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CENTER OF SOUTHWEST STUDIES

Skateboard deck art exhibit, both unifying and unique

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Center of Southwest Studies at Fort Lewis College is now closing the door on the innovative PIVOT: Skateboard Deck Art exhibit. The exhibit was first opened in March of 2020, temporarily closed to the public due to COVID-19, and officially came to an end last week – Friday, March 19. The exhibit was made available for viewings in person and could be viewed virtually. The last visitors to the exhibit were four Southern Ute Education students: Elijah Weaver, Kalynn Weaver, Cyrus Naranjo and Ezekiel Howell, who were personally invited by the Center of Southwest Studies for a field trip.

The art exhibit was full of contemporary paintings, consisting of over 100 pieces of art from 28 different artists from 13 different Native American tribes. Not only do the artist share a common canvas of blank skateboard decks, but they all represent parts of their cultures as well as modern society. The name “PIVOT” refers to the quick transitions



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Elijah Weaver, Kalynn Weaver, Cyrus Naranjo and Ezekiel Howell attended the closing of the PIVOT: Skateboard Deck Art exhibit at Fort Lewis College's Center of Southwest Studies on Friday, March 19.

that people make between traditional culture and contemporary day-to-day lives. It's a way for artists to contribute to ancestral communities and home-

lands while still working in modern cities.

These artists have found a way to develop motifs by

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TRANSPORTATION

Road crews begin work on wildlife crossings on US 160

Underpass and overpass planned near Lake Capote

Staff report
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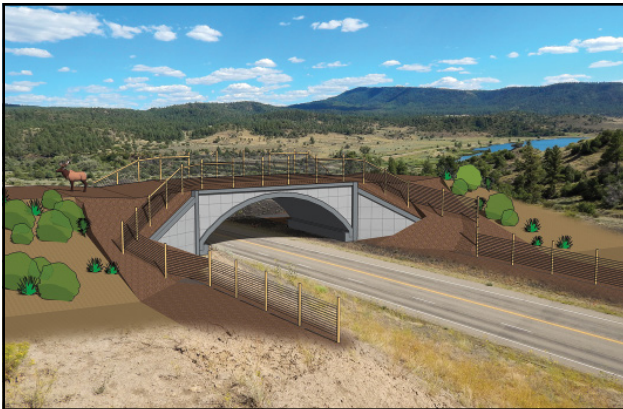
The Colorado Department of Transportation and prime contractor, Ralph L. Wadsworth Construction Co., will begin building new wildlife crossings this month on US Highway 160 near Chimney Rock National Monument and Lake Capote. The stretch of highway to receive the improvements is located approximately 13 miles west of Pagosa Springs and 37 miles east of Durango.

“Two years ago, Gov. Polis directed Colorado state agencies to support and protect wildlife habitat and migratory routes, while also enhancing public safety,” said CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew. “The wildlife mitigation features included in this project reflect CDOT’s commitment to incorporate ongoing consideration of big game migration into all levels of our planning and construction process that will enable safe wildlife passage and reduce wildlife-vehicle collisions.”

In 2019 the governor signed an executive order (Conserving Colorado’s Big Game Winter Range and Migration Corridors) which ensures wildlife conservation efforts by several state agencies – the Department of Natural Resources, Colorado Parks and Wildlife and CDOT.

“This project will span for two miles in an area that has been identified as a critical migratory corridor for both mule deer and elk,” explained Julie Constan, Southwest Regional Transportation Director. “Because this area sees an abundance of big game, wildlife-vehicle collisions make up more than 60 percent of crashes at this location. This \$11.3 million dollar project is expected to reduce those collisions by at least 80 percent.”

The development and cooperative financial backing for the wildlife crossings came out of efforts between the federal and state agencies,



courtesy Colo. Dept. of Transportation

An artist rendering of the new wildlife crossing on US Highway 160 near Chimney Rock and Lake Capote.

academics, nonprofits, biologists and engineers who formed the Colorado Wildlife and Transportation Alliance. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe also provided additional support with critical Global Positioning System data that identified seasonal migration patterns and habitat in the area. The Tribe also financially contributed \$1.3 million toward the project. Other financial contributors include Colorado Parks and Wildlife, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, the Mule Deer Foundation and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation.

As part of the first phase of construction, additional road improvements will be made to the intersection of CO Highway 151 at US 160. Excavation work will widen and extend both the westbound passing lane and the left-turn acceleration lane beginning mid-March. Just west of the intersection crews will then start excavating the first half of the wildlife underpass, also in the phase one schedule.

Erecting the wildlife overpass will take place in phase two, anticipated for later this summer. This will require night work and a full shutdown of US 160 to facilitate the completion of the structure. Advance public notice will be given and the approximate duration for the nighttime activity is expected to be five nights from 9 p.m. to 7 a.m. Alternate routes are advised.

Other components to the project include the instal-

lation of an 8-foot-tall exclusion fence along both sides of US 160 throughout the two-mile stretch. Earth-en escape ramps and deer guards will line the length of the fencing. Additionally, a large deer guard will be placed at the approach of CO 151 onto US 160 to prevent deer from jumping into the highway corridor.

TRAVEL IMPACTS

Daytime work hours will be from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Friday. A temporary signal will be installed to facilitate the completion of phase one of the underpass, reducing vehicles to a single-lane and alternating traffic intermittently in either direction. Fifteen-minute delays are expected. Speeds will be reduced to 30 mph in the work zone. The project is expected to last into late fall. Advance public notice will be given for night work to take place for the construction of the overpass requiring a full shutdown of US 160 for approximately five nights. Alternate routes are advised.

STAY INFORMED

The public is encouraged to sign-up for email updates or access information through the following resources:

- Project Hotline: 970-903-4004
- Project Email: PublicInfoCO@gmail.com
- Website: www.codot.gov/projects/us160-wildlife-crossing



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal elder, San Jean Burch displayed red signs and cutouts of red dresses in her front yard in 2019 to raise awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW); the red dresses are a symbol of awareness for Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women.

NATIVE MEDIA

Lee receives CCASA 2021 Media Excellence award

Drum reporter recognized for MMIW coverage

by Brie Franklin
COLORADO COALITION
AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT

The Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault (CCASA) is pleased to announce that Drum Reporter/Photographer McKayla Lee has been selected as the recipient of the 2021 Media Excellence Award. The Media Excellence Award is given annually and recognizes individual or organizational dedication to dispelling myths about sexual violence, breaking the silence surrounding this crime, and providing survivor-centered

coverage of sexual violence and related topics.

Lee was nominated by Kelsey Lansing, Cultural Outreach Coordinator at Sexual Assault Services Organization (SASO), Durango, Colo. Ms. Lansing spoke highly of Lee’s ongoing commitment to exceptional work to promote awareness about sexual violence, its impact, and hope for healing for survivors.

“We thank you for your exceptional work and are pleased to be able to recognize your commitment to sexual violence awareness in journalism and me-

dia,” said Brie Franklin, Executive Director, Colorado Coalition Against Sexual Assault.

The 2021 Media Excellence Award will be presented publicly at CCASA’s annual Sexual Assault Awareness Month (SAAM) Kick-off Virtual Event, taking place on Friday, April 2 from 1 – 2 p.m. We hope you will be able to join us at this event to present you with CCASA’s 2021 Media Excellence Award.

Please contact Agueda Morgan, Associate Director, at 303-261-5951 or agueda@ccasa.org for details.

Meet Yoko the canine!



courtesy Chris Naranjo/SUPD

Meet SUPD’s first Drug Detection Canine, “Yoko” and her Officer Handler Adrian Wauneka. Yoko is a one-year-old Belgian Malinois and a hard worker; she is looking forward to a rewarding career with SUPD. Officer Wauneka has been with SUPD since December of 2019; he previously worked as a Patrol Officer with the Navajo Nation. Officer Wauneka will be returning to Texas in April to receive additional training alongside Yoko. Look for their debut in May of 2021. This will be SUPD’s first ever K9 Program.

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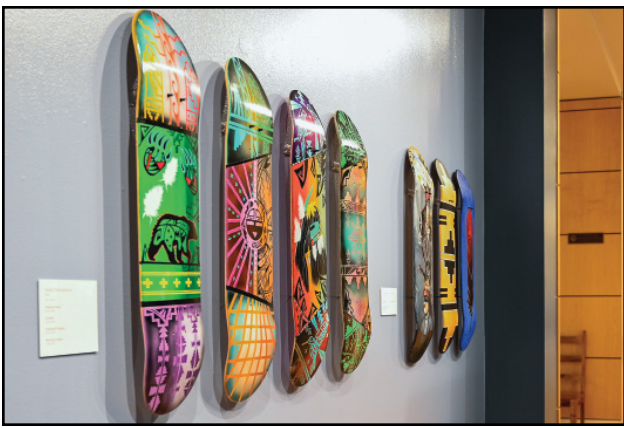
McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Cyrus Naranjo and Ezekiel Howell view each room of the PIVOT: Skateboard Deck Art Exhibit hosted by Fort Lewis College's Center of Southwest Studies.

melding traditional themes with contemporary experiences. By starting with a raw canvas, they each brought their own unique talents and experiences – personal, familial and tribal – to life.

Together, these artists have inspired and influenced each other across the boundaries of culture. "I loved the art on every skateboard, not only did they look amazing, but I loved the different representation in each design, I could tell they really put thought into every color, shape and aspect of the decks," Kalynn Weaver stated. "It was a great exhibit and experience, I would definitely want to see this show again." Weaver was one of the four students from the Southern Ute Education Dept. that viewed the exhibit on its final day.

The guest curators Duane Koyawena from the Hopi tribe and Landis Bahe from the Navajo Nation provided each artist with the pivotal moment to create iconic pieces of Native American art. Each artist was able to express their own tradition in new ways, ancient artifacts like baskets, pottery and weaving found a way in-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The PIVOT exhibit at the Center of Southwest Studies highlights 3D art curated by Native American artists. The exhibit's last day was Friday, March 19.

to modern designs and their own creation stories were expressed through contemporary graphic styles. PIVOT not only celebrates the commonality of tradition, but it provided a way to celebrate the differences among tribal traditions. "We wanted to unite artists and cultures, to bring them together as one," said Koyawena. "Art reflects life. We hope this art can also inspire."

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council and Youth Employment Coordinator, Dustin Weaver supervised the students visit to the cutting-edge exhibit. Weaver has overseen

the planning, build and the opening of the new skatepark that was a major project for the Youth Council. "We hope to have the PIVOT exhibit showcased at the grand opening of the new skatepark in Ignacio," Weaver expressed. "We want to bring the exhibit in to show the youth the positive impacts that art can make in a community." Not only will this show be an opportunity for youth to see a finely curated exhibit, but it can also be used as a medium to discuss issues of family, community, respect, cultural identity, loss and hope for the future.

Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Jazmin Carmenoros, a member of the Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, gets amped up with her peers on March 22, 2011 during an attempt at making history. Hundreds of Boys & Girls Club organizations across the United States set out to break a standing record in the Guinness Book of World Records for people doing jumping jacks at the same time across multiple locations.

This photo was first published in the March 25, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

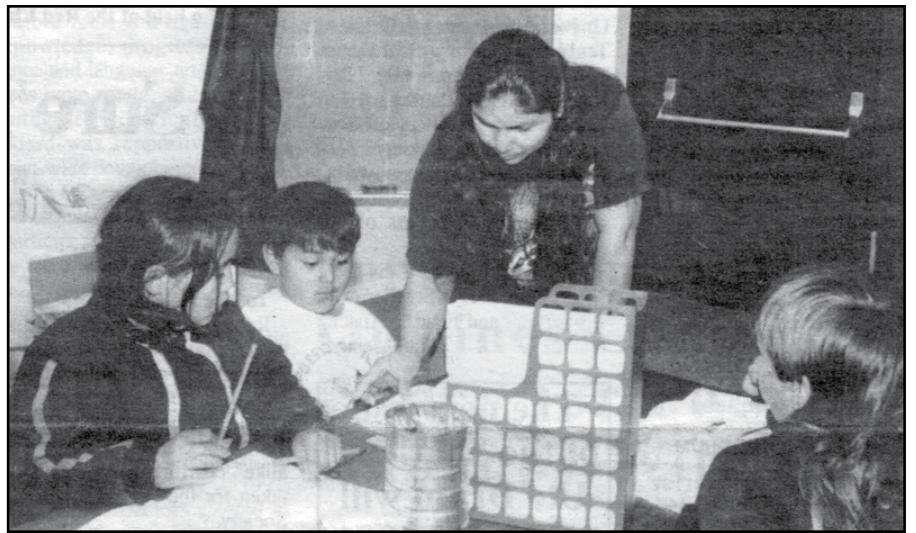


Robert Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Austin Box, center, holds the Denver March Powwow Staff, leading the Veterans Color Guard from various tribes throughout the United States and Canada at the Denver March Powwow, held March 16-17, 2001 at the Denver Coliseum.

This photo was published in the March 23, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Teacher's Aide Marylyn Olguin has her hands full helping some youngsters at the Josten's Learning Lab. Students are invited to come in to the new education building south of the high school for help with their studies.

This photo was published in the March 22, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

The Southern Ute Committee of Elders general membership held a meeting to discuss concerns over the Bear Dance, Sun Dance, etc. Committee of Elders who were in attendance were, Essie Kent, Jessie Jefferson, Sunshine Smith, Ida Williams, John Carel Williams, Euterpe Taylor, Floy Valdez, Molly Cloud and Julius Cloud.

This photo was published in the March 27, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



2021 Annual Spring Clean-Up April 19 – 23, 2021

Southern Ute Property and Facilities
Tyson Thompson, Director
970-563-2945

APRIL 19 through 23 ONLY! No pickups over the weekend or the week after.

Tribal Departments, Tribal Members, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pick-ups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash **MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP**. No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. **NO EXCEPTIONS**. We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders. If you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash, please contact the TERO Department at 970-563-2291.

All Vehicle Disposals please call Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265.

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call **Environmental Programs** at **970-563-0135**. If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs. Large size or dangerous **HAZARDOUS WASTE** testing and cleanup will be completed at the homeowner's expense.

- **Motor Pool, 970-563-0280:** Tribal Member homes west of the Pine River except those listed below.
- **Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265:** Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes on CR 314, CR 315, CR 316, and CR 311. ALL VEHICLES.
- **Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272:** Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas Apartments.
- **Construction Services, 970-563-0260:** Tribal members within the Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.
- **Southern Ute Housing Authority, 970-563-4575:** Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center occupants are to contact the S.U. Housing Authority.

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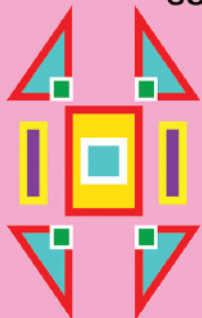
Stay up to date with the Coronavirus and the Southern Ute Tribe online at www.southernute-nsn.gov and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southernute



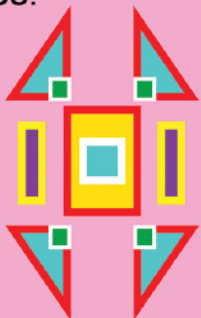
Attention Tribal Members



Cultural Preservation Department is seeking instructors for classes:



Dresses, shirts
Belts, moccasins
Shawls



For more information please contact
Dedra White Eagle at 970-563-2306

Box featured SWAIA artist



Please join Artist Services in welcoming Featured Artist, Debra K. Box (Southern Ute). Debra K. Box is a jeweler that works with beadwork, quillwork, metal smithing, and painted rawhide containers. The rawhide is hand-scraped, with earth pigments for color. Debra says that each medium is different yet very therapeutic. Her workmanship has the feel and look of having been created over a century ago, where her metal work has a more contemporary feel.
To view Debra K. Box's interview on "Coffee with Kim" visit: <https://market.swaia.org/coffee-with-kim/>
To shop Debra K. Box's work, visit: www.debrabox.com/thumbnail_list.php?mgd_id=277318

photos courtesy SWAIA

Announcing Virtual Fashion Show

March 29 - April 2, 2021

The Cultural Preservation Department and the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum is hosting a Virtual Fashion Show which is open to all Ute members and descendants. The Virtual Fashion Show is NOT a contest.

Those interested in participating may submit a maximum of five (5) photos of Ute Traditional hand-made items or regalia by mail to the Cultural Preservation Department, Special Events Coordinator Tara Vigil at PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137 or email photos to tvigil@southernute-nsn.gov Photos need to be sent in a JPG format. Along with the photo(s) please add a description, your name and if you would like, you may add your address, phone number and names of any individual(s) that model your item.

The Virtual Fashion Show will be on display March 29th - April 2nd, 2021 on the Southern Ute Tribal Website. The Deadline for submissions will be March 5, 2021 at 5pm.



For more information contact:
Event Coordinator Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985 or
Education Outreach Coordinator for SUCCM, SkyDawn Moccasin-Flower
email sflower@southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute Bear Dance announcement from Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box

I am a Buffalo too and I speak to you regarding the 2021 Southern Ute Bear Dance. The gift, from creation, allows us to shed the last year and step forward spiritually, mentally, and physically rejuvenated. Only this one year, we will have the **SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE, JUNE 18 - 21, 2021**, and I encourage everyone to become fully vaccinated before then.

Please keep in mind that these dates are subject to cancel due to Covid restrictions, such as Stay at Home orders and CDC guidelines.

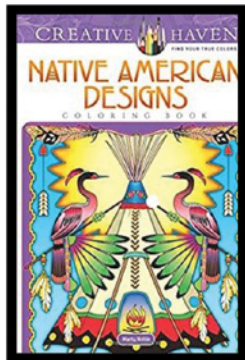
I will be watching the status of Covid closely, as these dates approach, and will communicate any changes or concerns.

Be safe and stay safe.
Matthew Box
Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief



Photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley | SU Drum

Multi-Purpose Facility Elder Activity



Available to Tribal Member Elders

Call the MPF to request a Book at 970-563-2641
or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Books will be mailed or delivered by Elder Services
Available March 5, 2021

Multi-Purpose Facility Tribal Member March Craft Project



There is a limited supply of kits to distribute.
If you have received a kit in the past and haven't sent a picture of your completed project, please send before requesting this kit

**Call to request your kit: 970-563-2641
or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov**

Kits will be mailed, and are available on Monday March 15, 2021



HEALTHY RECIPES

Try this alternative to carbohydrate rich crust!

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

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

Cauliflower Crust Pizza

Ingredients:

- One bag (~2.5 cups) seasoned riced cauliflower found in the frozen section
- 2 eggs.
- 1 cup shredded or grated parmesan cheese.
- 1/4 to 1/2 cup prepared pizza or tomato sauce.
- 1/2 to 1 cup shredded mozzarella.
- 1 cup vegetable medley of choice (sautéed or fresh onions, peppers, mushrooms, etc.)
- Optional: 4 oz preferred meat toppings (pepperoni, hamburger, Canadian bacon, etc.)

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 450 degrees.
2. Heat cauliflower in microwave 5 minutes.
3. Drain any water out of cauliflower by straining and squeezing with a towel.
4. Place eggs and parmesan into cauliflower and mix well to create cohesive mound.
5. Spray 12" pizza pan with non-stick spray.
6. Spread and pat cauliflower mixture onto pan.
7. Bake cauliflower crust in heated



courtesy Wholesome Yum

- oven for 15 minutes.
8. Remove crust and top with sauce, mozzarella and toppings of choice.
9. Bake another 10 minutes or until cheese is bubbly, edges brown.

Make your own riced cauliflower option:

- Cut one head of cauliflower into small sections, place in food processor and pulse into small rice-sized pieces. Place 2 to 2 1/2 cups in large bowl (store the rest 2-3 days in fridge or freeze after all liquid has been removed).
- Heat cauliflower for 5-8 minutes in microwave.
- Remove any liquid by straining and/or squeezing out with towel.
- Add 1/2 teaspoon oregano, basil and garlic to cauliflower.
- Follow steps 4-9 above.

Ratios: ~1 cup cauliflower to 1 egg to 1/2 cup parmesan

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Why are teen brains vulnerable to substance abuse?

By Stephanie Garcia
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

A teen brain vs. an adult brain: You may be familiar with a something called dopamine. It's a feel-good chemical messenger that our brains release when we do things that bring us pleasure such as exercising, eating a delicious meal, or spending time with a loved one. It is also released when you use substances such as nicotine, marijuana, alcohol, or other drugs (Addiction Policy Forum, 2019). In a teen brain dopamine is released even more easily than in an adult brain. For instance, teens show an increase in dopamine release when they are spending time hanging out with friends. This could be one reason why peer friendships are so important to teens, and in relation to substance use, why teens use with and around their peers (Penn State Pro Wellness, 2018).

The tricky thing about the release of dopamine when you are using substances is that these substances start to "hijack" your brain. In other words, every time you use, you are searching for that happy feeling you might have felt the first time you felt a high. However, it gets harder and harder to achieve this same high each time (Addiction Policy Forum, 2019). This is what is often referred to as tolerance (Dana Foundation, 2020). Substance abuse also hijacks your brain in a way that takes all those things that used to make you feel good, like the exercise, eating delicious foods, and spending time with people you care about, and replaces them with a craving to use. Instead of getting that feeling of pleasure you used to get when you did those things, your brain is working to chase a high that becomes harder and harder to achieve, while slowly doing long term damage to a sensitive and devel-



oping brain (Addiction Policy Forum, 2019).

Brain development in young people: It can be hard to be a teen. There are many changes happening biologically and socially that can feel particularly overwhelming. Often teens get a bad rap for being impulsive, reckless, and moody. While these things can be true, there is a lot happening with regards to brain development that contributes to this. One thing that is important to note is that for most people, the brain isn't fully developed until around the age of 25. Therefore, there is a great amount of time during an individual's formative years where the brain is particularly vulnerable to the damage that substance abuse can cause.

During this time prior to the brain being fully developed, one of the main parts of the brain that is still forming is called the pre-frontal cortex. This part of the brain impacts things such as impulse control and decision making. When substance use is added to the mix this can have long term effects on the brain and impact these things, as well as memory, social skills, and increasing the likelihood of addiction (Addiction Policy Forum, 2019). Research shows that when a youth starts using substance while their brain is still developing vs. when an individual starts to use as an adult, the likelihood of addiction increases significantly (World Science Festival, 2014).

The young adult and teenage years are an important time: It is important to recognize that, although this time in a young person's life can be challenging, it should be honored just as any other phase of life is honored. Although there are negative aspects associated with this time in a young person's development, there are also many positive things being explored during this period. For many young people, it can be a time of discovery, idealism, and social learning that will help develop the adult they will become in the future and in turn their role in our greater society. Therefore, it is important to nurture and support our youth during these years.

How to get support: There are many individual factors to consider when talking about substance abuse. Things such as family history of substance use, personality traits, and environment can all contribute to why one person can use substances and not become addicted vs. someone else who can become addicted to a substance after their first time trying it (Addiction Policy Forum, 2019).

It is important to keep in mind that it is not as easy as having more willpower or deciding not to use alcohol and drugs. Substance abuse often requires additional support and interventions to begin to heal, just as another type of disease would require. Over time and with treatment, in many cases, the brain can begin to repair the damage that was caused by substance abuse. Whether it is joining a support group, attending therapy, or going to a treatment center, there are many options for someone who is struggling to get support (Dana Foundation, 2020).

As a behavioral health therapist with Native Connections, one of our main goals is to support youth and teens to prevent substance abuse. If you are struggling with substance abuse or feel as though this might be a risk to you, please reach out to our behavioral health department at 970-563-5700 or myself at 907-563-2297.

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Opioid addiction treatment available in early April

By William Finn, MD
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

Starting Tuesday, April 6, a culturally tailored treatment program for opioid addiction will be available through the Indian Health Service at the Mesa Building. This clinic will combine counselling by the Behavioral Health providers and treatment with medication by the medical providers. Using medication to help with recovery is called Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT), which has been proven to save lives from overdoses and help people get over their addiction to get back to normal life. The main medication used will be buprenorphine.

Given the national opioid epidemic, which has only worsened during the COVID-19 pandemic, Tribal Health Director Anita Brock and Chief Medical Officer Dr. Richard Keller have made this program a priority. "If you get broken, it's possible to put yourself back together. I'm here to tell you that if you get lost, it's possible that a light will come dancing on the horizon to lead you home," Brock said. "MAT is part of a program that can help you do just that. I believe in recovery, and as a role model I have the responsibility to let young people know that you can make a mistake and come back from it."



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Future home of the Medication-Assisted Treatment (MAT) clinic, located west of Ignacio – the clinic will combine counselling by the Behavioral Health providers and treatment with medication by the medical providers.

The clinic will incorporate harm reduction principles, such as distributing naloxone, a medication that can be used in an emergency to reverse an opioid overdose. Patients will also be offered HIV and Hepatitis C testing and referrals to services for social needs. Dr. Keller has had discussions with the Southern Ute Legal Department on how we can help people who have encountered legal problems because of their addiction. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Association, "Across the criminal justice system, MAT has been found to reduce criminal activity, arrests, as well as probation revocations and re-incarcerations."

A future direction that is being explored is to expand pain management services,

since pain, physical or emotional, is often what causes people to turn to opioids in the first place.

The MAT clinic can be seen as part of the larger overall approach to substance use in the community. The Southern Ute Tribe has been the recipient of the Native Connections grant, and through this funding they have formed the Southern Ute Prevention Coalition. Dr. Keller, Anita Brock, and I have participated in some initial meetings with the Coalition and intend to continue to coordinate with them. We aspire to make the clinic as culturally appropriate as possible.

The initial operating hours will be from 9 a.m. – noon on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please call 970-563-5700 to schedule an appointment.

Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health; 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- **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.
- **Southern Ute Police Dept.:** Anonymous Tip Hotline Do you have information about a crime? Please call 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.
- **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 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

- **24/7 Axis Crisis Line:** SW Colorado 970-247-5245 or Text 741741
- **Colorado Crisis Line:** 844-493-8255 or Text "TALK" to 38255. You'll immediately be put in contact with a trained counselor, ready to text with you about anything.
- **The National Suicide Prevention Lifeline:** Has both an online chat and 24/7 phone line at 1-800-273-8255 if you are thinking of suicide or need help for a loved one.
- **The Trevor Project:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.

Early Detection Matters.

Get health screening tests and wellness check-ups each year at your local Urban Indian Health facility.

Watch the video and learn more at ncuih.org/wisdomkeeper



TRIBAL HEALTH

Tribal Member Health Benefits Plan portal and app

Erika Atencio
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Greetings Southern Ute Tribal Membership, The Tribal Health Department would like to continue the effort to help individuals understand the sometimes-complex world of health. This article will cover the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Health Benefits Plan Member Portal and Mobile App Access. Health Benefits Plan Member Portal and Mobile App Access: As a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Member Health Benefits Plan, you have access to your health benefit plan information via the Gateway Member Portal or the My FCPID Mobile app found in the Apple App Store or Google Play. These new avenues of communication are user friendly and all out to stay on top of your health benefit plan needs.

- You will be able to do the following:
- View our health benefits plan card right at the doctor’s office.
 - Request changes made your plan like updating member information and requesting new benefit cards
 - You can review dependent information to allow you to keep up to date on the most current information on all your insured members.
 - View your own personal claims history.
 - Review your health benefits plan summary information.
 - Send message to the FCPID team regarding any questions you may encounter.

You have a few options to choose from regarding your access preferences. You can have access strictly with just the website or application. You can also use them both interchangeably once you have completed registration; your username and password will work for both. Each member or family group has their own registration code that you can get directly by contacting the FCPID or by calling the Tribal Health Department Benefits Coordinators, Erika Kososik or Elizabeth “Cindy” Gallegos. Below are step by step instructions for accessing the website or app.

- For access using the website on a mobile phone or desktop:
1. Go to <https://fcp.vbagateway.com/>
 2. Click on Click here to register and/or enroll.
 3. Select Member from the drop-down list.
 4. Fill in the following information.
 - a. Last 4 digits of SSN.
 - b. Date of birth.
 - c. VBA Gateway Registration Code: 12345678901
 - d. First and Last name.
 - e. Create a username and password.
 - f. Enter and confirm email address.
 5. Click Submit.



- For access using the My FCPID application through the Apple App Store or Google Play:
1. Open the appropriate application store specific to your device.
 2. In the search option, type My FCPID and click Get or Install.
 3. Once installed onto your device, open application.
 4. Click on Register with Gateway found in the middle of the screen.
 5. Fill in the following information.
 - a. Last 4 digits of SSN.
 - b. Date of birth.
 - c. VBA Gateway Registration Code: 12345678901
 - d. First and Last name.
 - e. Create a username and password.
 - f. Enter and confirm email address.
 6. Click Submit.

Contact the Forest County Potawatomi Insurance Dept. with any questions or login issues with the Gateway Portal at 715-478-7448 or 800-960-5479 or email them at fcp-insurance@fcpotawatominnsn.gov. Thank you for your time and please look forward to the next article. The THD Benefits Team is continuing to work through the tribally issued “Stay at Home” Order. Office phones are forwarded to assist the tribal membership between 8 a.m. through 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We hope that each and every one of you are continuing to stay safe and follow the public health orders issued to help slow or stop the spread of COVID-19.

Recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month

Across the Nation, April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month. As adults, it is our responsibility to ensure every child has a chance to succeed. We must recommit ourselves to ensuring that children have a safe and stable environment that is free from abuse and neglect. The majority of child abuse cases result from conditions that can be prevented through community support and intervention. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a proud and rich history. One of the values

represented on the Tribal Seal is that of peace. We can work together as a community to help our children learn this value and pass it on through future generations. The entire staff of the Social Services Division invite each community member to join us in recognizing Child Abuse Prevention month through participating in some or all of the activities listed in the calendar of events below.

Respectfully,
Amber Petersen
Social Services Division Head

Child Abuse Prevention Month

- **April 1:** Child Abuse Prevention Month Kick-Off! Wear Blue Day! Blue is the color to honor those children who have been affected by abuse and neglect.
- **April 2:** Celebrate the joy of reading for “International Children’s Book Day!” Gift or read a book to a child today.
- **April 3:** Plan a fun family night, play a game, watch a movie, or just spend some social time together.
- **April 4:** Happy Easter! Plan an egg hunt with your family.
- **April 5:** Tell a child in your life three reasons why they are special to you today.
- **April 6:** Practice story telling today. Share your favorite story and ask your child to tell you a story.
- **April 7:** Learn more about Pinwheels for Prevention and the significance of the Pinwheel!
- **April 8:** Show off your awesome art skills on “Draw a Bird day!” Be sure to share on social media, #childrenaresacred
- **April 9:** Be on the lookout for the Southern Ute Tribe’s Pinwheel Garden.
- **April 10:** It’s “National Siblings Day!” If you’ve got siblings, tell them how you much you appreciate them.
- **April 11:** Time to get crafty! Look up how you can make your own pinwheel to put in your yard or garden and show your friends or post on social media. #pinwheelsforprevetion #childrenaresacred.
- **April 12:** Build a tower or a fort out of anything around the house. Allow your children to use their imagination.
- **April 13:** Bake cookies together and talk! Talk about your favorite animals, your favorite activities, your favorite foods- just talk and enjoy it!
- **April 14:** Teach children their rights. Teach them they are special, have the right to be safe and have the right to say no to things that make them feel uncomfortable.
- **April 15:** Teach your child to have a giving spirit Donate resources to others in need-clothing, food, toys etc.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE HOTLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline launches text advocacy

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline (1-844-7NATIVE) announced today it will soon expand operations by offering text advocacy. The expanded service launches on Monday, March 22. Text advocacy can be reached by using StrongHearts Native Helpline’s number: 1-844-762-8483.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a culturally appropriate, anonymous, confidential and free service dedicated to serving Native victim-survivors, concerned family members and friends affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence. StrongHearts Native Helpline is a project of the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center and the National Domestic Violence Hotline.

Like online chat advocacy, text advocacy increases accessibility for individuals who may be hearing impaired and those who may be uncomfortable or unable to vocalize a call for support. As the pandemic continues and victim-survivors in abusive relationships are forced to shelter-in-place with their abusive partners; it becomes even more vital to offer multiple communication options so victim-survivors can decide what is a safe and appropriate option for them.



“We are eager to expand our services to reach every Native victim-survivor who needs it,” said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “StrongHearts will continue our work until all of our relatives have the resources they need and are safe from violence.”

According to the National Institute of Justice and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s 2010 National Intimate Partner and Sexual Partner Survey, Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence in the United States. The study found that more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women had experienced violence in their lifetime, and one in three had experienced violence within the past year. The study also examined how this violence affects tribal communities and Native survivors. For

American Indian and Alaska Native people, the study found about half of women and nearly one in five men stated they needed victim services. With few options and supportive resources, Native American victims of abuse often go without assistance. To address these inequities and better serve Native Americans and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts has been rapidly expanding. In 2020, StrongHearts launched online chat advocacy and sexual violence advocacy. In 2021, StrongHearts increased advocacy services to 7 days a week, 24 hours a day. As American Indian and Alaska Native communities continue to navigate the isolating effects of COVID-19, 24/7 expanded operations and text advocacy will allow those experiencing domestic and sexual violence to connect with a highly trained advocate whenever they need free, anonymous and confidential support.

BEE HEARD: COMMUNITY • FROM PAGE 4

EXCITING NEWS! The Behavioral Health division will be opening our new building at 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO 81303 very soon! For more information or to schedule an appointment, please contact us at 970-563-5700. We look forward to seeing you all very soon!

Want to help and be a part of the change? Looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma, and start the discussion around suicide and prevention.

Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meetings: We are going virtual! For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

Upcoming Community Events: The Southern Ute Native Connections Program is working to put together a virtual talking circle for teens lead by Stephanie Garcia, Native Connections Behavioral Health Therapist and Lisa Pratchett, Licensed Professional School Counselor. Our fist talking circle will be for

youth in grades 9-12. More on that to come, so be on the lookout for information posted in the Drum. If you have any questions or feel this is something you may be interested in, please contact Stephanie Garcia at 970-563-2297.



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7:30-8:30pm I Small Group Sharing	Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information contact Teresa at 970.779.8133 or tmmscox@yahoo.com



EDUCATION

Credit Union of Colorado Foundation offers \$50,000 in scholarships

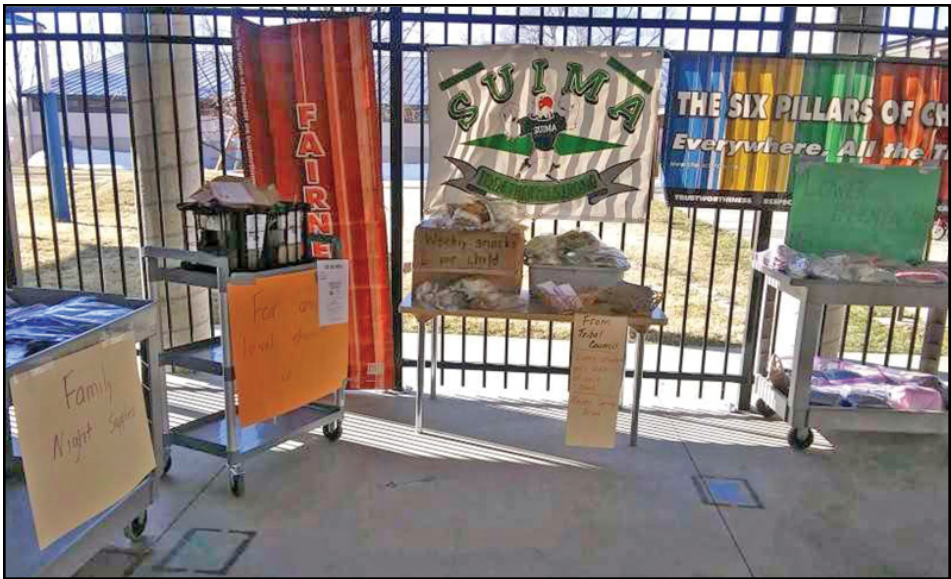
Staff report
CREDIT UNION OF COLORADO FOUNDATION

The application process for Credit Union of Colorado Foundation college scholarships opened on March 15, 2021, for students from around the state. The foundation will provide a \$5,000 annual scholarship to 10 students – for a total of \$50,000 in tuition assistance for the 2021/2022 school year.

“This year marks the seventh year we have provided financial support to college students from communities throughout Colorado,” says Kamela Pancroft, board chair of the Credit Union of Colorado Foundation. “Our scholarship committee is amazed by the quality of students who apply. Their applications impart the personal commitments they have to volunteerism and the goals they have set to impact society and their communities upon completing their education. We are proud to invest in these students, whom we know will make a lasting impact by giving back and achieving their professional pursuits.”

Credit Union of Colorado Foundation will accept college scholarship applications from March 15 through April 15, 2021. Scholarship eligibility is extended to students who are Colorado residents enrolled in, or scheduled to enter, an accredited college or university as an undergraduate taking at least 12 credit hours per semester. Applicants must maintain a minimum 3.5 grade-point average on a 4.0 scale in high school or during the previous 12 months as a college undergraduate. Students should also demonstrate an active commitment to volunteer activities and community service at their school or in their local community.

Scholarship renewals are not automatic; the student must reapply each year. For more information and access to this year’s application, visit cuofcofoundation.org/generalscholarships.



courtesy SUIMA

Outside the SUIMA office, this is what a typical Friday looks like as student can pick up items for the Parent Advisory Family Nights, Dancing Spirit Art activities, snacks from the kitchen, and various other items to help the students and families be successful this school year.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Looking back, a year ago

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Looking back to a year ago, when our school went to remote online learning, we didn’t know what was going to happen. The teachers did the best they could as they made plans on how the online classrooms would look when the students “returned” after Spring Break. Binders were set up, our online learning program links were placed on our website, (www.suima.org), Zoom links were provided, and many phone calls were made to the parents throughout the remainder of the school year.

Since then, this school year has looked similar but with improvements. With support from our “tech” department, Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS), we were able to provide Chromebooks to the students who needed them and laptops to the teachers so that they could work more efficiently from home.

Our education department worked with the Ignacio School District to support students and teachers who needed hot spots. Along with a core group of individuals made up of staff from SUIMA, SUSS and the Ignacio School District, we now have Google Classroom and Seesaw added to

the various learning platforms, so that lessons can be delivered quicker, smoother and more efficiently.

SUIMA’s After School leader/bus driver delivers materials to families who cannot come in to get the student work, so that all students are reached and supported during this school year.

As we settled first into the routine of online classrooms, SUIMA added virtual PE classes provided through SunUte, afterschool art classes with Dancing Spirit, Social Emotional Learning with the school counselor, lunch time social circles for all levels and the upper elementary class will be going on a virtual field trip to History Colorado in the near future. The materials that were created this year mimicked what is in our Montessori classrooms: math materials in paper form but are similar to the beautiful math materials we have; sandpaper letters written in large letters; bead bars made from pony beads and pipe cleaners, a moveable alphabet that uses a small fishing tackle box for storage.

These are just some examples of what has been provided to the families of SUIMA so that the students can continue to learn and that the parents have the right materials to teach and support their children.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

For this edition of the Drum the SUIMA Spotlight is on staff member Maria Rivera – Na’anasichi Mama-chi, (Butterfly Woman).



Maria Rivera
Ute Language Guide

Ms. Rivera joined the staff last school year as a Ute Language guide/teacher.

While her extended family is large, Maria’s immediate family includes daughter Jaelyn, sons Keyon and Charles and dogs LuLu and Rose.

As Maria works hard to improve her Ute Language so that she can support the students, staff and families of SUIMA, she says the best part about working at the school is working with the youth and seeing their excitement and growth with the language.

Ms. Rivera offers this advice to students: work hard for progress, not perfection. She also states that she loves her co-workers and the great environment that the school has created. Her favorite quote is, “Listen to understand, not to reply.”

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

Upcoming SUIMA events

- April 13 – Parent Advisory Group meeting
- April 21 – Parent Advisory Group Family Night
- April 26 – Professional Development Day – No school for students

Nominations for the Annual Elbert J. Floyd Award now being accepted

Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:

- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
- Deserving
- A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
- Interested in continuing his or her education
- Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
- Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person.

Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by **5 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2021** and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information contact Ellen at 970-563-2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov

The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd’s children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Tribal student.

The Powerhouse Apollo 14 Virtual Speaker Series

Join The Powerhouse virtually for the continuation of the Apollo 14 Virtual Speaker Series on Sunday, April 11. Tune into @powscicenter Facebook stream from 4:30 – 5:30 p.m., to hear speakers Steven Cooper and Renee Jack discuss satellite and resource tracking technologies that smokejumpers and wildland firefighters rely on, and how they use them for decision making in fighting fire. Free to the public. Live Q&A following the event.

Scholarship Opportunity!!

Native American Scholarship available to students pursuing degrees and training in anthropology/archaeology or other cultural studies

by the

Colorado Council of Professional Archaeologists

The goal of the scholarship is to promote high standards of archaeological research, reporting, and site management, as well as other studies in cultural and historic preservation

Up to \$1,500 will be awarded to one or two qualified Native American graduate or undergraduate students. Eligible Applicants include:



Students (enrolled in an accredited Anthropology program) attending an archaeological field school, preferably offered by a Colorado-based university or college (or taking place in Colorado).



Students participating in a student internship (or other opportunity) at a Tribal Historic Preservation Office.



Students pursuing other educational opportunities related to archaeological or anthropological studies; examples of such include (but are not limited to) training in NEPA, NAGPRA, NHPA (Section 106), museum studies, artifact analysis, tribal cultural preservation programs, etc.

Deadline for 2021 Scholarships is April 26, 2021.

For more information and for a scholarship application, visit

<https://coloradoarchaeologists.org/scholarship-opportunities/native-american-scholarship/>

Contact Bridget Ambler at bridge4corners@gmail.com



2018 CCPA Native American Scholarship recipient Kristin Kayaani conducts fieldwork at the Bowthorpe site in Cortez, CO as part of the Fort Lewis College Field School.

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TRR provides free kayaking trips to active duty military, veterans, their families and caregivers. Every experience level is welcome to discover health and healing through TRR paddle sports.

TEAM RIVER RUNNER

Ignacio welcomes Team River Runner

Free kayaking for veterans and their families

By Carmen Skarlupka
TEAM RIVER RUNNER

Ignacio is home to the Four Corners Chapter Coordinator of Team River Runner (TRR). TRR provides free kayaking trips to active duty military, veterans, their families and caregivers. TRR welcomes both able-bodied and disabled warriors, providing specialized adaptive paddling equipment to ensure our wounded warriors enjoy access to the water and paddling. Every experience level is welcome to discover health and healing through TRR paddle sports.

Covid restrictions permitting, Four Corners NM TRR will begin offering weekly kayaking trips on local waters this summer. You can check out their calendar of events on Facebook or by visiting their website, www.teamriverrunner.org/new-mexico.

Currently, TRR is accepting application from Native Veterans interested in an all-expense paid weeklong paddling/camping trip in California's Sierra Nevada this August for their annual BIPOC Clinic. Interested veterans should contact Carmen Skarlupka, Chapter Coordinator, at (970) 880-1257 or carmen.skarlupka@teamriverrunner.org.

All of TRR events are offered at no-cost to Veterans and their families consisting of weekly kayaking, canoeing, rafting and stand up paddle boarding (SUP) trips on local waterways. White-water paddling day trips on the Animas and San Juan Rivers. Calm kayaking day trips on the Navajo, Night-horse and Vallecito Lakes.

Additionally, TRR hosts week-long all expenses paid Veterans-only clinics and affinity trips for women, BIPOC (Black, Indigenous People of Color), Out-sight (vision impaired), and National Kayak Football League.

Both of TRR's Chapter Co-Coordinators, Jessica Piercy and Carmen Skarlupka, are disabled female veterans. Carmen, a Navy Veteran, lives in Ignacio and is a life-long kayaker. Jessica, a 100% Disabled Army Veteran, lives in Aztec, N.M. The two Veterans met in 2016 and decided to start a local TRR Chapter to help veterans like Jessica, safely recover following knee surgery in 2020. Piercy says, "I am walking testimony of the healing that comes from paddling and, I want to give the same opportunities to other people."

We know Water is Life, and so does the Veterans Admin-

istration (VA)! The VA's Outdoor Recreational Therapy program endorses TRR paddle sports as a way for Veterans to heal and recover from traumas. Outdoor Recreation Therapy is recommended to treat physical, psychological, social, emotional, behavioral and spiritual traumas including post-traumatic stress disorder and military sexual trauma.

If you are interested in supporting TRR's mission, they welcome all non-veteran and veteran volunteer guides, accept gently used donations of kayaks, canoes, rafts, SUPs and paddling equipment. TRR also accepts donations through their website's Donate page under Chapter/Clinic and choosing New Mexico Four Corners.

Established in 2004, TRR is an all-volunteer veteran-run 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that encourages veteran's participation in paddle sports. With over 50 Chapters across the US, TRR helps wounded warriors and their families find healing, health and wellness on the water.

If you are a Veteran, or know a veteran, sign up to paddle with TRR and join our Warriors on the River to Recovery! Paddle safe and we hope to see you out on the water, soon.

USDA food shares continues



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Phillip Carrillo, Agriculture Field Technician helps Southern Ute Councilwoman, Vanessa Torres load a USDA food box into her vehicle on Friday, February 28 at the Southern Ute Agriculture Division.

Southern Ute Agriculture Division Head, Kevin Mallow and Field Technician, Phillip Carrillo wait for more community members show up to the USDA's "Farmers to Families" program that distributes food boxes to all community members through a collaboration with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and the Southern Ute Tribe.



Due to the "Stay At Home Order" Office hours are limited

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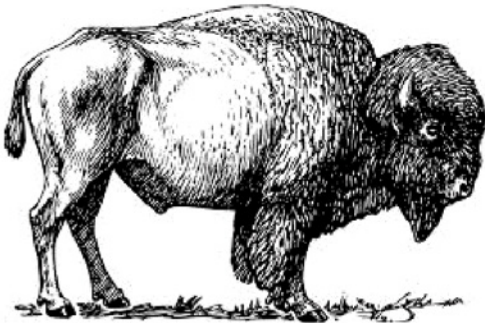
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By appointment please call 563-0130

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TEAM RIVER RUNNER



Annual BIPOC Paddling Clinic

August 12-16, 2021

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Free Paddling-Camping Trip for Active Duty/Military Veterans

Native Veterans please join service members and veterans for a week of healing, camaraderie, paddling and camping along the American River in the Sierra Nevada Mountains of California. Indigenous, Black, People of Color, and Two Spirit veterans/active duty welcome to apply, including disabled veterans with adaptive paddling needs. All expenses paid by Veterans Affairs Adaptive Sports Grant and TRR, an all volunteer veteran-run 501(c)(3).

Contact: Carmen Skarlupka, Coordinator, Four Corners-NM, Team River Runner, email: carmen.skarlupka@teamriverrunner.org or call text: (970) 880-1257. Carmen is a Navy Veteran living in Ignacio.

Warriors on the River to Recovery



VA U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs

2021 Season Schedule for Lake Capote

Season Dates: Thursday, March 4 through Sunday, Oct. 31

Days Open: Thursday – Sunday (+ Holiday Mondays)

Baitshop Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.

NOTICE: Due to COVID-19, access to Lake Capote at this time is open only to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate family.

All visitors must check-in at the Baitshop window for permitting. Please continue to practice social distancing while visiting Lake Capote and stay 6 feet away from others.

Also, please note the following:

- Fishing has been restricted to shoreline and docks.
- No boating allowed at this time.
- Camping is permitted.
- The Baitshop is closed to foot traffic, but limited sales are available through the window.



If you have questions, please call the Lake Capote Manager at 970-883-2273 or the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Thank you for understanding.

Photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



CYBER SECURITY

Don't be fooled by workspace tools

Satff report THE KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM

Many organizations use platforms such as Micro-soft Teams, Google Drive, or Zoom to stay connected. Unfortunately, these trust- ed communication tools can lead to a false sense of secu- rity. Just like with tradition- al email, bad guys can use these platforms to launch a cyber-attack. Below are three examples of how cy- bercriminals use these plat- forms for phishing – and what you can do to keep your organization safe!

Lurking: Recently, a cy- bercriminal gained access to an organization's Micro- soft Teams channel, which is similar to a group message or a chat room. The scam- mer lurked in the channel for nearly a year, reading mes- sages, collecting data, and waiting for the perfect time to strike. Finally, someone

asked that a file be shared to the channel and the bad guy used this opportunity to send a malicious ZIP file. When opened, the file installed malware that gave the scam- mer full access to the vic- tim's computer.

Remember: If someone sends you a link or an at- tachment, verify that you know and trust the sender before you click.

Playing Tag: On Goo- gle Drive, anyone can be tagged in a file, so long as their Gmail address is valid. This means that if a bad guy tags you in a Google docu- ment, you will receive a le- gitimate notification from Google that includes a link to the bad guy's file. If you view the bad guy's file, you'll likely find that it tells you to click another link. This second link is actually a malicious attempt to steal your sensitive information.

Remember: If you re-

ceive a suspicious noti- fication, contact your IT de- partment or follow the spe- cific security procedure for your organization.

Phony Notifications: At- tending meetings on Zoom is as simple as clicking a button within an email. Un- fortunately, getting phished is just as easy. Cybercrim- inals send out fake Zoom notifications that claim you missed an important meet- ing. They use a sense of ur- gency to get you to click on a link to view the meet- ing schedule. But don't be fooled! The link actually sends you to a phony login page designed to steal your username and password.

Remember: If an email asks you to log in to an ac- count or online service, log in to your account through your browser – not by click- ing the link in the email.

Stop. Look. Think. Don't be fooled.

ENERGY

LPEA allocates more than \$500,000 to support the local community

Staff report LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

The La Plata Elec- tric Association (LPEA) Board of Directors allocat- ed \$512,100 in unclaimed Capital Credits at its March meeting to support a variety of local organizations and initiatives.

"One of the best parts of being a non-profit rural electric cooperative is how much we are able to invest in – and support – our local communities," said LPEA CEO Jessica Matlock. "Un- der the leadership and guid- ance of our board, LPEA has reinvested roughly \$3 million in unclaimed capi- tal credits in our community over the past 10 years, and we look forward to invest- ing more in the future."

Funds were allocated as follows:

- \$50,000 to the Commu- nity Foundation Serv- ing Southwest Colora- do (CERF) to support community recovery amidst the COVID-19 pandemic.
- \$60,000 to LPEA's Round Up Foundation, which provides grants to local non-profits.
- \$102,100 to LPEA's an-

nual scholarship pro- grams, which provide funding for local high school seniors and GED graduates to continue their education.

- \$150,000 to LPEA's In- novative Projects Fund, which supports local initiatives like the re- cent procurement of an electric school bus for Durango School Dis- trict 9-R.
- \$150,000 to LPEA's Rate Stabilization Fund, which was created in 2019 to safeguard busi- ness operations in emer- gency situations. Rough- ly \$1 million of this fund was used in 2020 to de- lay the scheduled rate in- crease in the wake of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Capital Credits represent ownership of LPEA and are credited to members based on the amount of electric- ity they use. Each fall, the

LPEA Board of Direc- tors determines how much should be retired that year. Those funds are then re- turned to members either as a bill credit or as a check. Sometimes, these checks go uncashed, or LPEA is not able to find a valid address on file to remit them. After three years, these funds be- come "unclaimed" and are then used for educational, charitable, or other purpos- es as set forth in the LPEA Bylaws.

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric distri- bution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Min- eral and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest co- operative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, re- liable electricity at the low- est reasonable cost to its ap- proximately 34,500 mem- bers. For additional informa- tion, contact LPEA at 970- 247-5786 or visit lpea.coop.

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La Plata Electric Association, Inc.
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Attention Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department is recruiting members for the Mentor's Circle. The member should have the following:

Knowledge of the Ute Language

Have experience in working with the Ute Language

The Mentor's Circle will assist in various activities around preservation and revitalization of the Ute lan- guage under the ANA grant project initiatives.



If interested please, contact
Dedra White Eagle, Culture Education Coordinator, at 970-563-2306
or Shelly Thompson, Culture Director, at 970-563-2984.

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Looking back on Denver March Powwow



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

In the spotlight for the Honor Song and Flag Song, Head Dancers lead the way for Grand Entry at the 44th annual Denver March Powwow on Friday March 23, 2018.



Mckayla Lee/SU Drum

Tribal member Kristean Velasquez joins in the Grand Entry of the 45th Annual Denver March Powwow with her son, Saturday, March 23, 2019.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Austin Box proudly wears regalia representing his Southern Ute heritage and service in the U.S. Air Force in the hours leading up to the evening's Grand Entry at the 37th Annual Denver March Powwow.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Needa Rhea Chackee participates in the Grand Entry at the 35th Annual Denver March Powwow, held at the Denver Coliseum Sunday March 22, 2009.



Mckayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute Veteran, Rudley Weaver greets Jr. Miss Southern Ute, Autumn Sage at the 45th Denver March Powwow during Grand Entry at the Denver Coliseum on Saturday, March 23, 2019.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

A dancer looks out into the arena during the 43rd Annual Denver March Powwow on Friday, March 24, 2017 in Denver, Colo.

The Denver March Powwow is famous throughout Indian Country, where each year thousands of dancers, drum groups, veterans, tribal royalty, vendors and spectators from across the country come together for this three-day powwow in the Front Range of Colorado. Now, for two consecutive years, the Denver March Powwow has not taken place due to concerns over the spread of COVID-19. In February 2021, it was announced that the powwow would be postponed until a later date in the year as the Denver Coliseum is not scheduling events for the spring season. The Southern Ute Drum showcases some memorable photographs from the Denver March Powwow, published throughout the years.

VALUES

Culture and Language

The school will be guided by Nuchiu culture and language where all students and school community members will strive to understand the developmental and appropriate aspects of the Nuchiu language and culture.

Competency

The school strives to ensure that every student reaches high expectations in every academic area as well as achieving high levels of character, personal health, and community engagement.

Community Connections

Each member of the school community is aware of and builds on their community connections through acts of service, friendships, and mentorships.

Character and Wellness

Through activities that integrate Nuchiu culture students will learn skills such as respect, responsibility, integrity, generosity, humbleness, and the appreciation of the living world. Gain knowledge in the discipline and fortitude necessary to have a healthy body and positive mindset.

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"Past generations had to block their way of life, their Native way of life, and learn a new way of life and now they (young people) are coming back and asking more about the old ways."

- Betty Howe -
Ute Mountain Ute Elder

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2021 Gathering of Nations

The 2021 Gathering of Nations Powwow will be a virtual live streamed event, featuring dancers from tribes across North America, Award winning Drum Groups, GON MC's, Special Video Features, Out-Going Miss Indian World Presentation, Music and a Dance Party both evenings. For GON updates visit www.gatheringofnations.com.



CORONAVIRUS

U.K. Variant found on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Two cases of B.1.1.7 COVID-19 (also known as the United Kingdom) variant have been found on tribal lands within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is under investigation. The B.1.1.7 variant was first discovered in Colorado at the end of December 2020. On Wednesday, March 10, 2021 San Juan Basin Public Health issued San Juan Basin Public Health Confirms B.1.1.7 COVID-19 Variant Case Identified in La Plata County media release announcing that a second variant had been identified in La Plata County.

The State Public Health Laboratory identified the variants after sequencing the laboratory sample from an individual who had been diagnosed with COVID-19. The Tribe is working with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on the investigation. The Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team (IMT) issued and continue to maintain the public health orders taking the utmost caution to protect the tribal community.

The origin of the variant is still under investigation. There is little known about the variant at this time, but variants become a concern when they lead to an increase in disease transmission or severity, when they

cannot be detected by current diagnostic tests, or when they reduce the effectiveness of treatments or vaccines. The B.1.1.7 variant spreads more easily and may cause increased severity of the virus, but more studies are needed to confirm this finding. Currently, there is no evidence to suggest decreased vaccine effectiveness against the variant.

CDPHE is taking the lead on the investigation, including contact tracing, interviews and re-interviews, and monitoring in close collaboration and communication with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and SJBPH. Mutations are common, as viruses are constantly changing. Public health officials study these variants to learn more about the virus and to control their spread.

Symptoms of the virus include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestions or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you are sick, please self-isolate and seek testing. If your symptoms begin to worsen, please call your primary healthcare provider or the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581. Do not arrive at

your doctor's office without calling to notify them of your symptoms.

Quarantine is more stringent for people who are exposed to a variant. Individuals who are exposed, should quarantine for 14-days unless instructed to quarantine for a longer duration by a public health official or medical professional.

Individuals are strongly encouraged to register for a vaccine as well as schedule a test if experiencing symptoms. Both protective measures will help provide increased protection to our tribal community.

TESTING INFORMATION

In response to the detection of the variants within our tribal community, individuals are strongly encouraged to be tested for COVID-19. Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and IHS-eligible individuals can call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970-563-4581 to schedule an appointment to receive a COVID-19 test. Individuals who are not IHS-eligible can find testing locations by visiting the San Juan Basin Public Health department website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>

San Juan Basin Public Health provides free testing at the following location:

- La Plata County Community Testing Site provides testing from 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through

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CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH confirms B.1.1.7 COVID-19 Variant in La Plata County

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reports that a case with the B.1.1.7 variant of the virus that causes COVID-19 has been identified in La Plata County. SJBPH continues to conduct contact tracing of those identified with, and exposed to, the new variants.

The B.1.1.7 variant, also known as the United Kingdom variant, was first detected in Colorado at the end of December 2020 and is currently the most prevalent variant in Colorado. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lists the B.1.1.7 variant as a variant of concern, as preliminary data suggests the B.1.1.7 variant spreads more easily and can cause increased severity of disease. Currently there is no evidence to suggest decreased vaccine effectiveness against the B.1.1.7 variant.

The B.1.1.7 variant is the second variant identified in La Plata County. On March 1st, SJBPH reported two cases involving another variant

called B.1.427/B.1.429, one in La Plata County and one in Archuleta County. SJBPH emphasizes the best defense against virus variants is to prevent the spread of COVID-19 through public health precautions, include testing and quarantine, physical distancing, getting vaccinated when eligible, and wearing a mask with improved fit and filtration.

"With more contagious variants circulating in the region, it's a good idea to ensure you have a properly fitting mask, or double-up on cloth masks," said SJBPH's Executive Director, Liane Jollon. "This is especially important in higher-risk situations, such as going to the grocery store or any other place that might be crowded," added Jollon.

SJBPH especially encourages residents of Archuleta County and La Plata counties to be tested for COVID-19, in response to the discovery of variants in people living and working in these communities. SJBPH provides free COVID-19 testing at the following locations:


Archuleta County Community Testing Site provides testing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds, 344 U.S. HWY 84 in the all-weather Hughes Pavilion, Pagosa Springs.

La Plata County Community Testing Site provides testing from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Thursday and Saturday at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave, Durango.

Pagosa Springs Medical Center provides testing from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday, at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd., Pagosa Springs.

Additional testing opportunities for these communities will be announced in the coming days. Testing is critical if you have symptoms, believe you've been exposed, work in a high-contact job, or if you have been gathering with people outside your household. Additional testing allows public health officials to sequence more samples and identify if COVID-19 variants are more widespread.

For more information on COVID-19 testing, please visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING

April 5th & 6th
9:00 AM - 4:30 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:

April 5 - Tribal Staff
April 6 - Community

Due to the high volume of tests, there is a slight delay in processing time. Call Center staff will contact all individuals with negative test results. The Health Center will contact you with next steps if you are positive.



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

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.




STAY HOME



STAY IN TOUCH



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE



Can a COVID-19 vaccine give you COVID-19?

NO

No parts of the vaccine can cause disease in our bodies, but they do give our immune system guidelines to build the tools that fight the virus.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Effective Public Health Orders

Stay at Home Order

#STAY HOME

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.



CORONAVIRUS

State easing visitation restrictions for residential care facilities

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released an updated Public Health Order (PHO) and guidance for indoor visitation at residential care facilities serving older adults and people with disabilities. The PHO follows a recent update from the Centers for Medicaid Service (CMS).

The revised guidance provides updates regarding indoor visitation, indoor visitation during an outbreak, core principles of COVID-19 infection prevention, outdoor visitation, visitor testing and vaccination, and compassionate care visits.

The visitation guidance allows for increased and more meaningful visitation for residents who have been vaccinated. Indoor visitation should be limited for:

- Unvaccinated residents,

if the nursing home’s COVID-19 county positivity rate is greater than 10% and less than 70% of the residents in the facility are fully vaccinated.

- Residents with confirmed COVID-19 infection, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated, until they have met the criteria to discontinue Transmission-Based Precautions per CDC guidance.
- Residents in quarantine, whether vaccinated or unvaccinated until they have met the criteria for release from quarantine.
- If a resident is fully vaccinated, the resident can choose to have close contact (including touch) with their visitor while wearing a well-fitting face mask and cleaning their hands before and after.

Read the summary of changes. (LINK)

“The new visitation guidelines are a milestone for our residential care facilities as we continue to move towards a new normal. The last year has been extremely difficult and this step forward has been a long time in the making. I am optimistic about this guidance, as well as the continued vaccination in our residential care facilities to ensure that residents have both physical safety and good mental health,” said Randy Kuykendall, Director, Health Facilities and EMS Division, CDPHE.

The current guidance does not factor in visitor vaccination status. As COVID-19 vaccinations continue to become available to more members of the public, visitors of facilities are encouraged to get vaccinated when they have the opportunity to allow residents to be as safe as possible.

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



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of March 23, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases		SUHC Vaccination Update	
178	Positives	Upcoming 1st Dose Clinics & Availability	
151	Recovered	3/25 (Johnson & Johnson)	0
7837	Total Tests	3/26 (Moderna)	44
		3/31 (Moderna)	47
		4/1 (Johnson & Johnson)	5

Eligibility Includes: Southern Ute tribal members, IHS-beneficiaries residing in SUHC service area, members of both households, tribal staff & insured dependents.

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

63	Positives
57	Recovered
2	Deaths

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

“TOGETHER WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19”

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Thursday and Saturday at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave., Durango

COVID-19 testing Monday through Friday by calling 970-563-4581.

Vaccination Information: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has ongoing Southern Ute Health Center vaccination clinics, appointments scheduled between 1 to 4 p.m. Monday through Friday. Those who are not eligible for a tribal vaccination event can find information on local vaccination providers on the SJBPH Vaccination website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19/vaccine/>

More information is available on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s website and social media, in the Southern Ute Drum, and on the air at KSUT Tribal Radio. Individuals can also call the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s COVID-19 Call Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 970-563-0214.

It is important that all individuals within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation follow the safety guidance in place to help slow or stop the spread of the virus. The tribal ‘Stay at Home’ Order and public health order requiring the use of face coverings remain in effect.

Please continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects in your home. As a reminder, please stay home and only leave for essential activities. When you must leave your home, continue to practice social distancing by staying 6 feet away from others. Stay connected with your loved ones and our tribal elders.

Ongoing – Southern Ute Health Center can schedule IHS-beneficiaries for COVID-19 testing Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 970-563-0214.

Tribe offers follow up vaccines



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member Thomas Sage gets his second dose booster of the COVID-19 vaccine on Wednesday, March 24 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The vaccines were for individuals who received their first dose at the tribal vaccination event held in early March.

Shyida Howe, Southern Ute Tribal Services Executive Assistant, fills out paperwork before receiving her second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Wednesday, March 24.



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.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

“Together, we will fight COVID-19”

Designed and Published by Lindsey J. Box

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.

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. & Fri., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tue., Wed., Thur., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.;
Lab hours: Mon. through 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., – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **OPTOMETRY:** Mon., and Wed. only, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **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.

BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Badgers bounce Bobcats from contention

IHS boys fall in 2A 'Great Eight,' 71-39

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

In order to give his regulars, particularly his seniors, one final applause-accompanied curtain-call exit of sorts Monday night, March 15, Chris Valdez gave his substitutes the go-ahead to report to the scorer's table. Having watched for nearly four quarters what they'd be encountering, the youngest reserves, rather than leap to their feet like on most occasions during the 2020-21 basketball campaign, appeared just as eager to hold down the bench.

Beware the Ides of March, indeed....

"When I looked at them like, 'Are you ready?' they all shook their heads 'No!'" Valdez recalled, following Ignacio's season-ending 71-39 loss at Limon in the Class 2A State Tournament's 'Great Eight' phase (due to COVID-19 precautions, the Colorado High School Activities Association elected to make this year's stage single-elimination, rather than a 2- and possibly 3-day spectacle as common in years past).

"I was like, 'Well, good! Get out there anyway!' They didn't want to have anything to do with (LHS)," he continued with a laugh. "(But) they've got to be out there; when we aren't going to win ... get 'em out there! Get them a minute or two. They're here and they're going to be the future of Ig-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Gabe Tucson prepares to shoot before Limon big Alex Carr (21) can arrive to defend during the Class 2A State Tournament 'Great Eight' action Monday evening, March 15, at LHS.

nacio Basketball, and we'll be ready next time."

Their slated 3/13 arrival inside the 2-seed Badgers' den delayed by two days, per CHSAA decree in order to allow a winter storm to blitz through much of northern and eastern Colorado, following a 51-39 'Sweet 16' victory on the 11th at No. 7 Sanford, the No. 10 Bobcats fell off Limon's

pace early as 6'5" senior Alex Carr netted the game's first five points, and 6'0" senior Kory Tacha the next five with a three-pointer and shorter deuce before Valdez called timeout with 5:08 still left in the first quarter.

Nailed consecutively, two more Tacha treys hurriedly inflated LHS' pad to 16-5,

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BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Spikers book first win under Seibel

IHS falls to Pagosa, defeats Ridgway

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Seeing Ridgway's Emily Medina, her team trailing two games to none and on the verge of being swept, cap an unlikely 5-0 run pounding down two kills from the left side and then giving the guests new life by roofing an Alexis Pontine tip for a 26-24 Game 3 escape – displeased Ignacio head coach Melanie Seibel.

"You know ... we've got to play all the way to the end and have that same energy, same intensity from the beginning all the way to the end," she said after the March 20 match. "All the way to the end so we have no regrets, any would've-could've's."

"When we slowed down like that ... we gave that game away."

That fact undoubtedly made clear inside a huddle minutes before not expected to have been required, the 'Cats took the message to heart in Game 4. With teammate Shelby Sisler opening on serve, Medina gifted IHS a 1-0 lead via an attack sent long, and before the Lady Demons knew what hit them, the scoreboard showed 9-0.

Junior Lexy Young and sophomore Trinity Strohl each downed a kill, and Pontine's serving then produced consecutive RHS reception errors – forcing Ridgway head coach Sarah Firkins into taking a timeout with her



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lexy Young (8) receives a difficult Pagosa Springs serve during non-league, season-opening action Friday, March 19, inside IHS Gymnasium.

side trailing 5-0. Ignorant of the interruption's intent, Pontine responded by first acing Sisler and then Cass Ridders twice.

Rattled, Ridders then surrendered another easy point by bumping a free ball into the net. And though senior setter Jenna Brown managed to finally get Ridgway on the board with a successful roll shot through Ignacio's middle, the mental damage was done; when Firkins' next timeout was taken, following a Strohl cross-court kill, RHS trailed 19-8.

"When we get up a few points our mindset really shifts from 'Oh no, we're down' to being really up, getting momentum back," said Medina. "It's really tough when you start getting down – like in that fourth set – and try to turn that mindset back around ... like when we did in that third set."

IHS sophomore libero La-

ci Brunson would ace Sisler to widen the margin to 23-10, and despite Medina decking one last kill, the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League fixture was Ignacio's; RHS junior Bella Janda served into the strings, putting IHS on match point – again – and Strohl then willed an ace through the top of the net, capping a 26-24, 25-20, 24-26, 25-11 triumph.

"The girls, they're great, scrappy players. And usually, even in practice, we move really well together ... the team bonding we have is really positive," said Firkins. "You know, it's a long drive over the pass and it took us time to wake up a bit."

"We're better than what we played like today, for sure. But we need to want it; today, Ignacio just wanted it more."

And for good reason; the 2A Volleycats (1-1, 1-0

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BOBCAT GIRLS BASKETBALL

Rocky Ford dodges Lady 'Cats, 49-40

Brunson hits five treys in 'Sweet 16' loss

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Unflappable to a flagrant fault, even a disputed technical foul with only 68 seconds possibly remaining in her IHS career couldn't fluster Jayden Brunson Thursday night, March 11, out on the distant Eastern Plains.

RFHS superstar Abi Snyder calmly canned both resulting free throws, extending the Mighty Meloneers' lead to an almost-secure 49-35, and boosting her own point count to an incredible – if not unexpected, considering her Colorado Mesa University recruit status – and game-high 28 but Ignacio's senior, singled out in a loose-ball altercation with senior Niquole Knapp, made sure to leave her calling card before exiting the MelonDome.

With at least one hand almost in her face, Brunson's trademark low release point actually enabled her to practically fire a three-pointer from the right wing – in front of the visiting Lady Bobcats' bench – underneath her defender, and the end result was exactly the sort of splash Rocky Ford head coach Mark Henson feared would have made waves much earlier during the Class 2A Girls' Basketball State Tournament 'Sweet 16' contest.

"These guys – Ignacio – I tell you what ... We got up by 17, and we're sitting on the sideline thinking to ourselves, 'If we could push it to 20, 23, just imagine how good things could be!'" he said. "But they wouldn't let us run! They just would not leave us alone and hung in there – they were fantastic. Had a never-die attitude, I know that."

Brunson's trey gave her a furious five in the game, and brought the guests back to 49-38 before a last-second hoop further closed the gap to a finalized 49-40 – the nearest IHS had been since Brunson's fourth triple cut the Meloneers' lead, which had stood 34-23 when the fourth quarter commenced, down to 42-35 with 2:46 left in regulation.

Or when her two free throws with 6:56 to go in the second quarter shrunk a growing margin back down to 13-7.

"I've been a little 'cold' lately, but I've been working on my shot more and I knew if I just set up and do what I know how to do, that I could knock 'em down,"



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio junior Avaleena Nanaeto looks for a way around a Rocky Ford defender during Class 2A State Tournament 'Sweet 16' play Thursday evening, March 11, inside RFHS' MelonDome. A 49-40 loss ended the Lady Bobcats' 2020-21 season.

said Brunson, who finished with a team-high 19 points, 17 coming after intermission. "I just ... every chance I got, every open shot, I took it."

Playing as though pained by the fact that her school – which had stormed out to a 13-0 lead behind a Snyder three and two more from senior Meghan Saltzman – hadn't won a State Championship in either girls' or boys' hoops since 1940 (RFHS' boys beat Grand Junction 33-23 for the Class B crown), Snyder coldly responded just 16 seconds later with her fourth three.

"That [Snyder] is an amazing player, there's no doubt," Ignacio head coach Justa Whitt said. "She's hard to stop and you can't completely 'stop' players like that; you can only try to slow them down, and that wasn't quite enough today."

Trailing again by double digits, the Lady 'Cats lost an irreplaceable cog in their attempted comeback when senior Charlize Valdez was given her fifth personal foul with 1:57 left.

Her first of two three-pointers had initially gotten IHS (10-5 overall) on the scoreboard with 3:11 to play in the intimidating first quarter, and she would total eight points. Senior center Sheldie Gosney actually managed to win the offensive battle against counterpart Lily Hancock, 7 points to 6, but five of her count came from the foul line (where she went 5-of-6).

Sophomore guard Laci Brunson managed to cash one of the Lady Bobcats' eight total threes and finished with six points, but junior Avaleena Nanaeto was held scoreless while slowed by three personals.

Fewer than 48 hours after eliminating 21-seed Hoehne in the opening Round-of-24, 48-32 inside IHS Gymnasi-

um (behind Valdez's game-best 19 points and Jayden Brunson's 12), No. 12 Ignacio would go into the second quarter against No. 5 Rocky Ford down 13-5, and managed to regroup somewhat after halftime mercifully offered them a chance to recompose down 24-12.

"We needed to slow them down and play our tempo, just keep being methodical – all those things that we've been working on all year," explained Whitt. "And we started to see it in the second half – slowly climbing, slowly climbing. And we've climbed out of holes several times this year; there just wasn't enough time to do it today, unfortunately."

A three by RFHS senior Teagan Mendoza-Werner maxed out the Meloneers' advantage at 29-12 before the Lady 'Cats ended the third outscoring them 11-5, thanks mostly to Jayden Brunson's first two treys and one late courtesy Laci Brunson.

"I mean, they could have folded at any time; down 17, they could have said, 'Ah, to heck with it – we're done.' Absolutely not," Henson said. "They came back and brought it back down to single digits. A great job on their part."

"One hundred percent ... we feel like that our start won the ball game. I mean, you look at the difference in the game – an eight-, nine-point game I believe – and right there, that start won the game."

"They're a damned good team; you can't knock that," said Whitt. "This is where we're at in the season, you know? We're at that time ... good teams against good teams, and whoever's best that day is going to win."

Saltzman finished with

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Staff report

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

This month the Ignacio Library is partnering with local schools to offer the books “We’re all Wonders” and “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio. In conjunction with a virtual visit by Michael Casey, a young man from the Denver area who has the same syndrome, Treacher-Collins, as the character from the books the library will be providing activity packs, classroom sets and more.

These books are lovely reminders of what it feels like to be different, to be unique, and how we all can impact each other for good. Can a book really do that you might ask? And yes, I believe books can. Books offer the reader many things; a chance to escape reality or a chance to process reality. Kids, like adults, use reading both ways. Sometimes we can better handle our own lives, the frustrations and disappointments we face when we can take a break via a good book. It gives us a chance to regroup



and face hard times. Or, we might need ideas of how to approach a trying situation or person, which we might also get through a well written book. It’s wonderful to be able to see a character that we identify with succeeding, overcoming, and making a difference.

This is the case in these books from author Palacio. Do we have the same syndrome? No, but we all know what it feels like to feel different, to feel like an outsider. Those feelings that are a common human experience. And through these books we are given insight to how other people feel, how we

can be of help, an encouragement to others, a part of building up rather than tearing down.

Your kids may have an opportunity to hear Mr. Casey talk about his experiences of growing up different and his approach to overcoming, living your dream, your “best life.” I hope that you will also stop by the library and check out the books by R.J. Palacio, and others. Whether you’re needing a literary world to escape to, or help with a tough situation, I believe an answer can be found in a book ... because, yes ... a book CAN do that.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



To my first Grandy Dandy
Wishing you a BIG Happy 4th Birthday!! Watching you grow into the little person you are today and now a big sister, has been an amazing journey. I look forward to more experience with you and your brother. I enjoy every minute we have.

Love NaNa



Remebering Vietnam Vets



courtesy Rod Grove

March 29 is designated as Vietnam Veterans Day, which commemorates the sacrifices of those service men and women who fought in the Vietnam War. The day is part of a national effort to recognize those service members who were denied a proper welcoming upon returning home. On March 29, 1973, the last combat troops were withdrawn from Vietnam, and the last prisoners of war held in North Vietnam arrived back in the United States. Pictured are Southern Ute Veterans standing in front of The Vietnam Veteran’s “Moving Wall” Exhibit, a replica of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington D.C. The “Moving Wall” visited the Southern Ute Tribal Campus from Sept. 10-18, 1997, and was on display in Veterans Memorial Park.

2021 Easter Scavenger Hunt in Bayfield

The Town of Bayfield is not having an Easter Egg Roll, due to COVID. That has been replaced with a 2021 Easter Scavenger Hunt. It’s a word search game sheet. The 12 word clues will appear on Easter Egg signs along Mill Street and in Joe Stephenson Park. Players will have until 5 p.m., Wednesday, April 7, to complete the word search and drop it off at the utility payment box at Bayfield Town Hall. Game sheets will be available through the Bayfield schools, at local businesses, and by downloading and printing it out at www.ourbayfieldparks.org. Prizes will be awarded and winners will be announced on the Town Facebook page on Friday, April 9.



Human Trafficking Can Happen Anywhere

Victims may be controlled and concealed by traffickers, making it difficult for them to seek help.

Be alert to signs that people may be experiencing trafficking in parks, refuges, tribal lands, or public areas.

Signs may include a person who:

- Displays nervous, anxious, or submissive behavior or apparent sadness
- Seems disorientated or not aware of location and time
- Appears to be monitored by another person when talking or interacting with others
- Does not have control of their money, identification, passport or other personal items

To learn more about indicators of human trafficking, visit humantraffickinghotline.org. To report concerns that you or someone else might be a victim, call, text, or chat the National Human Trafficking Hotline.



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TTY 711

humantraffickinghotline.org

LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE

Drum Deadline

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Apr. 9

Deadline
Apr. 5

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

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FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE

Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week.
**Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

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| • Distribution Friday, April 30: | NOON, Friday, April 23, 2021 |
| • Distribution Thursday, May 27: | NOON, Monday, May 24, 2021 |
| • Distribution Friday, July 30: | NOON, Friday, July 23, 2021 |
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| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 10: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 5, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 24: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9: | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021 |
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| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 27: | NOON, Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 |

Native American Heritage Mass
SAINT IGNATIUS PARISH
on the SOUTHERN UTE Indian Reservation



intercultural liturgy

MON / MARCH 29
6:00 PM / ST. IGNATIUS PARISH
Ignacio, CO

Join us by signup at
www.stignatiuschurchignacio.com
Masks required



ATTENTION Pine River Indian Irrigation Project Water Users

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Bureau of Indian Affairs PRIIP office Was not able to conduct fall and spring water users meeting.

In an effort, to keep our customers informed. We are providing this Notice to provide information for the 2021 Irrigation Season.

Due to the natural aspects of snow fall in the high country north of the Vallecito Reservoir, it is not predictable as to when the irrigation season will begin. BIA and other ditch companies along with the water commissioner are in contact to work together for a successful irrigation season again this year. It is notable that irrigation season will be on schedule before May 1, 2021.

Bills have been generated and mailed as of March 10, 2021. If there are any questions regarding bill issues, call 970-563-9484. Leave a clear message and a number to contact you back if no one is available to answer your call.

The irrigation rate for this season is \$22 per acre. These rates are implemented for operation and maintenance for the program. The program functions on dollars generated through our billing collections.

Water Request and Work Order Forms are available outside our office, located at 811 CR 517, Bldg #151, 970-563-9484 or by calling the Southern Ute Tribal Water Resources 970-563-2930, with pickup at their offices located at 575 CR 517.

The BIA Irrigation Office remains closed to the public per Agency COVID-19 Protocols. For any issues we are requesting that you leave a clear message at our office 970-563-9484, with your contact information.

REMINDER: BIA will be performing maintenance on irrigation ditches throughout the 2021 season. BIA is guaranteed legal rights-of-way for these purposes, and MUST have cooperation in accessing them. (25 CFR 171)

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE UTILITIES Important information our customers are going to need to know about the online payment system

Switch from Internet Explorer before March 31 for better E-Bill Express experience.

Important message: Beginning March 31, 2021, our third-party vendor for the E-Bill Express service, Transactis, will no longer support the Internet Explorer (IE) browser. As a result, if you are currently using IE, you may experience issues when attempting to use E-Bill Express. We're encouraging all IE users to switch to a fully compatible browser today for a better experience going forward.

What you need to know: If you continue to use IE, you may have limited access or an interruption to service unless you move to a compatible browser before March 31.

What you need to do: Switch to a fully compatible browser today. There is no need to wait. Switching browsers now will help you to avoid a disruption in access to E-Bill Express features and functionality later.

Transactis recommends that current IE browser users switch to one of the

following supported browsers:

- Chrome
- Edge
- Firefox (Windows only)
- Safari (Mac only)

If you are using assistive technology, such as a screen reader, Transactis recommends the following browsers for the best experience:

- Chrome
- Firefox (Windows only)

Questions? If you have questions about the change or the E-Bill Express service in general, please contact the E-Bill Express Production Support team at ebillxpress@wellsfargo.com or 1-877-562-3840, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you. We appreciate your business.
Kellie Thomas, Global Product Manager
Treasury Management

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

Open until filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill a ONE-TIME Member-at-Large, to fulfill one special case. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open until filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking a volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the www.bgcso.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

CREDIT COMMITTEE

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. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

ELECTION BOARD

Closing 4/23/21 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Regular Board Member AND one (1) Alternate Board Member. 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

GAMING COMMISSION

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.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open until filled – 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. Email: esbaker@southernute-nsn. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; 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; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY Seeking School Board Candidates

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking five (5) interested candidates to sit on their school board. Interested persons must be over the age of 18.

Are you interested in helping shape the future? What about serving children and your community? The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking members for its school board. Being on a school board can be a rewarding experience when you realize you are helping ensure a good education for the tribal member youth in our community. If you are interested in working with a team of like-minded individuals who wish to bring excellence to academics, then being a SUIMA School Board member is for you.

With Resolution 2020-142, signed on Oct. 13, 2020, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has been given permission to form their own School Board Separate from Tribal Council.

With the majority of the Board being tribal members, the School Board will uphold SUIMA's mission as it provides a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture and language within a Montessori environment. The purpose of the SUIMA School Board is to work with the Tribal Council to ensure that SUIMA has sufficient resources; helps oversee SUIMA's operations and administration; and regularly updates the Tribal Council.

Interested parties may submit a letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, PO Box 737 #52, Ignacio, CO 81137; or by bringing the letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy office; or by emailing the letter of interest to the SUIMA Principal at mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov.

Colorado Hunter's Education Information

Due to Covid-19, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) has determined an exemption is necessary due to public health directives and protection of public health, safety and welfare. This exemption may be extended, subject to review prior to the expiration date listed. Any student who is at least 11 years old, and finishes this 100% online course (Hunter-Ed.com/Colorado) by May 15, 2021, will be fully Hunter Ed certified for life, and no in person class will be required. Official Colorado Hunter Education cards will be mailed to graduates automatically after course completion. Go to Hunter-Ed.com/Colorado to enroll and complete the online Hunter's Safety Course.

**If you have any additional questions or need assistance please call
Southern Ute Wildlife at 970-563-0130.**



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TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information at 970-563-2294
71 Mike Frost Way (by appointment), Ignacio, CO 81137 • Email: lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov

TERO is in search of the following construction jobs:

- Heavy Equipment Operators
- CDL Drivers
- Concrete Laborers
- Construction Laborers
- Certified Flaggers (TERO can assist with certification for those that meet TERO Preference)

We will also accept resumes or applications for any other construction fields on future projects. All postings open until filled.

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, wear a mask, temperature will be taken upon entry.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org or ceyetoo@utemountain.org or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

Job Openings as of March 23, 2021

- Child Development Center, Part-time Assistant Cook – Closes 3/31/21
- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Closes 3/31/21
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Closes 3/31/21
- Counseling and Treatment, CAC III Counselor – Closes 3/31/21
- Diabetes Prevention, Registered Nurse – Closes 3/31/21
- Diabetes Program (White Mesa), CNA/Health Technician – Closes 3/31/21
- Finance, Accountant (2) – Closes 3/31/21
- Higher Education, Adult Education Coordinator – Closes 3/25/21
- Judicial Services, Bailiff – Closes 3/31/21
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, First Grade Teacher – Closes 4/5/21
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, Kindergarten Teacher – Closes 4/5/21
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, Head of School – Closes 4/5/21
- Mineral Audit, Auditor – Closes 3/31/21
- Planning & Development, Transportation Specialist – Closes 4/1/21
- Public Safety (White Mesa), Security – Closes 3/31/21
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Closes 3/31/21
- Public Safety, Firefighter / Paramedic – Closes 3/31/21
- Public Works, Relief Propane Driver – Closes 3/31/21
- Public Works, Propane Driver – Closes 3/31/21
- Public Works, Part-time Custodian – Closes 4/6/21
- Public Works, Transfer Station Operator – Closes 4/6/21
- Public Works, Water System Helper (2) – Closes 4/6/21
- Public Works, Plumbers Helper – Closes 4/6/21
- Public Works (White Mesa), Part-Time Custodian – Closes 4/6/21
- Public Works, Office Assistant – Closes 4/6/21
- Recidivism Reduction Initiative, Part-time Program Assistant – Closes 4/6/21
- Recreation (White Mesa), Part-time Director's Assistant – Closes 3/31/21
- Social Services, Preservation Case Worker – Closes 3/31/21
- Social Services, Case Worker I – Closes 3/31/21
- Tiwahe, Student Support Navigator – Closes 3/25/21

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Southern Ute Agency – Positions Available

- **Realty Specialist (Contracts Management), GS-1170-09/11**
Southwest Region, Southern Ute Agency, Branch of Real Estate Services, Ignacio, Colorado
Number of Vacancies: 1
Open Date: 03/19/21
Close Date: 04/09/21
Merit Promotion Job Announcement:
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/595836900>
- **Realty Officer, GS-1170-12**
Southern Ute Agency, Office of the Superintendent, Branch of Real Estate Services, Ignacio, Colorado
Open Date: 03/12/21
Close Date: 04/02/21
Merit Promotion Job Announcement:
<https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/590447200>

Summer internship opportunity at AASTEC

AASTEC is seeking eligible AI/AN undergraduate and graduate student applicants for a paid internship during the summer of 2021. These internships will conducted remotely and the internship period is anticipated to run from mid-May through mid-August (between 20-35 hrs/week) with flexibility on start and end dates as needed.

AI/AN students enrolled in a public health, health education, or another allied field degree program at any accredited university nationwide are invited to learn more about the internship program and apply online by **5 p.m., on Monday, April 5** at: <https://sites.google.com/view/aastecinternship>. If you have a student interested in completing a practicum/capstone, or fulfilling a field experience course requirement with AASTEC, please have them reach out to me directly: adixit@aaihb.org. First-time applicants will need to submit a letter of recommendation, a current CV/resume, and up-to-date transcripts. Undergraduate applicants must have completed a full year of college coursework before they can be considered for an internship position.

SOUTHERN UTE FORESTY

Firewood for Southern Ute members

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.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions. If you need help filling out an online application, please come the Human Resources office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, be sure the HR Dept. has your current contact information on file. Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis. Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Human Resources • P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137
Phone: 970-563-0100 ext. 2424 • Fax: 970-563-0302 • Hotline: 970-563-4777

Elder Services Driver (Southern Ute Member Only)

Closes 4/2/21 – Provides transportation and services for Southern Ute Elders and Disabled individuals. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Recreation Coordinator

Closes 4/7/21 – Develops, implements, coordinates and facilitates all youth and adult recreation programs. The position also involves planning, implementing, coordinating and facilitating youth programs and schedules for the Tri-Ute Games, the North American Indigenous Games, as well as other Ute Games. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Recreation Specialist

Closes 4/7/21 – Develops, implements, and monitors all recreation programs for SunUte Community Center. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Substance Abuse Program Lead Therapist

Closes 4/7/21 – 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. This position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

Senior Water Quality Specialist (Animas River Coordinator)

Closes 4/2/21 – Develops and administers the San Juan Watershed water quality program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is solely grant funded. Employment is contingent upon annual funding from the US EPA grant funding or other outside sources. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Tribal Ranger Trainee (Southern Ute Member Only)

Closes 4/6/21 – 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. The 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 Tribal Ranger position. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 19 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Air Quality Analyst

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides oversight and management of the Air Quality Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Caseworker II

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. This position also provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal Members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, other health and wellness related activities. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Coordinator of Ute Curriculum (Southern Ute Members Only)

Open Until Filled – Design and development of the Ute curriculum taught to students and staff at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), including students at the local school district, and the community. Responsible for working with the Ute Language Teachers, and parents on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials to assist in learning and retaining the Ute language and culture. Assists all students in reaching the goals and objectives of SUIMA and the Education Dept. Responsible

for incorporating the Ute history, culture and folklore into the language instruction. Position is paid on the Education Scale.

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 Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Family Court Caseworker

Open Until Filled – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Responsible for psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor; 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.

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time) – Ute Members Only (So., No., or Ute Mtn.)

Open Until Filled – Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Dept. Teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Patrol Officer

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

Physical 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.

Plumber

Open Until Filled – Installation, repair and maintenance of mechanical and plumbing equipment to include gas, water and sewer, piping and fixtures. Must be capable of both small and large scale work and have the dexterity to maneuver in small spaces. Pay grade 19 / \$21.32/hour.

Senior Detention Officer

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

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. This is for 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. This is for both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

Tribal Water Attorney

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe's Legal Department, with principal responsibility for representing the Tribe on water matters. Where time allows, the attorney will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department's attention, including code review and drafting, litigation, contract review, and employment matters.

Water Resources Technician

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from the Water Resources Specialist, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

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 aiwr quality throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation as well as real-time EPA Air Quality Index health forecasts.

Link to the Tribe's Air Quality Stations:

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



Rocky Ford Dodges Lady Cats • From Page 12

10 points and sophomore Amber Saltzman chipped in the other two for Rocky Ford (12-2 overall).

“We pushed each other and we stuck together the entire season; we knew we could make it as far as the end. That didn’t happen but we just kept playing as hard as we could every game, no matter what,” Brunson said.

“We’ve played these guys before, and we knew we wanted to win just as much as they did,” she continued, alluding to IHS’ win over RFHS in last season’s Region VIII championship. “We played as hard as we could and left it all out on the court.”

“I can’t say enough how proud I am of these girls,” stated Whitt. “The fortitude and the determination that they had to finish the season the way that they did ... says a lot about their character.”



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Ignacio's Grace Gonzales (10) smashes a kill past Pagosa Springs' Lynelle Bartz (5) during non-league, season-opening action Friday, March 19, inside IHS Gymnasium.

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RFHS’ title hopes were smashed 56-26 in the ‘Great Eight’ by 4-seed Rye, but

the Lady Thunderbolts’ own dreams then died in the semi-finals as 8-seed Wray prevailed 76-68. Pit next against No. 10 Limon for all the mar-

bles, the Lady Eagles (13-4 overall) couldn’t erase a 30-20 halftime deficit and ultimately lost 63-50 to the Lady Badgers (16-3).

Badgers Bounce Bobcats • From Page 12

and though IHS senior Bryce Finn buried a triple with less than a minute remaining, the Badgers (15-1 overall) re-doubled their lead to 20-10 after eight completed minutes with senior Camden Smithburg zipping a perfect no-look pass to Carr for an easy buzzer-beating bucket.

Junior backup Brady Rockwell began the second stanza converting a steal into a layup, and freshman brother Jordan promptly followed with a 17-footer from the right wing with 7:19 left until halftime. Ignacio senior Dylan Labarthe responded with an unexpected three out of the corner, but the 24-13 deficit would be as close as the ‘Cats would get, and Carr all but guaranteed as much to his side’s supporters with a harsh two-handed transition dunk – rebuilding Limon’s lead to 30-13 – with 4:44 remaining.

Bobcat senior guard Brady McCaw cashed a triple – his first basket in the contest – with 0:27 left, but the visitors would go into the locker room trailing 39-20 and eventually see the margin widen to a max of 57-22 after Tacha drained back-to-back threes. IHS junior Gabe Tucson then managed to bank in a left-wing trey at the buzzer, but there would be no climbing out of a 57-25 chasm.

“I thought we did a real good job just executing what we wanted ... got the shots we wanted,” said LHS head coach Dirk Pedersen. “They don’t go down like that every game; I mean, we were fortunate tonight to make a lot of shots – the kids did a really good job tonight against a really good team.”

“When your shots are fall-

ing that makes basketball a lot easier,” Tacha said. “We knew that Ignacio was going to come out here and play hard, so our goal was to match their intensity and come out just as hard, you know? The coach over there has them playing hard all the time, and ... our main goal was to slow them down, and for us to start fast on offense.”

Able to at last ignite for three swift threes beginning the final frame, McCaw would book an Ignacio-best 12 points while Finn sank one final trey to finish with 11 points. The only starter able to return next season, Tucson totaled seven points while Labarthe registered nine after canning two free throws – the game’s final points, as it turned out – with 2:09 left, triggering the aforementioned influx of second-stringers, representing both sides.

“Well we knew between Gabe [Tucson] and the McCaw kid and Finn that we had to limit their opportunities, and we did our best to try to make it rough for them,” Pedersen said. “And I thought our kids did a good job defensively ... we took our chances with their other kids, but those three are really good; we knew they were going to be a handful.”

Carr racked up 21 points in just over three quarters’ work, while Tacha netted 19 in roughly the same court time. Smithburg and 6’4” senior post John Jaklich each logged eight, while Jordan Rockwell finished with six and Brady Rockwell four.

“You know, we ran into a bulldozer,” said Valdez, whose ‘Cats made more shots from beyond (8) the three-point arc than inside

(5) of it. “They are so good offensively and so physical defensively – it’s hard to match that.”

“They’re going to win the whole thing,” he added. “I’ll put that on the line right now.”

But with the Bobcats’ season also including a 54-51 home win Tues., March 9, over No. 23 Crested Butte in the Round-of-24 – preceding the stunner at SHS – the boss wasn’t hesitant in attaching the adjective ‘overachieving’ to his own 14-3 squad.

“I’m not taking anything away from them, or from us. I mean, we had a great season – didn’t have one practice or one shoot-around since last year in the final eight, until this season started!” he said. “We’re proud of the kids for their effort. And our seniors They got us here three times – into the State Tournament – and I’m proud of them.”

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Correctly predicted into the March 20 grand finale inside The Broadmoor World Arena in Colorado Springs, the Badgers nearly backed up Valdez’s claim, but after ousting 3-seed Peyton 60-38 on the 18th in semifinals action, fell 56-50 in overtime versus No. 1 Wray – the only team to trip them during regular-season play, 72-66 at LHS back on Feb. 27.

Recipient of a bye in the State Tournament’s opening Round-of-24, the Eagles improved to 16-0 following a title run through No. 16 Monte Vista (8-6), No. 8 Sedgwick County (11-5), No. 4 Yuma (9-4) and, ultimately, Limon (16-2).w

Spikers Book First Win • From Page 12

SJBL) had held an upper hand just three times during the previous evening’s season-opening 17-25, 18-25, 14-25 loss to 3A Pagosa Springs, trailing by as much as 18-7 in Game 3.

“We’ve been out of it for a long time; most of these girls haven’t played in forever,” Pontine said, alluding to the long-delayed Fall 2020 season at long last commencing in Spring ’21. “So just with our cooperation and putting in the work to get our chemistry down, I think it’ll come together.”

“I feel good about our season,” agreed sophomore Grace Gonzales. “I feel like it kind of came quick at us, with [Ignacio’s basketball and volleyball] schedules being so close together, but we’re going to ... work on what we need to work on.”

“I’m playing a new position this year, the middle – I’m pretty proud of myself!” she beamed. “Got blocks tonight, and I felt great – I feel good about our team.”

“You know, we’re all starting fresh,” grinned Seibel, taking over for varsity predecessor Thad Cano after former ‘Cat Alex Benzie (nee Forsythe) ultimately couldn’t break free from work obligations, “and it’s showing me what I need to work on, it being my first

time. Knowing how to help the girls and make sure that I provide for them resources ... I feel good to keep going forward, to keep doing this, and seeing how we can always get better.”

“Me being that new coach, I’m real fortunate to have these girls here; they have the skills – Cano did a great job with that, and from them playing club, too – so just clicking with each other ... it’s going to start coming. I think that as they start flowing, covering, trusting each other and themselves, and having that confidence, then I think this team is going to be really strong.”

Pontine was credited with a team-high 10 kills against 2A Ridgway (2-1, 2-1 SJBL) and totaled an impressive eight aces. Brunson and senior Mari-sa Carmenoros each landed five aces, while Strohl was credited with six to go with her seven kills. Young also recorded seven, while Gonzales finished with six as Pontine racked up 19 assists and Carmenoros 13 in Seibel’s 6-2 scheme.

Defensively, Brunson came up with 13 digs against the Lady Demons and Gonzales booked 11. Carme-noros came up with eight balls while Pontine and senior Charlizze Valdez each logged seven.

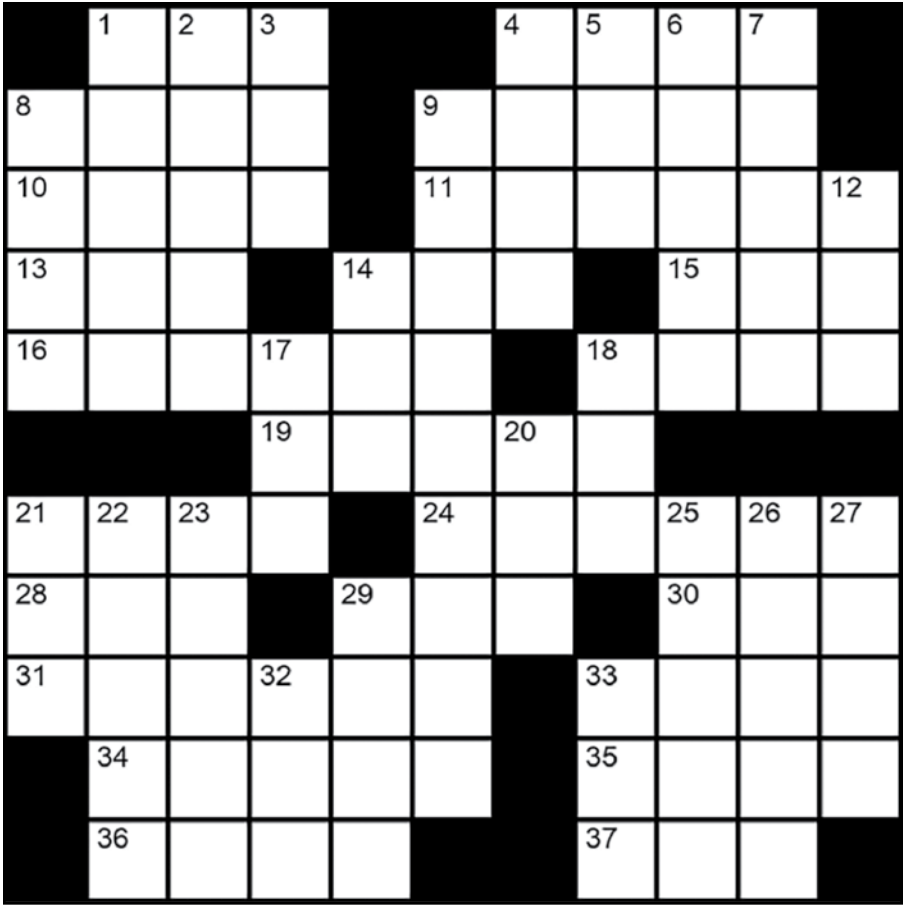
Against PSHS, Pontine produced a nine-kill-eight-assist line offensively, while Carmenoros posted seven assists and as many digs defensively. Brunson’s 10 led IHS in that department, while Gonzales (five kills) came up with six digs and three solo blocks (she’d then log one solo and one assisted stuff against RHS).

Young contributed four kills and six digs, while Strohl registered four kills and three aces.

“Our slogan this year is ‘Competitive Greatness,’ which means that we’ll play competitively but we also want to be great ... team players,” said Gonzales. “On a varsity team you have to be able to hold yourself accountable, be the team player everyone wants you to be. There’s no shortcuts; you have to be there all the time, be reliable, have no attitude, and stay positive. I feel this is a good year to learn all that.”

Up next, Ignacio will travel for SJBL dates at 1A Norwood (4 p.m. Friday, March 26) and at 2A Telluride (11 a.m. Sat., 3/27) before hosting 3A Montezuma-Cortez on Friday, April 2. Results from IHS’ 3/23 league match at home versus 2A Mancos were unavailable at press time.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



- Across**

 - 1 Keystone lawman
 - 4 “500” race
 - 8 Remain undecided
 - 9 --- Bettini, former tribal elder
 - 10 Flyers from Down Under
 - 11 Former Secretary of State Colin ---
 - 13 Can come before cycle or verse
 - 14 Care worker
 - 15 Sat nav system
 - 16 Satellite of Jupiter
 - 18 Price paid
 - 19 We nag about this Veep
 - 21 Chief Spotted ---, who raised Yellow Nose
 - 24 Meaty soup ingredient which comes from behind
 - 28 Snow runner
 - 29 Enemy
 - 30 Contend
 - 31 King Edward’s scandalous love
 - 33 Shelter traditionally made of hide
 - 34 Baseball Hall of Famer Satchel ---
 - 35 Sheepish statements
 - 36 Frozen treats
 - 37 Some
- Down**

 - 1 “The Matrix” star --- Reeves
 - 2 Broadcasting
 - 3 Versatile file format
 - 4 Can I let you --- a little secret?
 - 5 Point in a Hitchcock title
 - 6 Muralist --- Rivera
 - 7 Canine cries
 - 8 --- Halliwell, “Charmed” character
 - 9 19th-century Meskwaki chief
 - 12 Amphibious WWII transport
 - 14 Fuel in a cylinder
 - 17 Idiot
 - 18 100 lbs
 - 20 Program suffix
 - 21 Direction from Houston to San Antonio
 - 22 Shaken I P A OK for an African with striped legs
 - 23 Pale reddish purple
 - 25 Birdlike
 - 26 --- Nation of Santa Ysabel
 - 27 Floral garlands
 - 29 Pear-shaped seedy fruits
 - 32 Falsehood
 - 33 “Details forthcoming”

Answers for this crossword will appear in April 9 issue of the Drum.

Answers for March 12, 2021 Crossword Puzzle
Across: 1 USRDA, 6 Ppp, 9 Paiute, 11 Shan, 12 Sedona, 13 Tang, 14 Orcas, 16 Rob, 19 Close in, 22 Slomo, 24 MIRVs, 25 Vanessa, 27 SFC, 28 Baton, 29 Idol, 31 Accrue, 36 Cany, 37 Shoots, 38 USS, 39 E-boat.
Down: 1 Ups, 2 SAE, 3 Rid, 4 Duo, 5 At no cost, 6 Phasers, 7 Pan, 8 PNG, 10 Earl, 11 Stasi, 15 Comanche, 16 RSV, 17 Ola, 18 Bonbons, 20 IVF, 21 NSC, 23 Mealy, 26 So as, 29 I-CU, 30 DAs, 32 Cob, 33 Roo, 34 Uta, 35 Est.

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Friday, March 26



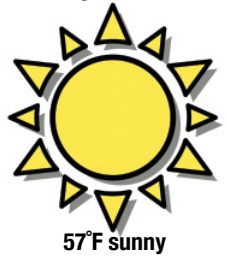
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60% snow showers likely

Saturday, March 27



51°F sunny
Light to variable afternoon winds

Sunday, March 28



57°F sunny

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