in administrative hearing procedures; Applicants must have the ability to observe restrictions concerning conflicts of interest and confidentiality; Applicants must submit an application form and a letter of interest explaining why the applicant wishes to be appointed to the Commission; and Applicants must undergo a background investigation. Applications may be obtained at the Division of Gaming Office – Licensing in the West Wing of the Justice Complex, 149 County Road 517, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137. Applications and letter of interest are required to be turned into the Division of Gaming Office. These positions are open until filled. Any questions can be answered by the Division of Gaming at 970-563-0180.

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Election Board Vacancy

Closing 11/27/20 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. Qualifications; 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter; Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: [electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov)

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancy 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.

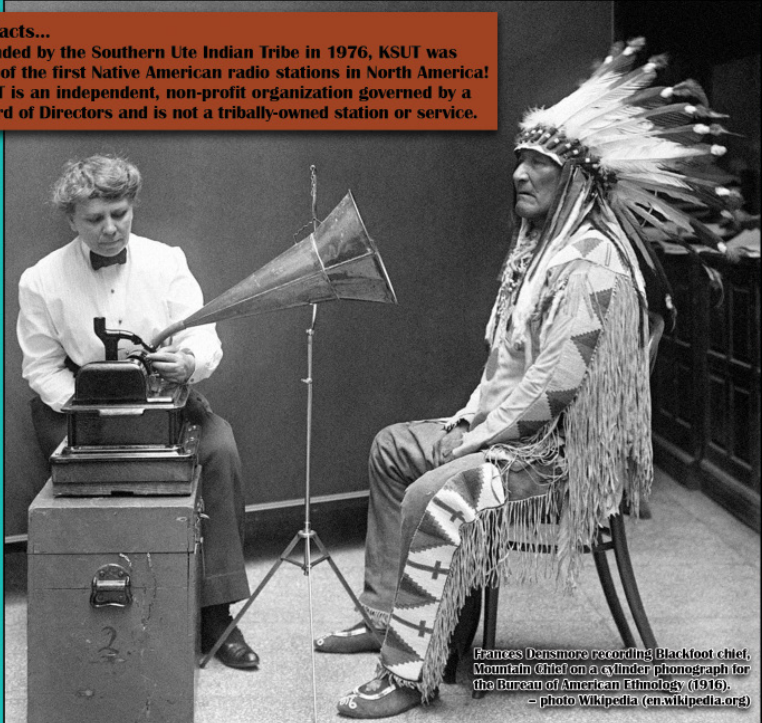
## Bison Jerky For Sale

Hello my name is Dawna Ross I'm reaching out from Ute tribal enterprises in Ft. Duchesne Utah we are selling Bison Jerky it is 100% grass fed hormone free, no GMO'S. Bison is a healthier choice then beef. If You are interested in getting some you can contact me at 801-599-6701 or email: [dawnar@utetribes.com](mailto:dawnar@utetribes.com). We are very proud of our high quality Bison Jerky products and would like for your people to enjoy this healthy snack as well. It is priced for buying and selling at a very low cost.

## KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors

**KSUT facts...**

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



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

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

**KSUT Board of Director Duties:**

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

**Desired Skills:** Knowledge of the Southern Ute community; Dedicated; and a Committed team player.

## SOUTHERN UTE EDUCATION DEPT. Johnson O’Malley Committee Vacancy

JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235 or by email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a

committee; and You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled with JOM program). Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee. What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Indian Tribe Building Maintenance – Justice Center

Proposals requested for the construction and installation of a new backup generator & control system to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Justice Center.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe  
Building Maintenance/Property and Facilities  
970-563-0261/970-563-2945  
Proposals due no later than Dec. 31, 2020

New backup generator to include all associated controls. The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe’s (SUIT) Building Maintenance Division requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP). Please call Building Maintenance to schedule on site visits for building your proposals. Please email your proposals to the entire project team. All services to be provided by the selected contractor shall be in accordance and agreement with the Southern Ute Tribes contract process with specific requirements for working on the reservation. Project managers can answer questions. The selected contractor will be responsible for procurement and payment for any subcontracted services, reports, materials, surveys, documents, copies, public notices, public meetings, travel, expenses, and any other item(s) or services required to complete the scope of work.  
**SUIT TERO Requirements/Native American Preference/Crossing Permits**  
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code, which is to be observed by all businesses operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

This RFP is an unrestricted solicitation, with Indian preference given to qualified Indian Owned economic enterprises and Indian Organizations. Firms desiring Native American preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO Office as an Indian-Owned Business. For those firms seeking Native American preference, this is a mandatory requirement, regardless of any other registration or certification that may exist with other tribal TERO offices, agencies, or affiliations. The TERO policy must be applied to your selection of consultants and/or sub-contractors when putting together your bid proposal. For the purposes of this bid solicitation a 5% bid preference will be given to all TERO Certified Indian Owned Businesses. The firm awarded the contract will be responsible for paying a TERO fee at the end of the project which will amount to 4% of the final contract amount. This should be included in your Fee proposal. The firm awarded the contract and all subcontractors will be responsible for obtaining and paying for crossing permits for the duration of the project. This should be included in your Fee proposal. For more information about crossing permits please contact the Southern Ute Lands Division at 970-563-0126  
For more information Contact TERO at; Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Office 970-563-0117  
P.O. Box 737  
Ignacio, CO 81137

## REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Historic Building Abatement

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to perform abatement of regulated building materials in a culturally and historically significant building on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Campus, the Head Start School Building and Gymnasium (HSSB). For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Alexandra Ratcliff, General Assistance Program Manager, [aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov)  
**Proposals will be received through November 30, 2020.**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. Certification information, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

## Ignacio Creative District Board Vacancy

Open until filled – Put your creativity and opinions to use in helping our community! Ignacio Creative District has an opening for a new Board Member position. Applications can be picked up and submitted at the Ignacio Community Library.

## NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that an initial and a renewal Title V applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program (AQP) for the following source of air pollution:

- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**  
**Facility: Midway Compressor Station**  
Section 23, T33N R7W, 3.5 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colorado  
This source is a natural gas compression facility
  - **Applicant: BP America Production Co.**  
**Facility: Salvador I/II Central Delivery Point**  
Section 28, T33N R7W, 2.5 miles south of Ignacio, Colorado  
This source is a natural gas compression facility
- Significant comments were received on a draft Title V renewal permit. The draft permit has been revised and the following source is undergoing public comment a second time:
- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**  
**Facility: Arkansas Loop and Simpson Treating Plants**  
Section 1, T32N R9W, 9.3 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colorado  
This source is a production field facility

The AQP has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at [www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/), and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to [dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov). Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (November 6, 2020).





Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email [Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org](mailto:Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org) or [ceyeto@utemountain.org](mailto:ceyeto@utemountain.org) or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Job Openings as of Nov. 13, 2020

- Counseling and Treatment: CAC III Counselor – Closing 11/25/20
- Public Health: COVID Nurse Case Investigator – Until Filled
- Energy: Director – Until Filled
- Child Development Center: Part-time Assistant Cook – Until Filled
- Diabetes Program/White Mesa: CNA/Health Technician – Until Filled
- Judicial Services: Court Clerk I – Until Filled
- Judicial Services: Bailiff – Until Filled
- Social Services: Case Worker I – Until Filled
- Social Services: Preservation Case Worker – Until Filled
- Diabetes Prevention: Diabetes Nurse – Until Filled
- Child Development Center: Family Service Manager – Until Filled
- Mineral Audit: Auditor – Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Until Filled

Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.sugf.com/jobs.asp](http://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.

Permitting, Land, & Document Control Manager (Red Cedar Gathering Co. – Durango, CO)

Closing 11/30/20 – Managing all Red Cedar Gathering Company and Aka Energy rights-of-way (ROW) and land, permitting, Master Service Agreements (MSAs), and applicable document control thereto. Responsible for managing processes and procedures within the ROW and Land agreement/contract administration functions, properly managing and limiting the contractor risk and liability of Company service alliances. Responsible for all ROW and Land acquisition service functions relative to the construction, operation and maintenance of Company facilities. Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor’s degree in a relevant science, business or related field and ten years’ experience working with permitting, land and ROW in an oil and gas environment; OR, a high school diploma or equivalent and fifteen years’ experience working with permitting, land and rights-of-way in an oil and gas environment is required. Must have four years specific work experience in managing MSAs requirements. Must have a strong technical understanding and experience with land access, permitting process, reviewing survey plats, leases, environmental surveys, engineering documents, and other specialized documents required for operation, construction and expansion of oil and gas facilities. Must have strong organizational skills and be able to manage competing priorities by setting goals, prioritizing tasks and allocating time to meet deadlines. Knowledge of land record access related computer applications are required. Knowledge of engineering terminology, drawings and maps is required. Knowledge of general legal terminology, legal surveys, legal ROW and Land agreements, and other concepts relevant to land work and ROW documents is required. Knowledge of real property law, business law, commodity pricing, title examination standards and procedures, agricultural and ranching practices and general pipeline construction activity is required. Must have a willingness to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have forward-thinking and strategic-planning abilities as related to the perming and land, negotiation, and decision making. Must have excellent verbal skills including the ability to read, write and explain complex legal documents. Must have general experience with physical flows on a natural gas midstream system and general familiarity with measurement, pipeline, compression, dehydration, and treating facilities. Must have general experience with natural gas midstream daily business functions as it relates to Field Operations (measurement, pipelines, compression, treating plants), Accounting, Business Development and Commercial, Environment Health and Safety, and Engineering teams. Must have strong interpersonal and communication skills and experience negotiating, reasoning, and effectively managing relationships with agencies, producers, and shippers. Must have strong analytical skills, proven high level of attention to detail, and interact successfully in a team environment. Must be extremely well organized with proven ability to prioritize multiple tasks. Must have the ability to prepare and deliver formal presentations to various audiences. Must have computer experience with working knowledge of spreadsheets and word processing, specifically Excel and MS Word. Must also be fully competent in MS PowerPoint for presentation material. Must have a strong understanding of applicable project economics and the ability to evaluate a project and determine project risks. Must have a valid driver’s license and be insurable under Red Cedar’s vehicle insurance policy. Must pass pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

SOUTHERN UTE FORESTY

Firewood Public Service Announcement

The 2020/2021 firewood season began Oct. 1, 2020 and will run through April 30, 2021. Firewood will only be distributed (made available for pickup or delivery) Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. during COVID-19 Phase 1 restrictions. To qualify for the firewood program, you must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member 18-years or older and have a means (firewood place or wood stove) to burn firewood at your primary residence. In order to qualify for delivery, you must be a Tribal elder and live within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (a copy of the approved procedures is available upon request from the Forestry Division). For questions call 970-563-4780.

TERO Business Hours

8 a.m. – 12 noon • Monday – Friday; unless a Tribal/Federal holiday

Call 970-563-0117 • If you come to the TERO office in person, wear a mask, and temperature will be taken upon entry of the department.

HISTORY COLORADO

Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Liaison and Tribal Consultation Coordinator

Full job description and application process: [www.colorado.gov/jobs](http://www.colorado.gov/jobs)

History Colorado has a strong commitment to diversity and cultural competence. We welcome responses from people of diverse backgrounds and abilities. The History Colorado Center in downtown Denver serves as the primary office for the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act (NAGPRA) Liaison and Tribal Consultation Coordinator.

**Description of Job:** History Colorado is a nationally recognized leader in NAGPRA consultation and repatriation efforts. We are seeking a dynamic professional with significant experience in NAGPRA compliance and community centered projects to help steward this program into the twenty-first century. The primary focus of the NAGPRA Liaison and Tribal Consultation Coordinator will be to conduct the actions necessary for the repatriation and disposition of human remains and cultural objects to Native American descendant communities as specified in 43 CFR Part 10.

The focus of this job is to act as a liaison between History Colorado and representatives of Native American Communities, the National NAGPRA program, and other federal and state agencies. The job will entail extensive communications with these entities to ensure History Colorado complies with all aspects of NAGPRA legislation, as well as serving as lead for the Colorado Lands Working Group and collaborating with the lead for the State Unmarked Graves Process. The NAGPRA Liaison will review pertinent records on file in the department, compile cultural affiliation documents, and review site inventories to ensure NAGPRA-relevant materials are included in final inventories. As part of this process, the person may assist in resolving cataloging issues; verifying burials, funerary objects, objects of

cultural patrimony, and sacred objects in the NAGPRA inventory; and leading collections reviews when requested by American Indian tribes. The successful applicant will also have the opportunity to participate in developing exhibits, educational programming, and other History Colorado initiatives. This position will be supervised by the Colorado State Archaeologist, but will work closely with staff from other departments including Collections and Exhibits. This position will require occasional travel and overnight trips.

Minimum Qualifications, Substitutions, Conditions of Employment & Appeal Rights Knowledge and Abilities:

- Knowledge of the principles of government-to-government consultation
- knowledge of the legal requirements of NAGPRA process
- ability to plan, organize, and schedule activities
- ability to operate technical equipment related to the discipline
- ability to maintain records;
- ability to create inventories and adhere to different tribal requests regarding the care and storage of specific artifacts
- knowledge of laboratory and collection methods
- Comfort in physically handling human remains for purposes of proper care and custody transfers

Interested applicants are asked to submit the following materials:

- A cover letter expressing interest in this position and outlining relevant experience.
- A resume or CV of education and employment history.
- Three professional references, including current phone, email addresses, and affiliations

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

If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Associate Internal Auditor Trainee (Southern Ute tribal members only)

Open until filled – A trainee position for a S.U. Tribal member interested in a career in Internal Audit with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT). Will learn how to perform beginning level professional internal auditing procedures for the SUIT of routine 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. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Associate Internal Auditor position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 20 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

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, 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 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 Dept. Director, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the administrative activities of the Southern Ute Detention Program and Facility. Pay grade 24; \$78,315/year.

Detention Transport Officer

Open until filled – 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.

Elementary 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. 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. Responsible for 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.

Medical Assistant (Temporary)

Open until filled – Providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Patrol Officer

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

Patrol Officer Trainee

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

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. Paid on the Education Scale.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Security Officer

Open until filled – Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. 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.

Substance Abuse Program Lead Therapist

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis treatment. Will supervise day-to-day services, counselors, and therapists within the Substance Abuse program, including CAC-I/ CAT and CAC-II/CAS counselors working to achieve CAC-III/CAS credentialing. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year

TEAM Worker (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open until filled – 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

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

COLORADO DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES

Indian Child Welfare Specialist

Full job description and application process: [www.colorado.gov/jobs](http://www.colorado.gov/jobs)

**Salary:** \$5,322.00 - \$7,790/Monthly

**Location:** Denver Metro, CO

**Job Type:** Full Time

**Job Number:** IHA 05430 11/06/2020

**Closing:** 11/29/2020, 11:59 PM (MST)

**Description of Job:** The Colorado Department of Human Services welcomes your interest in the Indian Child Welfare Specialist position. This position is responsible for assisting in development of program and policy as it relates to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and intra/interstate tribal relations. This position serves as the state’s subject matter expert for practices that ensure ICWA compliance and tribal collaboration.

Responsibilities in this position include:

- Monitor county programs for adherence to state rules and regulations
- Research and assess promising practices in meeting ICWA expectations and support implementation of policies and practices in the 64 county departments of human/social services
- Provide technical assistance in the area of ICWA
- Work with tribes, and American Indian children, youth, and families
- Monitor contracts with Colorado’s two tribes
- Make recommendations for policy and

practice improvements to the Permanency Services Unit Manager and the Ongoing Administrator in matters related to compliance with ICWA by coordinating efforts between county departments of human/social services, local district courts and other judicial entities, community stakeholders, and federally recognized tribes

- Develop programs and policies as it relates to the application of ICWA guidelines, intra/interstate tribal relations, and monitoring county programs for adherence to state rules and regulations
- Oversee and monitor Colorado tribes’ use of State funding and provide technical assistance in optimizing the use of the funds
- Facilitate tribal access to the Child Welfare Training System and coaching on an as needed basis
- Initiate and facilitate relationships between the State and county departments of human/social services with Colorado’s tribes and other tribes nationally

Minimum Qualifications, Substitutions, Conditions of Employment & Appeal Rights:

Three years of professional work related experience in the field or specialized subject area related to human services or public administration. Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree in a human behavioral science field or public administration related to the work assignment,





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since time immemorial. The Tribe maintains these responsibilities today and seeks involvement to uphold our traditional duties and to assist the state in fulfilling its goal of developing a ‘... sustainable use of the property for the enjoyment of the public while perpetuating the natural resources on the property.’ Traditionally, we do not separate natural resources from cultural resources because they are intrinsically intertwined in our spirituality and the story of the land.

The 19,200-acre property lies within the ancestral territory of the Mouache Band of Ute. As one of the two Ute bands who comprise the Tribe, we revere these lands as significant to our lifeways and tribal history. Although our foremothers and forefathers were forcefully removed from their homelands, we continue to uphold our sacred stewardship responsibilities.

While we applaud the state for taking steps to protect and manage natural resources, this request is based on our concerns about the identification of culturally significant resources including, but not limited to, ancestral sites (or archaeological sites), sacred sites, plant collection areas, and burials. Our engagement will ensure that proper and culturally appropriate mitigation measures are developed, which will be used to avoid, protect, and or minimize the destruction of the physical and spiritual aspects of our heritage.”

In closing the letter referenced the long-standing

relationship with the State of Colorado, and the state’s obligations to the tribes.

“The acceptance of this invitation will reflect positively with respect to upholding and maintaining government-to-government relations between the Tribe and State, as outlined in the 2014 State-Tribal Consultation Guide: An Introduction for Colorado State Agencies to Conducting Formal Consultations with Federally Recognized American Indian Tribes.”

The letter for the Colorado Department of Natural Resources was sent to CCIA Executive Director, Kathryn Redhorse on Oct. 7. The Tribe recently met with state officials to discuss progress on Fishers Peak, Thursday, Nov. 12.

In attendance were Jody Kennedy, Public Planning Unit in Denver; Crystal Dreiling, Senior Ranger with the Colorado Department of Natural Resources; Kathryn Redhorse, CCIA Executive Director; Morgan Ferris, CCIA Programs Manager; Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Director Shelly Thompson; and the Tribe’s NAGPRA Coordinators – Cassandra Atencio and Garrett Briggs.

“It was stated during the meeting that the State would like Fishers Peak to act as a model on how to involve Tribes in the future, with respect to managing state land,” Briggs announced. “Furthermore, the NAGPRA Office will be involved from here on out—to assist in the development of culture and natural resource manage-

ment plans.” The next meeting will be held within the first two months of next year.

“They were taking into consideration the environmental aspects, but not the culturally significant areas, such as archeological sites,” Briggs said. “The state really needs to take into consideration the history that came before statehood, regarding the original inhabitants. Right now, it’s not really inclusive.”

“For me, when the state started doing this, they should have thought about CCIA and the relationship with the two tribes,” said Cassandra Atencio, NAGPRA Coordinator for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

“That historical portion needs to come out, that story from a tribal voice needs to be heard,” Atencio said. “As we go along, I think we need to be involved in that. If you look at it from the cultural perspective, that’s a visual landmark. We want to make sure there are no sites of cultural or religious significance – which would have [cultural] items. That is probably one of the trail systems Buckskin Charlie used when meeting with the Comanche. Not just a trail for trade, but also for the ceremonial trek. When the Fishers Peak State Park comes about, those stories should come about.”

“We didn’t leave those areas because we wanted to. They moved us, back in 1868; we are still connected thought stories and prayers; we are still connected to this land — today,” Atencio said. “There needs to be NAGPRA involvement.”



## Southern Ute Utilities Division

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UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TRANSFER STATION

#### 2020

#### MODIFIED HOLIDAY HOURS

JAN. 20<sup>TH</sup> MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - OPEN

FEB. 17<sup>TH</sup> PRESIDENT'S DAY - OPEN

MAY 25<sup>TH</sup> MEMORIAL DAY - CLOSED

JULY 3<sup>RD</sup> FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY - OPEN

JULY 4<sup>TH</sup> FOURTH OF JULY - CLOSED

SEPT. 7<sup>TH</sup> LABOR DAY - OPEN

NOV. 11<sup>TH</sup> VETERAN'S DAY - OPEN

NOV. 26<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING DAY - CLOSED

NOV. 27<sup>TH</sup> THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - OPEN

DEC. 10<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH DAY - CLOSED

DEC. 11<sup>TH</sup> LEONARD C. BURCH HOLIDAY - OPEN

DEC. 24<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS EVE - OPEN

DEC. 25<sup>TH</sup> CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED

DEC. 31<sup>ST</sup> NEW YEAR'S EVE - OPEN

JAN. 1<sup>ST</sup> 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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Transfer Station:  
8AM to Noon, Mon-Sat

#### PAYMENT REMINDERS:

Pay your Utility Account

⇒ **NEW!** Online at:  
[www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com)  
Choose **"Pay My Bill"** tab.

⇒ Wells Fargo (Ignacio Branch) Drive-Thru

⇒ Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution (call Utilities office for application).

⇒ Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 [www.suitutil.com](http://www.suitutil.com)

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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**Across**

1 Young ‘un

4 “U. S. A.” author John --- Passos

7 Area of expertise

10 Lyric poem

11 Suffix for ten, cult, strict or post

12 Kind of takeover

13 Finish first

14 Auto safety item for a little one

16 Wreath of flowers

17 The --- Tribes of Oregon, who were subject to a Termination Act and then a Restoration Act

18 The Quechan

20 Track shoes

21 Thin porridge

23 --- Scholars Program, intended to improve higher education uptake by Native Americans and others

26 Yellow Dutch cheese coated with red wax

30 Period of European development ending about 100 AD

32 Farm resident found East, West, everywhere at first

33 Completely wrecked

34 “Can’t Help Lovin’ --- Man” (Kern Hammerstein song)

35 Water in Quebec

36 A single piece of clothing?

37 Elementary education, briefly

38 Gas additive brand

39 Single unit

40 Commotion

**Down**

1 Humble

2 Farewell

3 Coarse cotton twill

4 He had a feud with Coyote

5 Surreal goon chewed a kind of dentist

6 Mexican shawl

7 Far from comforting

8 Diminish

9 Some with black hair, clothing and makeup

15 Look happy

19 Guam capital Hagåtña’s former name

22 Landmark Venetian bridge

23 Parasitic arachnids

24 Zagreb resident

25 Still abed

27 --- White Eagle, Tribal Services Dept. Director

28 Blue ribbon

29 Detroit’s main airport

31 Verge

Answers for this crossword will appear in Dec. 4 issue of the Drum.

**Answers for Nov. 6, 2020 Crossword Puzzle:**

**Across:** 1 CPI, 4 MGs, 7 War, 10 Urn, 11 Bio, 12 IPO, 13 Buffalo, 15 Yom, 16 Idee, 17 Angola, 19 CERN, 20 Marten, 21 Close, 23 Rule in, 26 Arks, 30 Irises, 31 Sane, 32 Van, 33 Stryker, 35 Eld, 36 Tee, 37 Elf, 38 RSA, 39 Ort, 40 DTs.

**Down:** 1 Cubic, 2 Prude, 3 Infer, 4 MBA, 5 Gila Monster, 6 Soon as, 7 Wiyot, 8 A pole, 9 Roman, 14 Fences, 18 Greasy, 22 Lies to, 23 River, 24 Urals, 25 Linda, 27 Raked, 28 Knelt, 29 Serfs, 34 Ret.

NOTICE OF RE-OPENING OF THE LA BOCA BRIDGE

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

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/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/)

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Nov. 20

61°F partly sunny  
20% chance showers/thunderstorms

Saturday, Nov. 21

57°F partly sunny  
30% showers

Sunday, Nov. 22

51°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)