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SUSTAINABLE ENERGY

# 8 Rivers Capital and the So. Ute Tribe announce development of zero emissions NET power plant



Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND

8 Rivers Capital, LLC and The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund (SUGF) have joined together to develop the Coyote Clean Power Project, locating one of the world’s first zero-emissions NET Power natural gas-fired power plants within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Coyote Clean Power Project will represent a paradigm shift in how the world generates energy, producing 280 MW of clean power 24/7, while capturing and storing CO2. 8 Rivers, through its Zero Degrees development business, and the SUGF plan to design and construct a NET Power plant over the next five years.

“The Southern Ute Indian Tribe is excited to begin the partnership with 8 Rivers, adding a new clean energy project to our business portfolio. Although the Tribe has a rich and successful history as an energy producer in Indian Country, we have always prioritized the protection of our natural resources. This project further exemplifies our environmental stewardship,” stated Vice Chairman Bruce Valdez.

The Tribe’s participation continues their long history of leadership in environmental stewardship and the energy transition, including the development and operation of a facility for a decade that captured naturally vent-

ing fugitive methane, one of the first utility scale solar projects in Southwest Colorado, and other alternative energy projects including biofuels. The Coyote Clean Power Project will be fueled with natural gas while capturing all emissions associated with combusting gas.

The underlying NET Power technology is a game-changing advance for global decarbonization. It produces no air pollution, can operate water neutral, and features the flexibility required to seamlessly pair with renewable energy sources for a 100% clean electricity grid while utilizing natural gas without atmospheric emissions. The Coyote Clean Power Project underscores the economic opportunity of the energy transition to a more carbon neutral environment for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, as it will entail hundreds of millions of dollars of capital investment and has the potential to create over one thousand direct and indirect clean energy jobs both on and off the Reservation. As the project moves forward, Coyote Clean Power expects to make a final investment decision in 2022 and production could begin by 2025.

“We are delighted to partner with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on this clean power project, highlighting our collective leadership in the energy transition to a carbon neutral environment. The Coyote Clean Power

Project’s affordable delivery of zero emissions power is unprecedented, and the project is a model for future deployments of this critical decarbonization tool” said, Damian Beauchamp, President at 8 Rivers and Board Member of NET Power.

Shane Seibel, Southern Ute Growth Fund Executive Director stated, “The Growth Fund is excited to partner with 8 Rivers, a leader in developing decarbonization technology, to progress the Coyote Clean Power Project to the next phase of development enabling the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to continue its leadership of energy development in Indian Country and to participate in solutions for transitioning to a carbon neutral environment by providing clean and affordable baseload power in Southwest Colorado.”

Colorado Governor Jared Polis stated, “Development of one of the world’s first zero-emission and water neutral power plants will lead to economic development and job growth while accelerating our transition to 100% clean electricity. We are thrilled about this partnership between the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and 8 Rivers Capital, as our region continues to lead in the clean energy transition, and my Administration stands ready to support next steps in the Coyote Clean Power Project.”

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Casino opens to tribal members



Corleen Rael plays slot machines during the reopening of the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, April 15. Rael was one of the first players to walk onto the gaming floor since the closure in 2020.

See more casino reopening photos on page 11.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Pete Nylander, Soil and Water Conservationist for the Southern Ute Water Resources Division took members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council to tour the Dr. Morrison water delivery infrastructure on Friday, April 16.

WATER RESOURCES

# Dr. Morrison Canal revamped in time for spring irrigation season

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Tribal Council toured the Dr. Morrison Canal project site and water delivery infrastructure with the Southern Ute Water Resources Division (WRD) and the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) on Friday, April 16. This newly renovated canal system has undergone complete reconstruction and features robust technology improvements to help manage water delivery to irrigation users for many years to come.

The Southern Ute Water Resources Division completed the rehabilitation of the historically problematic section of the Dr. Morrison Canal over the last two years. “It has been a joint BIA and Tribal effort to get this fixed and completed, the hope is to no longer have it be an issue,” said Pete Nylander, Soil and Water Conservationist with the Southern Ute Water Resource Division. “There was a lot of seepage that would cause periodic blowouts [along the canal] and the whole thing would end up in the valley below. The idea now is that won’t happen any more in this section of the infrastructure.”

The problematic section of the canal is perched on a hillside and had issues with seeps and blowouts of the ditch, often impacting the ability of the ditch to deliver water.

“I had seen before pictures of this project and I had seen how damaged and eroded the canal was and to see it now – it’s a beautiful and efficient facility that I really appreciate,” expressed Councilwoman Linda Baker.

The Dr. Morrison Canal is currently the largest canal within the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project (PRIIP), it serves 3,100 irrigable acres. 2,250 of these acres are irrigable tribal lands and 850 acres are non-tribal. The Canal had failed approximately one mile downstream of the canal heading in the fall of 2019; making irrigation water undeliverable, which



McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Vickie Begay with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Branch of Roads shows Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker and Kathy Rall, Water Resources Division Head the new Dr. Morrison canal. The new system will improve water delivery to users downstream.

impacted 34 tribal irrigators as well as 12 non-tribal irrigators.

In addition to direct impacts to irrigators off the Dr. Morrison Canal, there were also impacts to the Dry Creek, Goodnight, Potter Pierce, Dale, and Town Ditches which all receive return flows from the Dr. Morrison Canal. The Goodnight Ditch also provides raw water to the Town of Ignacio for lawn and garden irrigation.

The long-term fix of the Dr. Morrison canal was to pipe approximately 4,100 feet of the Dr. Morrison Canal with two 48-inch pipes to eliminate canal blowouts and seepage issues. “It should provide better access and require less maintenance; inspections of the pipeline can now be made through manhole access along the canal,” Nylander explained. “The new emergency spillway will help prevent future blowouts because they will empty into the fields below.” The Southern Ute Water Resources Division contract-

ed with WCA Construction Inc., for the construction of the rehabilitation project.

WCA began the first phase of the project during the winter of 2020 and the first phase was completed prior to the 2020 irrigation season. The first phase included the piping of the first 800 feet of canal, the remainder of the construction began after the 2020 irrigation season and was then completed before the start of the 2021 irrigation season.

“I think it’s great that we get the opportunity to see the improvements in person that we have reviewed on paper and in meetings,” Councilwoman Marge Barry said. “It’s really valuable to see it in action.”

The project’s total cost was \$2.38 million with \$1.5 million of the funds coming from the BIA and used the remaining \$0.88 million from Tribal Animas-La Plata Project Resource Funds. If there are any questions from Tribal irrigators or the public, please contact the Southern Ute Water Resources Division at 970-563-9482.



## FINANCIAL LITERACY

# Test your financial skills, pt. 2

*Staff report*  
TRIBAL CREDIT DIVISION

If you want to be eligible for a \$50 gift card to Walmart and are a Southern Ute tribal member, please submit your answers. We are using The National Financial Capability Test that has had over 60,000 participants and has been featured in Forbes, Yahoo Finance, The Hill, CNBC, and other news outlets. The test measures one's ability to earn, save and grow their finances. For tribal members that participate in the questionnaire, 10 tribal members will be randomly drawn for a \$50 gift card to Walmart. You must submit your answers to [dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov). There are two sets of questions. 15 were in the April 9 issue and another 15 questions in this publication. Answers must be submitted by 5pm, on Thursday, May 6.

1. **What are the benefits of networking?**
  - a. Networking provides a source for future jobs.
  - b. It allows you to meet new friends with similar interests.
  - c. To create opportunities to serve others.
  - d. All of the above.
2. **What is networking?**
  - a. Meeting people you contact only when you need something.
  - b. Getting letters of recommendation from former teachers and employers.
  - c. Building friendships and relationships with people who are associated with your areas of interest.
  - d. None of the above
3. **Which of the following is not a good way to network?**
  - a. Social media sites (like Facebook or LinkedIn).
  - b. Attending industry-specific trade shows.
  - c. While in college, trying to meet as many students as possible who share your major.
  - d. All are good ways to network.
4. **How can understanding risk management topics help me in everyday life?**
  - a. It can help safeguard your credit and protect you from lawsuits.
  - b. You can avoid large medical bills incurred because you have no medical insurance.
  - c. Understanding risk management helps you evaluate the risks involved with situations you might face while driving, hanging out with friends, or being adventurous.
  - d. All of the above.
5. **Which of the following financial products can help you lower your personal risk?**
  - a. Insurance
  - b. Mutual funds
  - c. 401k and retirement plans
  - d. None of the above
6. **How do I decide how much coverage I need when selecting car insurance?**
  - a. Do online research to find out the minimum coverage requirement for your state.
  - b. Ask salespeople from several different insurance companies.
  - c. Ask a friend or mentor with a high level of insurance expertise.
  - d. All of the above.
7. **If I do NOT have a written long-term financial plan, which of the following might I experience?**
  - a. You might run out of money after you retire, and be forced to go back to work when you're old.
  - b. Being unable to afford fun activities you want to enjoy.
  - c. Having the freedom to live the lifestyle you want.
  - d. Both "a" and "b"
8. **Before I begin investing, what systems should I have in place?**
  - a. Expert-level knowledge about any investment you're considering.
  - b. A trusted team of professionals who can give you advice.
  - c. Risk capital (money you can afford to lose).
  - d. All of the above.
9. **How do I begin the process of creating a long-term financial plan?**
  - a. Starting thinking about and writing down goals for your career, finances, and life.
  - b. Start investing immediately.
  - c. Open a savings account.
  - d. Check your credit.
10. **If I invest \$100 per month starting at age 21, and that money earns a 7% annual return, how much will I have after 70 years?**
  - a. \$138,957.
  - b. Between \$150,000 and \$225,000 depending on life expectancy.
  - c. More than 1.5 million dollars
  - d. None of the above.
11. **Which of the following worst-case scenario risks are possible when making investments?**
  - a. You can lose the entire amount you invested in stocks, and you can lose more than the amount you invested in real estate.
  - b. Losses are limited to 20% on stock and real estate investments, so if you invest \$1,000 the most you can lose is \$200.
  - c. Your real estate investment is not liquid and you cannot sell it.
  - d. Your stock investment loses all its value overnight because of what's happening in a small country on the other side of the world.
  - e. Answers "a", "c" and "d".
12. **Which of the following steps should I take now to be prepared to invest and get my money growing for me?**
  - a. Start saving toward an emergency fund equal to 6 months of your bills.
  - b. Start learning more about investing and potential investments.
  - c. Start looking for a team of trusted advisors and mentors.
  - d. All of the above.
13. **How can volunteering and supporting a nonprofit or cause I believe in benefit me?**
  - a. Makes you feel good while you build your skills and résumé.
  - b. It doesn't have any impact on you personally; it just helps others, which is a good thing.
  - c. It can improve your chances of getting into college and getting a job.
  - d. Both answers "a" and "c"
14. **What are the functions of a business plan?**
  - a. An initial guide for you to follow, plus detailed information on all business aspects to use later when seeking funds or investors.
  - b. An initial detailed marketing and income plan, which becomes an employee training outline and sets the business goals later.
  - c. It provides a very detailed plan solely focused on marketing and income.
  - d. A business plan is a confidential document used to train employees and establish business goals.
15. **What is my best first step to start a social enterprise (business trying to solve a social problem)?**
  - a. Form a company name, domain name, and logo.
  - b. Save money to invest in your business.
  - c. Think about your passions, do research, and talk with interested people.
  - d. Find friends or family to invest in your business.



## Many Moons Ago



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

### 10 years ago

Pearl E. Casias made history April 13, 2011, when she was sworn in as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's chairwoman, becoming the first woman ever to take the reins and lead the Tribe. She quickly named Councilman Mike Olguin her vice chairman and Andrew Frost her executive officer. Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Gary Hayes was present to honor Casias with a blanket and be the first tribal leader to shake her hand as chairwoman.

This photo was first published in the April 22, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

### 20 years ago

Aspen Baker musters enough courage to venture away from her father, Mel Baker, so she can grab her share of the sweet treasures offered at the annual Easter Egg Hunt staged on the front lawn of the Southern Ute Justice Complex on the morning of April 14, 2001. The Easter Egg Hunt was sponsored by the Southern Ute Police Department, Sky Ute Casino and Red Willow Production.

This photo was published in the April 20, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

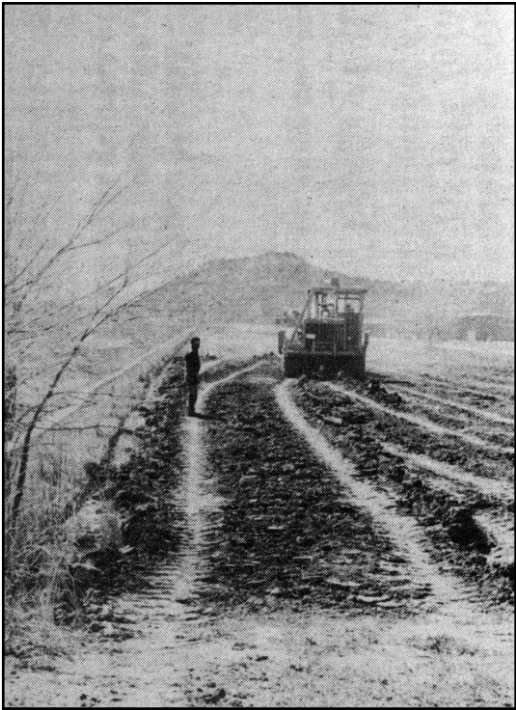


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### 30 years ago

Indian Health Services Director of Nursing, Lorraine Duran was the recipient of the Directors Award for Excellence in June of 1991 at a reception in Rockville, Maryland. This is one of the most prestigious awards presented in the Indian Health Services.

This photo was published in the April 19, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

### 40 years ago

Work began on the Race Track at the Sky Ute Downs. The level of the previous race track was not up to standards for hosting professional events. The Southern Ute construction crew and BIA roads crew were hard at work trying to get it level.

This photo was published in the April 24, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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### Drawing From Photographs

**A free art workshop for beginners!**

- **Friday, April 30**  
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
- **Saturday, May 1**  
10 a.m. to 2:30 pm.
- **Sunday, May 2**  
1 to 5 p.m.

A sign-up form and supply list will be available at the Ignacio Community Library front desk for anyone interested.

*Let's get creative!*



## TRIBAL MEDIA

## Clahchischiligi of Searchlight New Mexico wins \$20,000 fellowship

### Staff report

SEARCHLIGHT NEW MEXICO

Sunnie Clahchischiligi of Searchlight New Mexico is the winner of this year's \$20,000 Doris O'Donnell Innovations in Investigative Journalism Fellowship from the Center for Media Innovation at Point Park University.

Clahchischiligi, a contributing writer for Searchlight New Mexico, proposed a project to investigate how potentially thousands of students on the Navajo Nation went missing during the pandemic and expose myriad educational failures, which run far deeper than the public knows. Clahchischiligi will gather exclusive, unearthed data to document the negligence of schools across the Navajo Nation and beyond. Clahchischiligi grew up on a remote homestead on the Navajo Nation near Teec Nos Pos, Ariz., and has worked in journalism for 15 years.

"I am elated, honored, and extremely humbled to receive this fellowship. It will allow me to continue working on stories focused on Navajo students – the Navajo Nation's future leaders – as well as to reveal the critical problems within the education systems in Indian Country," Clahchischiligi said. "Investigative reporting in Indian Country is challenging. Gathering data from agencies like the Bureau of Indian Education is also difficult – and stonewalling occurs often. But with the help of this fellowship, I will be able to re-



**Sunni Clahchischiligi**  
Contributing Writer  
Searchlight New Mexico

veal how Indigenous students have been denied the education they deserve."

Laura Corley, a freelance reporter from Coastal Georgia's The Current, is the winner of the second-place fellowship award of \$5,000. Corley's project will investigate the toxicity of the waterways near Brunswick, Ga., where tons of toxic waste was dumped by factories for decades. The Gullah Geechee people, descendants of enslaved Africans, are among the most affected. Across the causeway live some of Georgia's most affluent communities. Local officials, worried about the image of these wealthy retreats, refuse to acknowledge this crisis. Corley's work will provide clarity about the public health threat of the toxins, reveal the political lobbying that has kept them unregulated, and ideally inspire legal changes to hold companies and officials to account.

Rich Lord, economic development reporter/editor for PublicSource in Pittsburgh, is the winner of the

third fellowship award of \$2,500. Lord's project will probe into "milking" by landlords in the Mon Valley, a process whereby landlords obtain properties as cheaply as possible, spend little on upkeep, dodge enforcement efforts, and churn through tenants using eviction to maximize profits.

The Center for Media Innovation will be working closely with each of the fellowship winners on the development of their stories. As part of this process, students in Point Park's journalism program will have the chance to engage with the fellows throughout the upcoming academic year.

A record number of applications were received this year. More than 40 pitches were submitted by a diverse and exceptionally talented group of writers, filmmakers and multimedia journalists across the nation.

"The mission of the Doris O'Donnell Fellowship is to help support the creation of innovative, substantive stories that have a significant impact. This year, each of our winners indicated that, without the fellowship award, these important stories would be left untold," said Andrew Conte, Director of the Center. "We were pleased to review such a brilliant variety of story ideas from so many well-credentialed storytellers."

A panel of seven distinguished judges with credentials in innovative and investigative journalism evaluated applicants based on value, innovation, engagement, diversity and ability.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Runners from the Cheyenne and Arapaho tribes of Oklahoma raise their eagle staffs at the Riverside Cemetery in Denver before the last leg of the Sand Creek Massacre Memorial Spiritual Healing Run on Sunday, December 1, 2019. The History Colorado Center hosts an annual meal with participants and community members following the run.

## HISTORY COLORADO

## NEH grants \$400,000 for Sand Creek Massacre exhibition

### Staff report HISTORY COLORADO

In Partnership with Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma, Northern Arapaho Tribe of Wyoming, and Northern Cheyenne Tribe of Montana, the History Colorado Center in Denver is developing a major exhibition to share the history of the Sand Creek Massacre with Cheyenne and Arapaho voices.

The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) announced this week that it is awarding \$400,000 to support a new, long-term exhibition at the History Colorado Center that recounts the deadliest day in Colorado history – the 1864 atrocity known as the Sand Creek Massacre – with the voices of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members. Others may lend support for this exhibition via [historycolorado.org/donate](https://historycolorado.org/donate) or [philanthropy@state.co.us](mailto:philanthropy@state.co.us), and follow its progress in History Colorado's online digest.

The NEH is awarding a Public Humanities Projects grant for the exhibition, which will be installed on the top floor of the History Colorado Center in downtown Denver for at least five years. Grant funds will support ongoing tribal consultation, further research, and exhibition design. The exhibition

will reflect a partnership process now in its eighth year between History Colorado and three tribal groups: the Northern Cheyenne Tribe of the Northern Cheyenne Reservation, the Northern Arapaho Tribe, and the Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma. Participating tribal historians and descendants include Otto Braided Hair (Northern Cheyenne), Fred Mosqueda (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma), Ben Ridgely (Northern Arapaho), Gail Ridgely (Northern Arapaho), and Chester Whiteman (Cheyenne and Arapaho Tribes of Oklahoma).

This exhibition not only looks into the past, but also explores the ongoing generational impacts of this traumatic event. When it opens, it will be the only museum exhibit in the U.S. to share the massacre's history from the viewpoint of Cheyenne and Arapaho tribal members. Along with all other visitors to the History Colorado Center, school-aged children on field trips – approximately 49,000 students made museum visits in the year prior to the pandemic – will have the option to access the exhibition's carefully presented, powerful content.

"History is the recognition of all of our experiences, some which are painful to face. It's critical to listen

to the voices of the Cheyenne and the Arapaho Nations to hear their stories, and to begin to understand how we can build a better future for all our children," said Lt. Governor Dianne Primavera, chair of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. "I'm grateful to the NEH for this grant and to the partners and consultants who are doing the important work of creating this educational experience."

"We have to acknowledge our history – including the darkest chapters – in order to heal and move forward," said U.S. Senator John Hickenlooper, who as Governor formally apologized for the Sand Creek Massacre on behalf of the State of Colorado. "This exhibit will ensure we never forget the horrific atrocity at Sand Creek, and by so doing help prevent us from repeating it."

"We've had difficult times in the past with History Colorado," said Otto Braided Hair. "This grant shows commitment and dedication from History Colorado."

"It will include information about the lives of the Cheyenne and Arapaho people before the massacre, life today and our efforts to remember the massacre," said Fred Mosqueda. "This NEH funding will help with this

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### WE CAN DO IT!

#### We can slow the spread of COVID-19

As infections, hospitalizations, and deaths remain high across the United States, take steps to protect yourself and others:

- Stay home if you can.
- Wear a mask.
- Stay 6 feet apart.
- Avoid crowds & poorly ventilated spaces.
- Wash your hands.
- Get vaccinated when it's available to you.

We are all tired of COVID-19, but the pandemic is not over yet.

We can slow its spread. Wear a mask, stay at least 6 feet from others, avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces, wash your hands often for at least 20 seconds, and get vaccinated when it's available to you.

Learn more: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/index.html>

## 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 Beardance. 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



# 2021 SOUTHERN UTE BEARDANCE POWWOW

# CANCELED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Southern Ute Powwow committee has decided to not host a Beardance powwow this year.

We want to be able to celebrate powwow season with all our relations, and until we are able to do so safely, we believe this is the safest choice for our tribal nations.



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## HEALTHY RECIPES

# Try a delightful spring and summer recipe

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

A delightful spring and summer dish using fresh ingredients like cilantro, limes, garlic, parsley and green onion. It will become a family favorite!

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



courtesy House of Yum

### Delicious cilantro lime chicken for Street Tacos

#### Ingredients

- 1 1/2 pounds of skinless chicken breasts.
- 1/2 sweet onion, diced.
- Juice of 2 limes (about 1/4 cup).
- 1/4 cup olive oil.
- 1/3 cup finely chopped fresh cilantro.
- 2 cloves garlic.
- 1 teaspoon salt.
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper.
- 1/2 teaspoon cumin.

#### Directions

1. Place chicken breasts in crockpot.
2. In a mixing bowl, whisk together lime juice, olive oil, garlic, cilantro, cumin, salt and pepper.
3. Add onion and stir together.
4. Pour mixture over chicken.
5. Cook on high for 4 hours (or low for 8 hours).
6. Using 2 forks, shred chicken.

Serve in street taco shells with shredded red cabbage and avocado. Top with your favorite salsa or green chili; add fresh chopped parsley and green onion.

## BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

# BEE HEARD: A lethal combination, alcohol and opioids among college students

By Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Summer is almost here, and some students might be returning home from college for seasonal work or to continue their education by enrolling in summer sessions. We want to spread awareness and information to students, parents, friends, and family members about the dangers of mixing alcohol and opioids together. Data shows that not all college students use substances; however, it is important that we still talk about the harms of using alcohol and other substances. You never know when someone who means a lot to you might be using substances and we want to equip you with information you can share.

The opioid epidemic has devastated communities across the country, and college students have not been spared (#ProofsInTheNumbers). One in seven college students have misused a prescription drug during the past year. The high rates of opioid use among college-aged youth have led to rising death rates, and in 2018, more than 3,600 Americans under 25 died from a fatal overdose.

Alcohol is all too often a contributing factor to these preventable deaths. Recent reports from health experts from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) have documented that more than half of those who misuse prescription opioids engage in binge drinking. With almost 55% of college students ages 18-22 reporting drinking alcohol in the past month and one third of them engaging in binge drinking, mixing alcohol and opioids is a serious health concern among college students.

The situation is so severe that Pennsylvania issued its 13th successive disaster declaration over the overdose crisis in 2021. COVID-19 has only exacerbated harms related to both opioids and



alcohol, as Americans of all ages have struggled with the pandemic's isolating effects. The data tells us that if we could reduce rates of excessive alcohol use among college students, we would see fewer deaths due to drug overdoses.

College communities can look to the College Alcohol Intervention Matrix (CollegeAIM), created by the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, that helps colleges and their communities identify and implement effective alcohol interventions. This includes looking at the alcohol policy environment around a college campus, from hours and days of alcohol sales, to the number of alcohol outlets near a college campus. This tool is easy to use and critical for changing the drinking culture on college campuses that continues to persist.

Yet, according to a 2019 report, college campuses can still fall short in implementing the most effective strategies, citing lack of information, resources and coordination. Too often, colleges may rely too heavily on educational programming; however, informational campaigns alone will not successfully reduce substance use if efforts are not focused on also reducing the availability of alcohol and drugs. As many colleges begin to plan to return students to campus in fall 2021, they have an opportunity – and a responsibility – to set policies now that will help protect students from both binge drinking and opioids. This will take coordinated effort with the local community.

It should not be a surprise that heavy drinking can lead

to adverse outcomes and combining alcohol with opioids increases the risks – like taking the wrong pill or too many of them. Binge drinking among college students, and especially when mixed with opioids, can lead to deadly consequences. College campuses can take action to adopt policies and practices on campus while supporting policies off campus that reduce availability of alcohol to prevent alcohol and substance use harms among college students.

Reach out for more information or for help. The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division offers a variety of services and people who you can ask questions and find out more information about the dangers of alcohol or other substances. We can also talk about recovery and support systems both locally and virtually. Please reach out to us and let's work together to create a healthy community for our present and our future generations.

### You are ready to help create a drug-free community?

Want to help and be a part of the change? We are 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.

We have monthly coalition meetings and workshops to help our community understand the real story behind alcohol, meth, opioids, vaping, marijuana, and other drugs in our community. We need your help! All meetings are held virtually.

For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-5700 or email [prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov)

### Upcoming Training or Events

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

For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-5700 or email [prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov)

### Native American Youth Talking Circles

A virtual space for youth to meet, talk, and share challenges and accomplishments. Peer support system for Native American Youth in 9-12 grade.

Please contact Stephanie Garcia at 970-563-5700 or email [sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov) or Lisa Pratchett at [lpratch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lpratch@southernute-nsn.gov) to sign up.

## HEALTH & WELLNESS

# Spring Cleaning: For home and health

Staff report  
JKD & COMPANY

Spring cleaning is a long-standing tradition that allows people to freshen up their homes and get a head start on the upcoming spring and summer months. With the flowers blooming and the birds chirping, there is no reason for your house to be stuck with winter blues.

Some tips to help get spring cleaning started include: cleaning room by room; organizing and clearing clutter; tackling the seasonal chores; establishing new cleaning habits.

Cleaning an entire house may seem like a large task, but breaking it down by room, makes it much more manageable. Creating


cleaning checklists for each room will ensure no steps are skipped during the process. It is also important to focus on those areas that are often skipped over rather than those that have been cleaned recently.

Organizing and clearing clutter is one of the biggest parts of spring cleaning. Sorting your belongings into four different piles can be an effective way to help you decide what to keep, throw away, store, or give away. Taking the clutter to a donation box or charity is another effective way to make sure it does not linger. Not only will organizing and clearing clutter get rid of unwanted items in the house, but it has proven mental health benefits and reduces the stress

hormone cortisol.

In preparation for warmer weather, it is important to get outside and complete outdoor tasks such as cleaning the grill, patio, outside of windows and gardening. The first warm days of spring are a perfect opportunity to get these outdoor tasks done, get some sunshine and a dose of Vitamin D.

Spring cleaning is about more than just the home, it is also about selfcare and wellness. It is a good time to look at mental health and find good habits to form that will carry into the upcoming months. For example, meditation and yoga have been proven to increase body awareness, relieve chronic stress patterns, relax the mind and sharpen concentration.



## RECOVERY TALKING CIRCLE

FREE TO ALL SW COLORADO COMMUNITY MEMBERS 18 AND OLDER.

ANGER MANAGEMENT

12-1 PM

APRIL 15, 2021

BUILDING RESILIENCY W/ SPECIAL GUEST CEDRA ETESAM

12-1 PM

APRIL 22, 2021

COPING MECHANISMS W/ SPECIAL GUEST CEDRA ETESAM

12-1 PM

APRIL 29, 2021

MAINTAINING YOUR RECOVERY

12-1 PM

MAY 6, 2021

RESPONDING TO SOCIAL PRESSURE

12-1 PM

MAY 13, 2021

### CONTACT MARVINA OLGUIN FOR ZOOM INFORMATION.

MISSION STATEMENT

IT IS MY MISSION TO INSPIRE AND EMPOWER OTHER SISTERS AND BROTHERS IN TREATMENT AND HELP THOSE IN RECOVERY LIVE A LIFE OF INTEGRITY, HONESTY AND RESILIENCY. KNOWING THAT HONESTY IS THE FOUNDATION OF CHANGE, IF WE LIVE OUR LIVES ONE MOMENT AT A TIME AND RATIONALIZE EVERY THOUGHT BEFORE IT BECOMES AN ACTION, WE WILL CHANGE.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO DO IT ALONE, WE CAN DO THIS TOGETHER.

-MARVINA OLGUIN | PEER RECOVERY COACH

SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION

NOW LOCATED: 4101 CR 222, DURANGO, CO

HEALTHY MINDS. HEALTHY CHOICES.

HEALTHY UTES.

TO SIGN UP OR FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT MARVINA OLGUIN, PEER RECOVERY COACH

@ 970-563-2359 OR [MAROLGUIN@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV](mailto:MAROLGUIN@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV)

## Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division:** NEW LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBER! 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO 970-563-5700. 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.
- **24/7 Axis Health System Care Hotline:** Durango, CO You're not alone. With our 24/7 crisis services, help is on the way. Your health... We're in this together. 970-247-5245
- **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

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

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FAMILY HEALTH

Social services welcomes new staff, and stands behind its mission

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Division of Social Services (DSS) welcomed a new Division Head, Amber Petersen, to work with and provide quality social services to the tribal membership. Peterson came onboard with DSS in March of 2021. “I am grateful and humbled to be able to work in this position,” Petersen expressed. “The people I’ve been able to meet and work with so far have been very kind and welcoming.”

She was born and raised in northern Utah, and continued her education at Utah State University where she graduated with a Bachelor’s Degree in Family Human Services. After graduation she moved to Alaska and worked there for the past 21 years. While in Alaska she worked with over 25 different tribes; working in the social services realm. Most of her work focused around working with elders, working in education and supporting and strengthening families through Child Protection Services. Not only did she provide opportunities for family units to learn, but also empowered them; Petersen now hopes to build lasting relationships with the membership here on the Southern Ute Reservation and its exterior boundaries.

Not only did the division hire a new Division Head, they also added two new social workers, Dawn Todd and Hailey Beard, as well as a new Foster Care Program

Coordinator, Morgan Olsson.

Together, this new team of staff will promote their mission in providing services in a respectful and culturally sensitive manner. Keeping the safety, unity and stability of families and the community in mind – they continue to support positive changes for all at-risk adults, elders and children. Since the COVID-19 pandemic has forced many tribal departments to make changes to services, DSS is currently closed to all in person meetings and is not allowing any visitors at their building per the “Safer at Home” order.

During this time, staff are continuing to do this very important work in the community. They are providing immediate responses to client calls, emergencies, and will continue working in collaboration with the Southern Ute Police Department. The tribal hotline for child abuse and neglect will continue to be available. Therapy sessions will be provided over the phone and through Facetime or Skype with Family Therapist Angelina Whitehorse. Families who are seeking counseling can contact Angelina Whitehorse, Social Services Family Therapist at 970-563-2335 or via email at [awhitehorse@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:awhitehorse@southernute-nsn.gov)

“DSS really wants to support families, we don’t want to and we try not to go into homes and take children away from their family – that is traumatic for everyone,” Petersen explained. “No family is perfect, my own family isn’t perfect, so

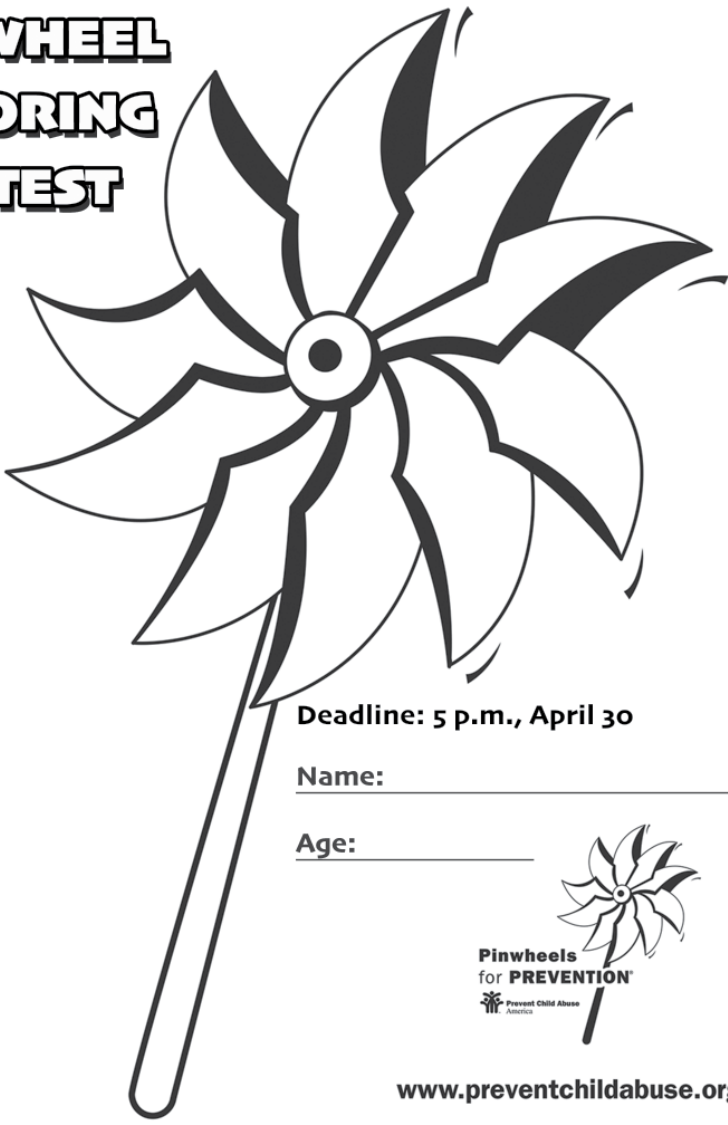
when we are called into situations we want to support families first. The goal is always to work with parents, so the children are in a safe and stable environment.”

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Division of Social Services would like to share resources with our tribal community. In recognition of this special month, the division will be hosting a drive thru event for the children, they will be handing out backpacks full of goodies on Thursday, April 29 outside the Mouache-Capote Building on Tribal Campus. There is also a chance for kids to win prizes for submitting a photo of their colored pinwheel which can be found in the last and latest issue of the Southern Ute Drum newspaper. “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,” Petersen said. “We can work together as a community to help our children.”

If you, or someone you know is experiencing child abuse in any form – please report it immediately to the Southern Ute Division of Social Services Hotline at 970-563-KIDS (5437). The hotline is confidential.

If you are trying to reach the Division of Social Services please call 970-563-2339. For emergencies call the Southern Ute Police Department 970-563-4401.

PINWHEEL  
COLORING  
CONTEST



Deadline: 5 p.m., April 30

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Pinwheels  
for PREVENTION

[www.preventchildabuse.org](http://www.preventchildabuse.org)

Take a photo and send to: [dss@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:dss@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Prizes will be given out for various age groups.

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.

Respectfully,  
Amber Petersen  
Social Services Division Head

Wear a mask when you’re in public  
to help slow the spread of COVID-19

When selecting a mask, you have many choices. Tips below:

- Choose a mask with two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric.
- Choose a mask that covers your mouth and nose and fits snugly against the sides of your face.
- Find a mask that has a nose wire.
- Wear a gaiter with two layers or fold it to make two layers.

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 1 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 5 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.

MASK UP  
COME MEET US  
&  
PICK UP YOUR SWAG!

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Social Services

4-6pm

Drive-Thru

Thursday, April 29, 2021

In front of the  
MOUACHE-CAPOTE BUILDING

Stay in your car, we'll be located on either side of Capote Drive in front of the building

CHILD ABUSE  
PREVENTION MONTH

BACKPACKS, WATER BOTTLES, MASKS, SUNGLASSES & MORE

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## Attention Southern Ute & JOM graduating Seniors

2021 graduation photos needed for The Southern Ute Drum!

As part of an annual Special Feature of Graduating Seniors, The Southern Ute Drum publishes photos of 1) Southern Ute tribal members AND 2) Johnson O'Malley\* students who are graduating from High School in 2021. Southern Ute tribal members who are graduating off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are also encouraged to submit a photo to be included in the Drum's annual feature.

**Please submit a high-resolution photo via email to [rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov)**  
**Deadline is Monday, May 17 by 5 p.m.**

- Photos need to be at least 4"x 6" at 300 dpi, or 1200 x 1800 pixels at 300 dpi.
- Photos can be scanned if brought to the Drum offices, by contacting Fabian Martinez at 970-563-2274 and scheduling an appointment. (Covid restrictions apply. Tribal buildings are closed.)
- If taking a photo with cellphone, please set camera to "Fine" (Large) image.
- Please note: Photos may be cropped for sizing and space.
- Please include Student's Name; Name of School; and Town and State. (i.e. Jane Doe, Ignacio High School, Ignacio, Colo.)

*\* Native American students enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, that will be graduating from either Ignacio or Bayfield schools qualify as Johnson O'Malley (JOM) students.*

## Elbert J. Floyd Award nominations 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](mailto: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.

## Scholarships are available for the 2021-2022 academic year

### Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is 5:00 PM July 1st 2021
- Part-time scholarships are also available-Due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Scholarship applications are now on-line
- Find it on the Tribal Website in the Education Department

Southern Ute Education Department  
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137



For more information: Michael Kirsch-  
Academic Advisor  
970-563- 2783  
E-mail: [mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov)

## SUIMA

# From the Eagle's Nest

### The absorbent mind

*Staff report*  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

It is a well-established fact that babies and toddlers' brains develop at such a quick speed, it is hard to even fathom.

In the Montessori world we call that the "absorbent mind" because their brains are like sponges. For the first three years of life, cognitive, emotional, and social foundations are laid.

So how has the COVID pandemic changed for this aged child? How will social distancing affect development? How will they develop social skills and gross motor skills if they are inside all the time? And how do I, as a parent, get through this?

Just remember that everything you need is within your home to help your child grow and develop. Babies and toddlers start to learn how to recognize people and objects, cause and effect, and language. What these children need is lot of love, attention, and stimulation to thrive and the best place to get all of this is at home with you.

Think of when you had your baby and all he/she wanted to do was look at you all the time memorizing every smile, wrinkle, and the color of your eyes. His/her absorbent brain was soaking up all of your facial expressions and the way you spoke. A special baby doll or stuffed animal is an object that becomes imbedded in your child's mind. Playing peek-a-boo helps your child understand cause and effect.

The time we have spent at home won't harm your child's development if they have had a secure base, know they are loved, and know that they are safe. The most important things to do are to ensure that your child has a routine, plenty of self-directed activities, and play time with you.



courtesy SUIMA

This red-tailed hawk enjoyed a couple of winter-like spring days flying over the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy campus, enjoying the view from atop the brush arbor in the infant toddler area of the school.

When the adults in your child's life are feeling out-of-sorts and don't have a routine, this age child knows something is up; they see and feel it from the adults. Even if they don't understand it, they get it. So, how do you create a routine? It can just be a simple schedule of what you are going to do, and one that can be repeated in various ways each day, (i.e., brushing teeth, playing outside, snacks, naps, working/playing inside, etc.).

With the Safer-at-Home Level II order in place, you can now get outside and bring a new perspective to your child. Take a blanket out and watch the clouds go by. Go for a walk to the park. Or go to the library and check out some great infant/toddler books. The worry you may have had during this strange year can be put to rest. Talking to, laughing with, singing for, and loving your child will have been the best thing for him/her.

If you are a parent of a SUIMA infant or toddler, remember to reach out to your child's classroom guides for ideas. Know that you are amazing, and you have done wonders with your child.

### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

For this edition of the Eagle's Nest, we will focus on staff member Anna Prentice, who is the mother of

two young boys – Greyson and Brently – both in the infant and toddler age group.



Anna Prentice  
Infant/Toddler Floater

After working at Tri-County Head Start, Anna returned to SUIMA as an I/T floater this school year. Even though the students are learning from home remotely, Anna has helped the guides and teachers throughout the school to make materials that are sent home.

Ms. Prentice says her favorite thing to do on her days off are to hang out with her boys, her dog dak, and her cat named Danger. By watching her boys grow, she lives up to the advice she has to offer, "Don't be in a hurry to grow up!"

Anna's favorite quote is, "I'm not crazy M'Lynn, I've just been in a bad mood for 40 years!" Thank you Anna for being part of the SUIMA family.

## Upcoming SUIMA events

- April 19 – May 7: **Benchmark Assessment**
- April 21 – **PAG Family Night**, 6 p.m. Topic: Past and Current Southern Ute Leaders
- April 26 – **Professional Development Day** – No school for students
- April 29 – **Parent meeting**, for students transitioning to another level.



## Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Virtual Book Fair

You're invited to shop our **Scholastic Book Fair** online from **April 14-April 27!!** The Book Fair is open to everyone, not just SUIMA families. All purchases benefit SUIMA students and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.

You'll love the NEW option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:

- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
  - All orders ship **direct to home**
- **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25\*
  - All purchases **support our students**

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click "Shop Now" to get started:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/southernuteacademy>

This link can also be found on SUIMA's website [www.suima.org](http://www.suima.org) under the "FOR PARENTS" tab.

If you have any questions, please call Debbie Lamoreaux at 970-563-2705

\* Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion. If purchasing items other than books, it is suggested that you place your book order (if it above \$25) for the free shipping promotion, then place a second order for the additional items. This way you only pay shipping on the items that are not books.



SCHOLASTIC  
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## PCC's Career Exploration Event

Wed., April 21 or Wed., April 28  
9 am-4 pm | PCC Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.

## If you're in the job market or looking to upgrade your skills, come see us!

Speak with an advisor, learn about PCC's pathway programs, apply for admission and register for classes. Walk-ins are welcome, or you can call or email Bethany Powell to schedule an appointment.



Contact for further information:  
**Site Coordinator Bethany Powell**  
[Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu) | 970.385.2098



courtesy CDOT

Master Trooper Doug Wiersma, Colorado State Patrol, demonstrates the crash simulator at a previous event.

TRANSPORTATION

## CDOT unveils display featuring stories of distracted driving victims

Staff report

COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

CDOT unveiled a life-size car dashboard display at Stanley Marketplace that allows people to look through the windshield and experience the true stories of people injured or killed in distracted driving crashes. Visitors are encouraged to stop and view the stories at the display or scan a QR code to hear from the victims themselves at <https://www.codot.gov/safety/distracteddriving/victims>.

“Distracted Driving continues to be a dangerous issue on Colorado roads,” said CDOT Communications Manager Sam Cole. “An average of 42 crashes a day involve a distracted driver and the consequences can be truly life-changing. This display aims to educate drivers on the devastating impacts that distracted driving can

have on our roads.”

Designed to look like the front seat of a car, visitors can stand behind the steering wheel and look through the windshield, just as if they were driving. Instead of the road ahead, they will see what they should be focused on while driving: real people, with real stories of grief. A screen behind the windshield will highlight the stories of four distracted driving victims, each of whom has been personally impacted by the actions of a distracted driver.

CDOT’s Distracted Driving Victims Display will remain at Stanley Marketplace through the end of April as part of Distracted Driving Awareness Month. The display represents one of many efforts CDOT is embracing to get the word out about Distracted Driving this month through its Distraction Reactions campaign. Coffee

sleeves and window clings can be found in coffee shops statewide while digital ads prompt viewers to rethink their distracted driving behaviors and consider the reactions of those around them. Partner organizations and individuals are also invited to share educational materials through their own channels.

“Every time I see a distracted driver my first thought is to get as far away from them as possible,” said Susan Dane, founder of Coloradoans Organized for Responsible Driving (CORD). “My second thought is to ask: is it worth it? I lost two friends to a distracted driver, there’s no reason for more lives to be lost due to distracted driving.”

For more information about distracted driving in Colorado and to learn more about the Distraction Reactions campaign, visit: [distracted.codot.gov](https://distracted.codot.gov).

COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS

## Seeking volunteers for La Plata County Community Corrections Board

Staff report

LA PLATA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners is seeking qualified individuals to serve on the newly re-established La Plata County Community Corrections Board (CCB).

The CCB has the authority to oversee and determine compliance of the community corrections program services provider, to establish and enforce standards of the community corrections program services provider and oversee all financial matters and enter into contracts with the State of Colorado for funding.

The CCB members shall also create a subcommittee of the CCB to review offender cases referred for placement in the Community Corrections program “Hilltop House” with the authority to accept, defer or reject anyone for placement that is determined to be a risk to the public or the program.

The Board of County Commissioners are looking for the following members of the community:

- A member of the community with a finance or accounting background
  - A member of the community who has experience as a mental health/substance abuse treatment provider
  - A representative from a local business with preference to a business who has employed community corrections clients in the past
  - A member of the criminal defense bar in the 6th Judicial District
  - A member of the community who represents the victim advocacy community
  - Up to three members selected from a cross-section of the general citizenry.
- A complete description of the board member position, as well as an online application, are available at: [https://www.co.lapлата.co.us/how\\_do\\_i/apply\\_for/boards\\_commissions.php](https://www.co.lapлата.co.us/how_do_i/apply_for/boards_commissions.php)
- Applications are due by end of business on Tuesday, May 4; for additional information, please contact Carly at 970-382-6219 or [carly.delong@co.lapлата.co.us](mailto:carly.delong@co.lapлата.co.us).



**Get involved in your community!**

*The Board of County Commissioners invites community members to apply to serve on the re-established*

**La Plata County Community Corrections Board**

*Board members will oversee the Community Corrections Program serving our area, as well as reviewing offender cases referred for placement into this program. Board membership is a voluntary position.*

*Visit [www.co.lapлата.co.us](https://www.co.lapлата.co.us) for the board position description and on-line application.*

**Applications must be returned by May 4.**

*For more information, please call Carly DeLong (970) 382-6219*

## NEH GRANT FOR SAND CREEK • FROM PAGE 3

important work.”

“This grant is really good news,” said Gail Ridgley. “It’s great to work with Dr. Kelman and Dr. Roberts again – they are walking textbooks on the Sand Creek Massacre.”

“The Sand Creek Massacre exhibition will demonstrate that all people in the United States, tribal and non-tribal, can work humbly together to remember and begin to heal from the Sand Creek Massacre,” said Shannon Voirol, director of exhibit planning at History Colorado. “It will also offer universal, timely lessons that fear, racism, and stereotyping can and do lead to catastrophic consequences.”

In 2012, when the His-

tory Colorado Center first opened its doors in Denver, it included an exhibition on the Sand Creek Massacre. However, the exhibition was developed without adequate input from tribal representatives and leadership and was closed shortly after opening. Since then, History Colorado staff have been building and re-connecting stakeholder relationships around this subject matter. They have also cultivated successful community relationships for several other long-term exhibitions at the History Colorado Center: Borderlands of Southern Colorado; El Movimiento: The Chicano Movement in Colorado; and Written on the Land: Ute Voices, Ute His-

tory. Ongoing dialogue has resulted in these culturally sensitive projects earning community buy-in and attendance from the people and communities that they feature, which is a major goal of the Sand Creek Massacre exhibition.

Additional consultants and partners for the work include Dr. Laurie Arnold (Sinixt Band of the Colville Confederated Tribes), director of Native American Studies at Gonzaga University; Dr. Ari Kelman, author of A Misplaced Massacre: Struggling Over the Memory of Sand Creek (Harvard, 2015); and Dr. Alexa Roberts, the first Superintendent of the Sand Creek Massacre National Historic Site.

VEHICLE SAFETY

## Drive Safe Coalition to host demo at Durango Home and Ranch Show

Staff report

SW REGIONAL EMERGENCY AND TRAUMA ADVISORY COUNCIL

The Drive Safe Coalition will host a booth at the upcoming Durango Home and Ranch Show this coming weekend, on Saturday April 24 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, April 25 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The coalition’s booth will feature driver safety demonstrations.

A crash simulator will show drivers how seat belts can save lives. A dummy, named Bob, is placed in a car-like simulator (with or without a seatbelt) and demonstrates how buckling up can help save lives in a rollover accident.

“The rollover-crash simulator is an actual pickup truck cab mounted to a custom trailer,” explained Master Trooper Doug Wiersma.

“The truck cab, with the assistance of an attached electric motor, rolls sideways on an axis. This simulates a rollover crash and presents a very visual portrayal of what happens to a vehicle occupant. The demonstration offers two scenarios; one with ‘Dummy Bob’ properly seatbelted into the driver’s seat, and one without the seatbelt. The differences in each scenario are dramatic as they demonstrate the importance of proper restraint and how seatbelts are almost always the dividing line between life and death in serious crashes.”

Also at the booth, coa-



courtesy SWRETAC

Master Trooper Doug Wiersma, Colorado State Patrol, demonstrates the crash simulator at a previous event.

lition committee members will be on hand to demonstrate the proper use of seat belts to secure a child car seat or booster seat. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), car seats and booster seats reduce the risk for injury in a crash, compared with seatbelt use alone. Buckling children in age- and size-appropriate car seats, booster seats, and seat belts reduces the risk of serious and fatal injuries:

- Car seat use reduces the risk for death to infants (aged <1 year) by 71% and to toddlers (aged 1–4 years) by 54%.
- Booster seat use reduces the risk for serious injury by 45% for young

children (aged 4–8) years when compared with seat belt use alone.

- For older children and adults, seat belt use reduces the risk for death and serious injury by approximately half.

### More about Drive Safe Coalition and SWRETAC

The Drive Safe Coalition is a program of the Southwest Regional Emergency and Trauma Advisory Council (SWRETAC). The coalition’s mission is to promote driver and passenger safety in southwest Colorado, with a vision to educate drivers and their passengers about safe driving practices. Visit the Drive Safe Coalition webpage: [swretac.com/prevention/](https://swretac.com/prevention/).




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## Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Treatment Plant

# Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for Calendar Year 2020

PUBLIC WATER SYSTEM ID: 080890001

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

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

### GENERAL INFORMATION

All drinking water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the Environmental Protection Agency’s Safe Drinking Water Hotline (1-800-426- 4791) or by visiting <http://water.epa.gov/drink/contaminants>. Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno- compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV-AIDS or other immune system disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk of infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. For more information about contaminants and potential health effects, or to receive a copy of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and the U.S. Centers for Disease Control (CDC) guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by Cryptosporidium and microbiological contaminants call the EPA Safe Drinking Water Hotline at (1-800-426-4791). The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

Contaminants that may be present in source water include:

- **Microbial contaminants:** viruses and bacteria that may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations, and wildlife.
- **Inorganic contaminants:** salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban storm-water runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining, or farming.
- **Pesticides and herbicides:** may come from a variety of sources, such as agriculture, urban storm-water runoff, and residential uses.
- **Radioactive contaminants:** can be naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
- **Organic chemical contaminants:** including synthetic

and volatile organic chemicals, which are byproducts of industrial processes and petroleum production, and also may come from gas stations, urban storm water runoff, and septic systems.

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

### LEAD IN DRINKING WATER

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

Our Water Source	
Source	Source Type
Los Pinos River	Surface Water

The source of the water treated at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Water Treatment Plant is the Los Pinos River, also called the Pine River.

### TERMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)** – The highest level of a contaminant allowed in drinking water.
- **Treatment Technique (TT)** – A required process intended to reduce the level of a contaminant in drinking water.
- **Action Level (AL)** – The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment and other regulatory requirements.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL)** – The highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG)** – The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG)** – The level of a drinking water disinfectant, below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of

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

### DETECTED CONTAMINANTS

The Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant routinely monitors for contaminants in your drinking water according to Federal Law. The following table(s) show all detections found in the period of January 1 to December 31, 2019 unless otherwise noted. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) requires us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year, or the system is not considered vulnerable to this type of contamination. Therefore, some of our data, though representative, may be more than one year old. Violations and Formal Enforcement Actions, if any, are reported in the next section of this report.

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

Disinfectants Sampled in the Distribution System						
Contaminant Name	Year	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MRDL	MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2020	0.23 - 0.92	ppm	4.0	No	Water additive used to control microbes

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

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

Disinfection Byproducts Sampled in the Distribution System									
Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	Highest Compliance Value	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Total Haloacetic Acids (HAA5)	2020	38	38	ppb	60	N/A	38	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Total Trihalome thanes (TTHM)	2020	31	31	ppb	80	N/A	31	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection
Chlorite	2020	.026	.020 - 0.076	ppm	1.0	0.8	0.076	No	Byproduct of drinking water disinfection

Disinfectants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System							
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	TT/MRDL Requirement	TT/MRDL Violation	Typical Sources
Chlorine	2020	1.15	0.30 – 2.25	ppm	TT = No more than 72 hours with a residual below .2 mg/L	No	Water additive used to control microbes
Chlorine Dioxide	2020	0.06	0 - 0.180	ppm	MRDL = 0.8	No	Water additive used to control microbes

Summary of Turbidity Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System					
Contaminant Name	Sample Date	Level Found	TT Requirement	TT Violation	Typical Sources
Turbidity	Continuous	Highest single measurement: 0.145 NTU	Maximum 1 NTU for any single measurement	No	Soil Runoff
Turbidity	Continuous	Lowest monthly percentage of samples meeting TT requirement for our technology: 100%	In any month, at least 95% of samples must be less than 0.3 NTU	No	Soil Runoff

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

Inorganic Contaminants Sampled at the Entry Point to the Distribution System								
Contaminant Name	Year	Average	Range Low – High	Unit of Measure	MCL	MCLG	MCL Violation	Typical Sources
Fluoride	2020	0.65	0.18 – .74	ppm	4	4	No	Erosion of natural deposits; water additive which promotes strong teeth; discharge from fertilizer and aluminum factories
Nitrate	2020	.057	.057 - .057	ppm	10	10	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Nitrite	2020	< 0.020	< 0.020	ppm	1	1	No	Runoff from fertilizer use; leaching from septic tanks, sewage; erosion of natural deposits
Barium	2020	.0368	.0368 - .0368	ppm	2	2	No	Discharge of drilling wastes; discharge from metal refineries; erosion of natural deposits
**The Artificial Fluoridation Program ended November 2020**								

No Violations or Formal Enforcement Actions

ENVIRONMENT

Colorado introduces legislation to invest in forest, watershed restoration across the West

Staff report  
OFFICE OF U.S. SENATOR BENNET

On Tuesday, April 20, Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet introduced the Outdoor Restoration Partnership Act to create or sustain over two million jobs in the outdoors by investing in forest and watershed restoration. This legislation will provide direct support to local, collaborative efforts to restore wildlife habitat, expand outdoor access, and mitigate wildfire. It will also spur federal investment in areas at high-risk of wildfire, with high priority wildlife habitat, or in the wildland-urban interface – where homes and businesses meet wildland vegetation – to build climate resilience in the West.

Bennet, who chairs the U.S. Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry’s Subcommittee on Conservation, Climate, Forestry, and Natural Resources, first introduced this proposal in December. President Joe Biden included a commitment to invest in restoration and resilience in his American Jobs Plan, highlighting Bennet’s legislation as a model. U.S. Representatives Jason Crow (D-Colo.) and Mike Simpson (R-Idaho) will introduce companion legislation in the U.S. House of Representatives. U.S. Senator Ron Wyden (D-Ore.) is also co-sponsor of the bill.

“Forests, rangeland, and watersheds are essential infrastructure that sustain our economy in Colorado. For too long, Congress has failed to meaningfully invest in our western lands, undermining our economy and way of life,” said Bennet. “The Outdoor Restoration Partnership Act changes that – investing in the West by creating good-paying jobs to improve forest health, restore watersheds, enhance wildlife habitat, and expand access to the outdoors. I’m pleased President Biden recognized the importance of restoring America’s forests by including this proposal in his American Jobs Plan. This legislation was written with – and inspired by – Coloradans, and I look forward to working with my colleagues in Congress to make it a reality.”

“As we confront climate change, we have an unprecedented chance to create good-paying jobs and generate economic growth while taking meaningful climate action. President Biden understands this imperative and I’m grateful that our plan to do just that was included in the President’s American Jobs Plan,” said Crow. “The Outdoor Restoration Partnership Act would make critical investments in our forests and watersheds to prevent wildfires and other natural disasters. As we continue to recover from the economic crisis caused by COVID-19, this bipartisan legislation would create two million jobs and support the outdoor industry that plays a massive role in our economy. It also recognizes the importance of strong partnerships between the federal government and our state, local, and tribal partners in outdoor restoration efforts.”

“The climate crisis is not some distant threat. It’s here, and families out West feel its impacts year after year as catastrophic wildfires and extreme weather events devastate their communities,” said Wyden. “Climate action and climate resilience efforts go hand in hand. The West desperately needs a federal investment to restore our public lands and mitigate wildfire risks –investments that will make our communities safer, protect our special places for generations to come, and create good paying jobs, especially in hard hit rural America.”



Michael Bennet  
U.S. Senator

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Empower local leaders by making \$20 billion directly available to state and local governments, tribes, special districts, and non-profits to support restoration, resilience, and mitigation projects across public, private, and tribal lands. Empowering local leaders that have an ability to bring diverse voices to the table is the path for progress in the West. Partner with states and tribes to invest \$40 billion in targeted projects to restore wildlife habitat and reduce wildfire risk across the country. This investment allows federal agencies to partner with local stakeholders to improve forest and watershed health and build climate and community resilience. Tackling the backlog of restoration and resilience projects across public, private, and tribal land will sustain our economy and way of life.

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8 RIVERS AND SO. UTE TRIBE • FROM PAGE 1

Ron DeGregorio, CEO and Board Member of NET Power said, “The NET Power team is thrilled that 8 Rivers and the Southern Ute Growth Fund have selected our clean energy technology. The Coyote Clean Power Project represents one of the first of many future NET Power plants with the potential to eliminate carbon emissions and achieve net zero by the year 2050.”

The NET Power system utilizes the Allam-Fetvedt Cycle, combusting natural gas with oxygen, as opposed to air, and uses supercritical carbon dioxide as a working fluid to drive a turbine instead of steam. This eliminates all air emissions, including traditional pollutants and CO2, and inherently produces pipeline-quality CO2 that can be sequestered, all while operating at competitive cost and efficiency to traditional gas power plants.

PROJECT WEBSITE:  
[www.Coyote.Energy](http://www.Coyote.Energy)

Southern Ute Growth Fund: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Growth Fund operates and manages the Southern Ute Indian

Tribe’s businesses and business investments. In this role, the Growth Fund oversees a significant portfolio of companies and investments in energy, real estate, and private equity. The Growth Fund’s headquarters are located in the heart of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation in Ignacio, Colo. Since the Tribe created the Growth Fund in 2000, it has committed substantial capital to a broadening range of businesses and investments. In just eighteen years, the value of the Growth Fund’s holdings has grown substantially. Operations and assets are spread out over thirteen states and the Gulf of Mexico. For more information, please visit: [www.sugf.com](http://www.sugf.com).

8 Rivers Capital, LLC is a Durham, NC-based firm leading the invention and commercialization of sustainable, infrastructure-scale technologies for the global energy transition. 8 Rivers is the inventor of the Allam-Fetvedt Cycle, a paradigm-changing net-zero power solution that was named ADIPEC’s “Breakthrough Technology of the Year 2018” and that is anticipated to form

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Arvin Trujillo- Four Corners Economics Collaborative Efforts & Local Economics.

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Dave Castillo- CEO of Native Community Capital.

Brad Grabelle- Financial Consultant with Raymond James Financial Services.

Alicia Ortega- Co-founder of Native Woman Lead and owner Evergreen Ingenuity.

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INDIAN GAMING COMMISION

Human trafficking bulletin and resource page

Staff report  
NATIONAL INDIAN GAMING  
COMMISSION

The National Indian Gaming Commission (NIGC) recently announced that it published a new bulletin on human trafficking and created a special emphasis resource page on combating human trafficking.

According to the Department of Justice, human trafficking, also known as trafficking in persons or modern-day slavery, is a crime that involves compelling or coercing a person to provide labor or services or to engage in commercial sex acts. The coercion can be subtle or overt, physical or psychological. Exploitation of a minor for commercial sex is human trafficking, regardless of whether any form of force, fraud, or coercion is used.

“Indian gaming and its stakeholders are engaged partners in the fight against human trafficking. This engagement underscores the commitment by gaming operations and regulators to promote innovative approaches and best practices in this fight. Commitment is important if we are to help end the immoral practice of human trafficking taking place across all areas of our society. I am pleased the NIGC is demonstrating our support for this work



by creating and amplifying these valuable resources,” said Chairman Sequoyah Simermeyer.

Confronting human trafficking takes a comprehensive and collaborative approach, starting with awareness of the problem. The NIGC continues to work diligently to raise awareness regarding human trafficking and encourage tribal gaming operators and officials to take proactive prevention measures. The NIGC is in regular contact with other federal and non-federal agencies and groups to help raise awareness of human trafficking and share resources with Tribes. The goal is to equip Indian gaming operations with resources to deter human trafficking.

Vice Chair Isom-Clause explained: “Tribal communities are disproportionately affected by human trafficking. As tribes lead the fight against this crime in their communities, we are pro-

viding these resources and training to assist them.”

Over the years, the NIGC has hosted human trafficking awareness training as part of its annual regional training courses, webinars, and on-demand videos. The NIGC continues to look for ways to promote knowledge and resources to combat this horrific crime. The Human Trafficking Bulletin and Resource Page can be found at Human Trafficking Resources | National Indian Gaming Commission (nigc.gov).

“Tribal leaders have raised concerns over the years about the issue of human trafficking in their communities. The NIGC has taken strong and proactive steps to help support tribal communities combat this issue. I am proud of the resources that the NIGC has made available and we stand ready to be part of the solution to ending human trafficking,” Commissioner Hovland said.

SEXUAL VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Six common tactics of sexual coercion

Staff report  
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

What is sexual coercion? Sexual coercion is the practice of persuading someone to engage in unwanted sexual activity by using force, intimidation or threats. Anyone can use sexual coercion; however, it is likely that it will happen with someone you already have some type of relationship with like a partner, friend or date. Consent is not given if your sexual partner(s) feel pressured, intimidated and/or threatened, therefore sexual coercion is sexual violence.

Tactics of sexual coercion. Sexual coercion tactics can vary, and many can be used in combination with each other. Be aware that someone who makes you feel pressured and uncomfortable after you’ve said no to sex may be trying to coerce you. If you “give in” to keep the peace, you are a victim of coercion.

Here are some common signs of sexual coercion adapted from Love is Respect.

- Constant pressure, even after you say no  
They use repeated requests, begging and relentless pestering to try to wear you down. They may try to use bargaining by saying

things like “I’ll do this if you do this for me.”

- Manipulates your emotions  
They try to make you feel like you owe them by using over the top compliments, actions or affection. They make you feel like it’s too late to say no by saying “You’ve done it before.” or “I need to do this now that we’ve already been doing X, Y, Z.”
- Tries to normalize their sexual expectations  
They might use societal norms to try to justify their behavior and say things like “Guys just need it more” or “Women my age have a high sex drive.”
- Uses your relationship status against you  
They may say things like “Couples in relationships have sex and if we aren’t having sex, I guess we shouldn’t be together.” or “You’re my boyfriend, you should want to have sex with me!”
- Makes you feel afraid if you say no  
They could threaten to harm you, relatives, friends or your career, home and life. They could threaten to out you. They could also resort to lying

or spreading rumors about you in your community.

- Reacts negatively when you say no

They react badly and may not directly admit why. They may try to coerce you by making you feel guilty and say things like “How can you do this to me?” or “Don’t you see you’re hurting me?” They could pout, whine, cry or give you the silent treatment and deny you any physical affection. Emotional abuse like name calling or putting you down and physical abuse might also be used.

If any of these sounds familiar to you, StrongHearts is here to help. To speak with an advocate, call 1-844-762-8483, text 1-844-762-8483, or for one-on-one chat advocacy, visit [strongheartshelp-line.org](https://strongheartshelp-line.org) 24/7.

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The week of April 11-17 is designated nationally to recognize our 911 Dispatchers. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic we haven’t been able to celebrate them like we should. These men and women are a first responder’s lifeline. They rarely get seen or recognized. We have a great group of dispatchers at the Southern Ute Police Dept. They come from all walks of life. Some are parents, grandparents, traditional dancers, gamers and musicians. Most of them are local community members or live nearby. Our SUPD dispatchers are as follows: Brenna Atcitty, Amber Albo, Faren Burch, Jonathan Chavarillo, Sergio Cloud, TJ Herrera, Steven Herrera, Dolores Gallegos and Amanda Lucero. SUPD currently has an opening for a dispatcher. Being a dispatcher is more than just a job ... it’s an experience.



Southern Ute  
Police Department

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National Public Safety Telecommunications Week

So. Ute Police Dept. News



courtesy Southern Ute Police Dept.

Southern Ute tribal member Sergio Cloud just received his certificate from the Indian Police Academy. Sergio successfully completed the Basic Telecommunications Program. Sergio had to do the classes online due to the pandemic. He has been with SUPD for approximately five years. He was first a Community Resource Officer; and now a dispatcher for the past two years. Cloud began as a Dispatcher Trainee with SUPD and recently celebrated his 22nd birthday!



courtesy Southern Ute Police Dept.

Newly hired SUPD officer Deirryck Begaye (Navajo) has 14 years of experience in the field of law enforcement; coming from Ramah Navajo Tribal Police Department. “Looking forward to working with the police department and The Southern Ute Indian Tribal community; to make the community a safer and better community,” Begaye said.



courtesy Southern Ute Police Dept.

RC Lucero, member of the Southern Ute/Ute Mtn. Ute Tribe, is SUPD’s newly hired Tribal Campus Security Officer. Lucero was born and raised in Ignacio. His hobbies include: camping, fishing, playing softball and spending as much time as possible with his family.

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.

# Tribal members first to try their luck!



Treva, Edwina and Ralph Watts enjoy breakfast together in the newly opened Willows Cafe & Bistro.

**All Southern Ute tribal members were invited to the “Tribal Membership Reopening” at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Thursday, April 15 – Friday, April 16 and were allowed to bring along one guest. The casino floor is now open from 10 a.m. to 11 p.m. daily. Masks are required indoors, and there currently is no smoking or vaping allowed. Temperature checks are required upon entrance into the facility and player’s club cards are required for all play. Capacity limits are in effect, no more than 250 people are allowed on the casino floor and the restaurants are limited to 50 people. Enjoy all there is to offer at Sky Ute Casino Resort – but remember to follow all safety guidelines!**



Mary Espinosa works efficiently to clean machines after each use, all machines are disinfected and sanitized by the cleaning staff during casino hours.

Photos by McKayla Lee  
The Southern Ute Drum



Denise Thompson tries her luck playing slot machines at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



Arthur “Johnny” Weaver looks out onto the casino floor to spot his next machine while attending the reopening event.



Sky Ute Casino Resort Willows Bistro barista, Hannah Turner wraps up a to-go coffee order during the reopening of the Sky Ute Casino.

## Casino opens with limited operations

Dear Tribal Member and Tribal staff,  
The Sky Ute Casino Resort is happy to share that since we have opened our doors on April 15, our operations have run smooth. We prioritize the health safety of the tribal membership, our guests, and staff and safety guidelines continue to be followed. We invite you to enjoy breakfast at Willows or lunch/dinner at Rolling Thunder while you enjoy playing on the slots!  
The Tribe remains in Phase II “Safer at Home” Level 3 and although we have opened our doors, operations are still limited. At this time, the tribal membership and staff remain unable to utilize the Casino’s Cashier Window to cash checks. Tribal members and staff are encouraged to vis-

it the local Wells Fargo bank which will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 4:00 p.m. to provide these services, even if you do not have an account with this financial institution. Two forms of identification are required to perform transactions.  
Please make appropriate plans for payroll and dividend distribution.  
The Sky Ute Casino Resort management would like to offer apologies for this continued inconvenience. When these services are allowed to resume, an announcement will be provided.

Charley Flagg,  
General Manager  
Sky Ute Casino Resort

## Skate Park recognition



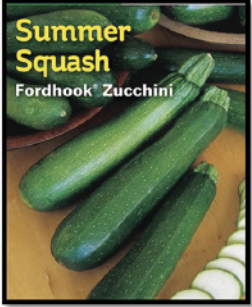
photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

SunUte Community Center Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth held a small outdoor recognition ceremony for those involved with the construction, implementation and oversight of the Tribe’s latest endeavor, the new SunUte Skate Park. “It took a large, diverse team to build such a beautiful skatepark,” said Duffy-Wirth. “Special thanks to everyone involved including the SCSYAC, our local youth, Tribal Council, Executive Office, Tribal Planning, Properties and Facilities, Tribal Housing, and SunUte.”

SunUte Director, Robin Duffy-Wirth handed out embroidered hoodies, bearing the SunUte logo, to tribal staff on Friday, April 9, recognizing them for the hard work and dedication in seeing the Skate Park project come to fruition on Tribal Campus.



## Multi-Purpose Facility April Elder at Home Activity



## Available to Tribal Member Elders

Call the MPF to request a kit at 970-563-2641  
or e-mail [eredd@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:eredd@southernute-nsn.gov)  
Kit will be mailed or delivered.  
Available April 9, 2021

## BOBCATS ALUMNI

# Former 'Cat claims college rodeo victory

*IHS grad Sanchez wins in Weatherford, Okla.*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

An appearance at the snowy 55th Annual Fort Hays (Kan.) State Rodeo, April 16-18, didn't go as planned for the Garden City (Kan.) Community College men's roster – and definitely not as well as Dustin Sanchez had fared the previous week.

Competing April 8-10 at the 48th Annual Southwestern Oklahoma State University Rodeo in Weatherford, Okla., the Ignacio High School alumnus-turned-Broncbuster not only placed fifth in the bull riding's long go but also conquered the short with an 81-pointer. Riding inside Don Mitchell Arena he also won the average, totaling 147 points on two head.

Southeastern Oklahoma (Durant, Okla.) State's Wyatt Rogers (146) came in second, while Fort Scott, Kan., CC's Patterson Starcher (84) earned third.

All told, the 'Busters finished in a tie for sixth, equaling Coffeyville, Kan., CC's accumulated 140 points. Oklahoma Panhandle State University, meanwhile, returned to Goodwell, Okla., having racked



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Ignacio High School alumni, Dustin Sanchez, a student-athlete at Garden City Community College bull rider in Garden City, Kan.

up a winning 565 – easily bettering Western Oklahoma State College's 470, plus matching 355s posted by SEOSU and the hosting Bulldogs – as the motivated Aggies ably backed up

previous week's Oklahoma State University (Stillwater, Okla.) Cowboy Stampede.

OPSU had lost two team members – including Cam-po, Colo., roper Cinch Bull-

*Former 'Cat page 20*



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Marisa Carmenoros (5) enjoys a joke with sophomore Harmony Reynolds (12) during a pause in varsity play inside IHS Gymnasium. Carmenoros has been a varsity regular during her Volleycat career.

## BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

# Volleycats' season rapidly winding down

*IHS hoping to close with winning record*

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Earlier during this Spring 2021 volleyball season, Ridgway head coach Sarah Firkins was, to say the least, underwhelmed by her team's performance in a 24-26, 20-25, 26-24, 11-25 road loss at Ignacio.

"What I saw ... against Telluride was completely different," she'd said before exiting IHS Gymnasium, referring to the Lady Demons' season-opening effort four days earlier, producing a 3-0 sweep of the up-and-coming Lady Miners, "and I'm excited for Ignacio to come to our house; I think the tables will turn around a little bit."

"We have to learn a lot about our coverage ... a lot about the small things, then move forward ... focus on our future," said senior Emily Medina. "We expect the 'Cats to come hard when they come into our gym, but we're going to push ... as we can."

And with both sides slated to cap off one of the pandemic-condensed campaign's busiest calendar weeks clashing Saturday, April 24, in their mutual regular-season finale, a remarkable rematch should be anticipated.

A start time at RHS had been a question mark, but as of press time had revert-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Charlize Valdez (4) focuses mentally on the task at hand during junior-varsity action inside IHS Gymnasium. Valdez has regularly suited up first for the JV, then immediately after for the varsity on any given match day this spring.

ed from 11 a.m. to the original 1 p.m. Reason being, the Volleycats' listed 4/17 trip to Dove Creek had been a COVID-related cancellation with a make-up scenario including meeting – while returning from Ridgway – the Lady Bulldogs on the 24th at 5 p.m. with neutral Dolores High the site.

Unfortunately more recent developments on DCHS' end nixed that dicey doubleheader altogether, and though it means Ignacio won't get to test their late-season mettle against the latest CHSAANow.com Class 1A rankings' No. 10 team, it does mean the crew can concentrate on their third 2A-level San Juan Ba-

sin League contest in five critical days.

Entering the April 19 week, the 'Cats stood 5-5 overall, 5-3 against all 2A/1A SJBL resistance and 2-3 against the circuit's 2A programs. With results of an important 4/14 home match versus Mancos not yet reported, RHS commenced work standing 4-5 both overall and against all SJBL teams, but 2-4 on the 2A side.

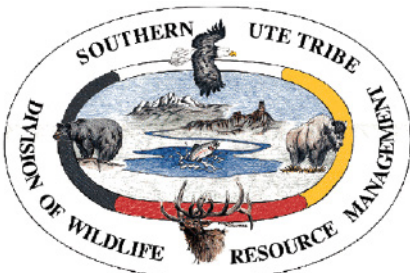
Prior to welcoming IHS, Ridgway will have played both local rival 1A Ouray and 1A Nucla away; Ignacio, respectively, will have hosted DHS (8-4, 8-2 SJBL, 6-1 2A SJBL) and traveled

*Volleycats page 20*

## 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.



## Tribal Council Approved 2021 Spring Turkey Hunting

Season Dates: March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021- May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Permits Issued: Beginning March 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Bag Limit:

- Southern Ute Indian Reservation: 2 bearded turkeys. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.
- Brunot Treaty Area: 1 bearded turkey. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.

Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member 12 years old or older.

Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.

For more information please call the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130



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## IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

# How do you battle summer slide?

Staff report

IGNACIO COMMUNITY LIBRARY

As we are all enjoying the sunny, windy, erratic weather of spring in Southwest Colorado, we here at the Ignacio Library are planning for the future. The Summer Reading Program at ICL is just around the corner. Beginning the first Wednesday in June, we'll be helping students and their families to not just combat "summer slide" but to actually slide into progress. Summer slide is the term that educators use to describe what happens to student's young minds each summer. Students who don't participate in regular reading and math experience a slow deterioration of their skills, resulting in setbacks for their education. Students who do read and engage in math and other skills continue building these skills all summer long and are much more ready and able to reengage when school starts.

So, how do you battle summer slide? One way is to make use of the resource you have in the Ignacio Community Library. This resource is free, available to all, and has materials for everyone. Years ago,



we stopped charging fines for late materials, and we are happy to work with people to make sure there are no barriers to using the library. We offer online resources from Scholastic for families, research tools for adults as well as children, books, and movies for everyone. If you haven't used our literacy boxes or our maker boxes, you're in for a treat. They are filled with books, puzzles and other activities, and kids just love them. The variety in the maker kits mirrors the variety in interests of folks in our community. So many

resources to choose from. This year especially, when schooling and life in general have been so restricted, and so filled with uncertainty, we at the library would like to offer you our support. We hope you will take advantage of this free, fun, and beneficial resource. Watch for more information about Summer Reading on our sign, newsletter, and on information your child will be bringing home from school. We're hoping to help you help your children and other youth in your life to slide into progress this summer. We hope you will join us.

## Council honors Thompson



photos Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Tribal Council members: Ramona Eagle, Bruce Valdez and Linda Baker wrap Franklin "Frankie" Thompson in a Pendleton blanket in celebration of his retirement from the SkyUte Casino Resort on Tuesday, April 20. A small reception was held in Thompson's honor at the Buckskin Charley Room in the Leonard C. Burch Building.

Members of the Southern Ute Tribal Council and Executive Office gave well wishes to Thompson, shared memories about his 26 years at the Sky Ute Casino and praised his incredible customer service and dedication to the tribal membership.



## MMIP Art Project

In honor of all Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) our community will be spreading awareness and educating others in our community on the impact that this has within the native communities. Please be on the lookout for more information and projects! "May 5th is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Awareness Day. Though awareness for MMIW has increased in recent years, it still very much remains a crisis. According to the U.S. Justice Department, the murder rate of Native females is more than ten times the national average on some reservations. Often, these disappearances or murders are connected to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking." – MMIWG2S (cscanw.org)

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2021-0016-CV-PR  
Ernestine Burch, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **May 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 8th of April, 2021.  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,  
Case No.: 2020-0172-CV-PR  
Lucinda Marietta Cloud, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **May 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 25th of March, 2021  
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

## 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 Thursday, May 27:    | NOON, Monday, May 24, 2021    |
| • Distribution Friday, July 30:     | NOON, Friday, July 23, 2021   |
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| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 24: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 19, 2021   |
| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9:    | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021    |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 20:  | NOON, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021   |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 27:  | NOON, Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 |

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May 7  
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May 3

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

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## Healthy Habits At Home Program

This is an 8-week program where families can make delicious recipes at home together. Each week, the families will receive two digital recipes to follow and a Healthy Habits lesson. A gift card will be provided and will need to be budgeted over the eight weeks.

**OPEN TO FAMILIES WITH CHILDREN IN LA PLATA COUNTY**

• **Registration: April 14th-20th, 2021**

**Online Registration Link:** <https://forms.gle/dwRzRr2Htt1oSCnH6>

• **Program Dates: April 26th- June 18th, 2021**

**Enter to win one of three AWESOME prizes by participating and submitting program photos to increase your chances!**

Follow us on our Healthy Habits journey through videos and photos on our Facebook and Instagram profiles!

\*\*\*Notes: Gift cards will be sent with specific instructions and will be reported as income for tax purposes.\*\*\*

\*\*\*Two prizes cannot be awarded to the same family.\*\*\*

Questions? Contact us at [casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov) or (970)563-2666



Prizes will be awarded in raffle fashion at the end of the program.

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### CONTEST DETAILS

#### Eligibility:

- All students enrolled in grades 2-12 (including home schooled students) may register
- Division 1 (ages 12 and under - "We are all Wonders book")
- Division 2 (ages 13-18 - Wonders chapter book)

#### Selection:

- Judges (TBD) will be local business partners
- All poems must be theme-related to the book designated to the age of the child
- One poem per person and must be 20 lines or less and hand written
- Judged based on originality, creativity, artistic quality & how it relates to the book's theme

• **Notification:** Winners will be announced May 21st - more info to come

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## THE SOUTHERN UTE COMMUNITY

# PROTECTING ONE ANOTHER



Kandin, Amonnie & Zalissa Johnson.



In full regalia, Edward Box III.



Tyson Thompson, Property & Facilities Director, Southern Ute Tribal Council members, Vanessa Pinnecoose & Bruce Valdez.



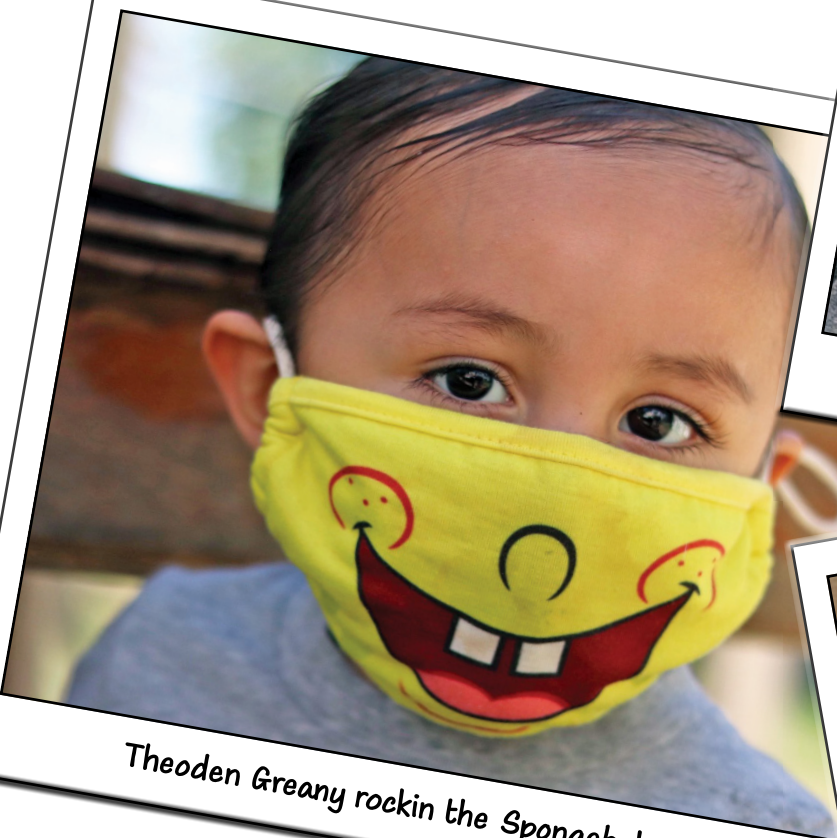
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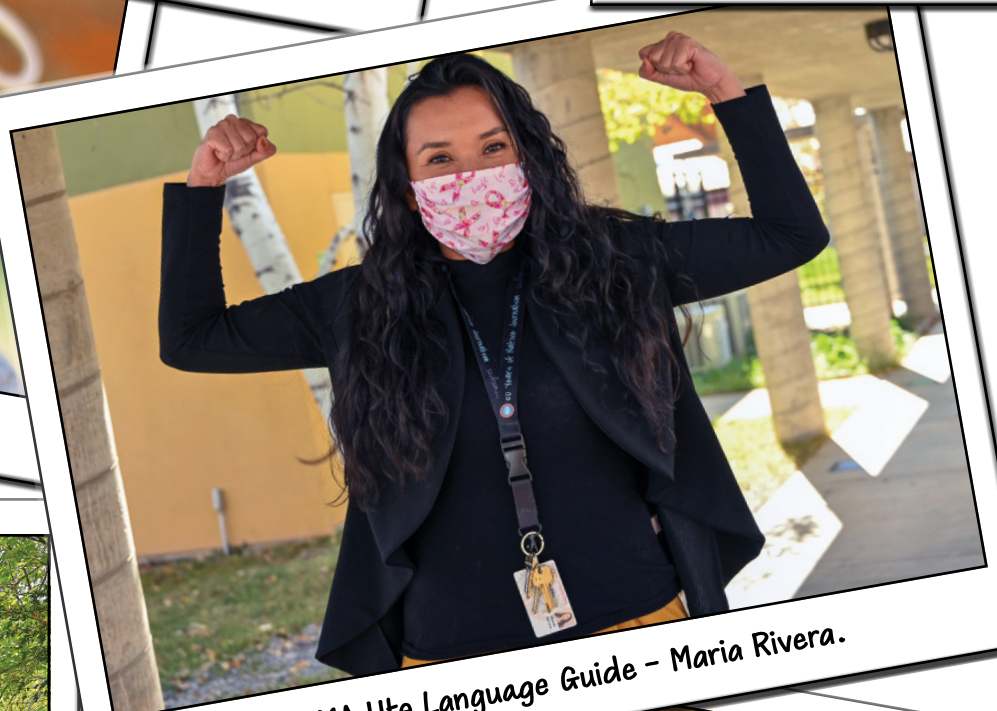
Sacha Smith



Sky Dawn & Neveah



Theoden Greany rockin the Spongebob mask.



SUIMA Ute Language Guide - Maria Rivera.



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy kitchen staff, Estelle Cde Baca, Geneva Gomez & Tony McCook



Lisa Smith, RDN of Shining Mountain Health and Wellness



## CORONAVIRUS

## SJBPH announces new rapid community testing for COVID-19

## Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce the availability of Cue testing, a highly accurate, rapid COVID-19 test now available in La Plata and Archuleta counties. These two counties are among the first places in the country to have rapid community testing available to the general public.

Cue – a rapid nucleic acid amplification test – is easy for patients and in most cases provides results in less than 30 minutes. Cue tests are highly accurate at identifying both symptomatic and asymptomatic cases of COVID. Access to testing results in minutes, instead of days, will allow for quick identification of cases and help limit the spread of COVID-19. As of Monday, April 19, Cue tests are available on location at both the La Plata County and Archuleta County Fairgrounds testing sites. Residents are strongly encouraged (but not required) to pre-register online for a Cue test: <https://www.primarybio.com/l/cdphe>.

On Friday, April 23, the Archuleta County COVID-19 testing site will relocate to the property of the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (PSMC). The Archuleta County Community Testing Site (operated by COVIDCheck Colorado) will offer both rapid Cue testing and lab-based PCR testing from 10a.m. to 1p.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday. The testing site will be in a drive-through structure behind the PSMC building at 95 S. Pagosa Blvd, Pagosa Springs.

With the virus circulating and variants present in the community, officials at SJBPH stress that COVID-19 testing, isolation, and quarantine re-

## SAN JUAN BASIN public health

The public and environmental health agency for Archuleta and La Plata counties

main critical to reducing the spread of the virus. Cases are currently on the rise in La Plata County, and Archuleta County has one of the highest one-week cumulative incidence rates in Colorado at 357.1 new cases per 100,000 residents.

“Just over one-third of the residents in both counties are fully vaccinated. Testing remains an important tool to limit the spread of COVID-19, and both unvaccinated and vaccinated people should utilize the free, rapid Cue testing that’s now available,” said Liane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. “The pandemic is still dangerous, as variants are spreading, and hospitalizations are on the rise. Along with as many people as possible getting a lifesaving vaccine, testing and public health precautions will save lives, help businesses stay open, and maintain in-person learning in our schools.”

SJBPH encourages residents to get tested if they are symptomatic, think they’ve been exposed, or work in a high-contact position. There is no fee for testing, and no appointment is needed.

The next 30 days are critical

to slow the spread of COVID-19. Follow these important public health precautions and encourage your friends and family to do the same:

- Get tested if you are symptomatic, think you’ve been exposed, or work in a high contact job.
- Get the COVID-19 vaccine (all residents aged 16 and up are now eligible for vaccination).
- Wear a face mask.
- Keep your distance – stay at least 6 feet apart from others not in your household.
- Avoid nonessential indoor spaces and gatherings with others not in your household.
- Avoid nonessential travel, especially until you are fully vaccinated.
- Wash hands thoroughly.

For more information on COVID-19 testing, please visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>. To get a lifesaving COVID-19 vaccine, schedule an appointment via the provider links on SJBPH’s website: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

**San Juan Basin Public Health, in partnership with COVIDCheck Colorado, provides free COVID-19 testing at the following locations:**

- **Archuleta County Community Testing Site** provides Cue and PCR testing from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Saturdays. Important Note: The last day of COVID-19 testing at the Archuleta County Fairgrounds (344 U.S. HWY 84 in Pagosa Springs) is Wednesday, April 21st. The site will move to the Pagosa Springs Medical Center (95 S. Pagosa Blvd, Pagosa Springs) on Friday, April 23.
- **La Plata County Community Testing Site** provides Cue and PCR testing from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Thursday and Saturday, located at the La Plata County Fairgrounds, 2500 Main Ave in Durango.

## CDC and FDA Statement

## Johnson &amp; Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Southern Ute Incident Management Team (IMT) is temporarily halting the administration of the Johnson & Johnson vaccine until further guidance is issued from the Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and the Federal Drug Administration (FDA). Individuals who have received the Janssen vaccine and who develop severe headache, abdominal pain, leg pain, or shortness of breath within three weeks after vaccination should immediately contact their primary care provider (PCP).

For questions, please contact the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) at 970-563-4581 or PCP. For more information, please visit the CDC Newsroom and read the following media release: Joint CDC and FDA Statement on Johnson & Johnson COVID-19 Vaccine online at [www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/](https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/)

## Uninsured Enrollment Period

Shop by August 15, 2021.

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE

(As of April 20, 2021)

## Southern Ute Health Center Cases

**212 Positives  
160 Recovered  
8703 Total Tests**

## SUHC Vaccination Update

**Upcoming 1st Dose Clinics & Availability  
4/29 (Moderna) 46**

## Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

**83 Positives  
62 Recovered  
2 Deaths**

**Vaccine Eligibility:** Anyone 18 years of age and older (16 years for Pfizer).

**Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581**

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

## WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN THE TRIBE MOVES TO PHASE II “SAFER AT HOME”, LEVEL 3

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved Resolution 2021-032, adopting key metrics and restrictions for various phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. The graphic below explains key metrics and restrictions for each of the phases.

**Monday, March 29, 2021**

**the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will move to Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3**

## Phase II “Safer at Home” Order Level 3 - What would this mean?

## ALLOWED

- Go to the grocery store
- Pick up medications
- Go to medical appointments
- Go to a restaurant provided all protective measures of the establishment are followed
- Visit and take care of a family member or friend
- Spend time outdoors to enjoy activities such as walking, hiking, playing or picnicking at a park, etc.
- Exercise indoors or outdoors provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are in place
- Take your pets to veterinarian appointments
- Assist family members and friends with tasks
- Go to school
- Go to work provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are in place. Telecommuting should still be maximized whenever possible

## NOT ALLOWED

- Do not go to work if you are part of the vulnerable population
- Do not leave your home or visit with family members and friends if you are sick
- Do not maintain less than 6 feet of distance between you and non-household members when you go out
- Do not visit loved ones who are not non-household members in the hospital, nursing home or other residential care facility
- Do not stop using a face mask or covering when leaving your home

## Restrictions in Phase II, Level 3

Personal Gathering	Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
5 or less	25% 25 Max	25% 50 Max

Stay Home &amp; Isolate



Wear your mask



Practice social distancing



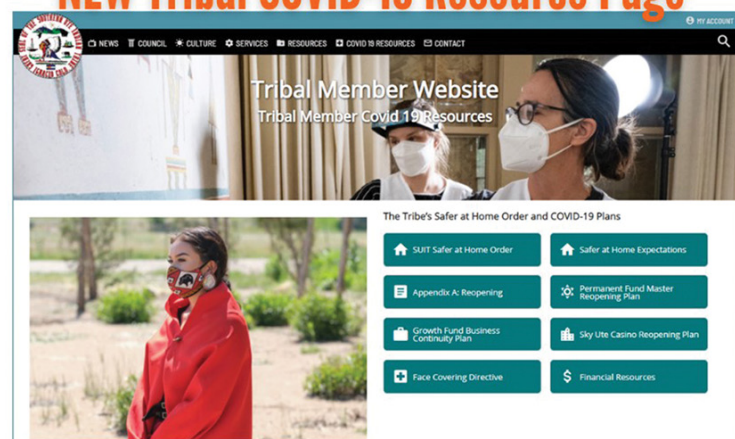
Wash your hands



**For more info or updates visit:** [www.southernute-nsn.gov](https://www.southernute-nsn.gov) or Official Facebook

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

## NEW Tribal COVID-19 Resource Page



**The Tribal Member COVID-19 Resources page is now available on the Tribal Member Portal at the link below. Access is limited to enrolled tribal members only.**

<https://members.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-member-covid-19-resources/>

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## We Can Do It!

### We Can Slow the Spread of COVID-19.

Stay Home

Wear a Mask

Avoid Crowds

Wash Hands

cdc.gov/coronavirus

## A BENEFIT REMINDER...

# YOUR MENTAL HEALTH and COVID19

It's important that we each take the time to maintain our mental health and overall well-being during the Covid19 Outbreak. Whether it's a walk outside, an hour with a good book, or time spent with family, one thing is true - we all process stress and emotions differently.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe wanted to remind you of a valuable benefit you may want to utilize during this time.

Your ComPsych benefit offers 8 free counseling sessions with a licensed professional. These sessions can be held over the phone or via a virtual meeting.

These free sessions are available to ALL employees - both full-time and part-time, including all members of their household!

You can call 1.877.616.0508 / TDD: 800.697.0353 to get access to these counseling services. Please reference Web ID: CN3906K when asked.

You can also access videos and other helpful tools at [guidanceresources.com](https://guidanceresources.com), or via the app: GuidanceResources ®

Please know this is an unsettling time for everyone, and you are not alone in your feelings of isolation and fear. Here are a few simple and free things you can do today to help your mental well-being.

1. Call a friend, relative, or a co-worker and check in.
2. Eat your lunch in the sun; go outside and get some fresh air.
3. Sit in the fact that you are not alone. We are all in this together.
4. Stay informed, but be aware of your media consumption.

Please contact your benefits representative, Veronica Lasater at [ulasater@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:ulasater@southernute-nsn.gov) or at 970-563-2426 with questions, or for more helpful resources.

You can also find other resources and information on the Intranet PF Hub website under Human Resources > Employee Benefits > COVID19

## Tribal Member Health Benefits Resources

# Your Mental Health and COVID-19

It is important that we each take time to maintain our mental health and overall well-being during the COVID-19 Outbreak. Whether it is a walk outside, an hour with a good book, beading or sewing, cooking, or time spent with family, one thing is true - we all process stress and emotions differently.

If you are still experiencing stress, anxiety and/or depression resources are available to help. The Tribal Member Health Benefits plan covers counseling sessions with a licensed professional. These sessions can be held over the phone or via a virtual meeting.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Member Health Benefits plan covers tribal members receiving counseling sessions with a licensed professional and at no cost. Tele-medicine and phone sessions are covered by the plan. Please have your insurance card available to share with the provider.

Tribal Members must contact the provider directly to determine tele-medicine capability. To find providers go to <https://www.multiplan.com/webcenter/portal/MultiPlan/Providers>

Local resources include the Southern Ute Health Center Behavioral Health Staff are seeing patients over the phone or by video. Individuals can call to schedule an appointment at 970.563.4581 or the Axis Health System local 24-hr hotline at 970.247.5245.

Additional resources are - Colorado Crisis Services, available 24/7 by calling 844.493.8255 or text "TALK" to 38255, National Suicide Prevention Hotline at 1.800.273.TALK (8255) and Crisis text line by texting "HOME" to 741741.

Please know this is an unsettling time for everyone, and you are not alone in your feelings of isolation, fear, and anxiety. Here are a few simple and free things you can do today to help your mental well-being.

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Please contact Tribal Member Health Benefits Coordinators with questions or for more helpful resources.

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## Pregnant or New Parents and Masks

If you are pregnant, make sure you and the people you live with take steps to prevent getting and spreading COVID19. Wear a mask. Avoid crowds and poorly ventilated spaces. Stay 6 feet away from others. Wash your hands frequently ,<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/pregnancy-breastfeeding.html/>

Recently had a baby? Take steps to protect your little one from COVID19:

- Do not put a face shield or mask on your baby
- Limit visitors
- Keep 6 feet between your baby and people who might be sick and between your baby and people who do not live with you
- Know the possible signs and symptoms of COVID-19 for babies

Learn more about the steps you can take: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/pregnancy-breastfeeding.html/>

Recently had a baby? Keep you and your baby healthy during the COVID19 pandemic.

- Bring your baby for newborn visits
- Ensure safe sleep for your baby
- Take care of your own physical, emotional, and mental health

Find more tips for keeping your new baby healthy here: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/need-extra-precautions/pregnancy-breastfeeding.html/>

## Tribal Parks OPEN!

The "Safer at Home" Order restricts groups to no more than 50. Masks must be worn at all times. Please practice social distancing.

**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKW-VANI COVID-19** "Together we will fight COVID-19"

# SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 Call Center

**Hours of Operation**  
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.  
**970.563.0214**

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY HOME

STAY IN TOUCH

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

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

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# SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

## All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

# CLOSED

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

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

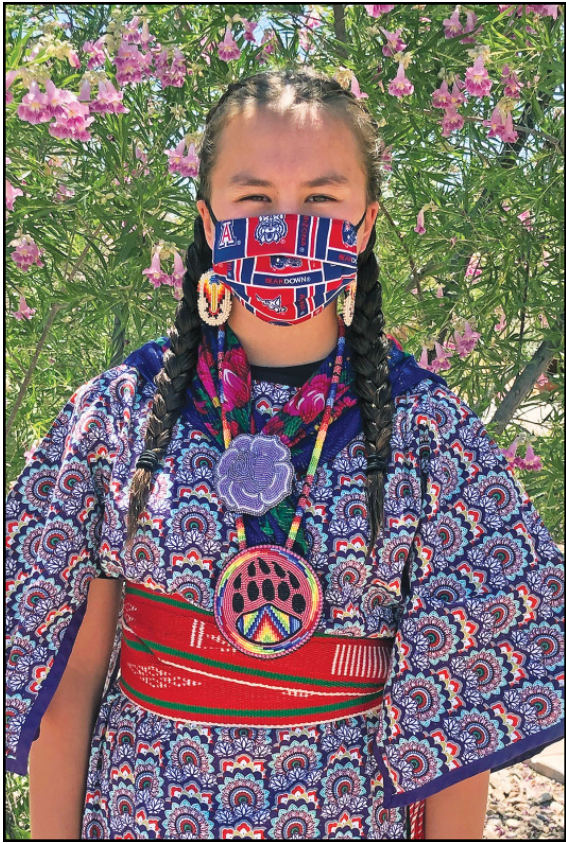
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## CONTINUED CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE

Stay up to date with the Coronavirus and the Southern Ute Tribe online at [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov) and on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/southernute](https://www.facebook.com/southernute) CDC at [www.cdc.gov/coronavirus](http://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



AJ Frost-Alperstein



The Thompson family – Zechariah, Lavinia, Shelly & Denise



Marty Smith, Southern Ute Health Center.



SUPD Officers – Dale Gurule (right) & Adrian Wauneka.



Violet Leslie



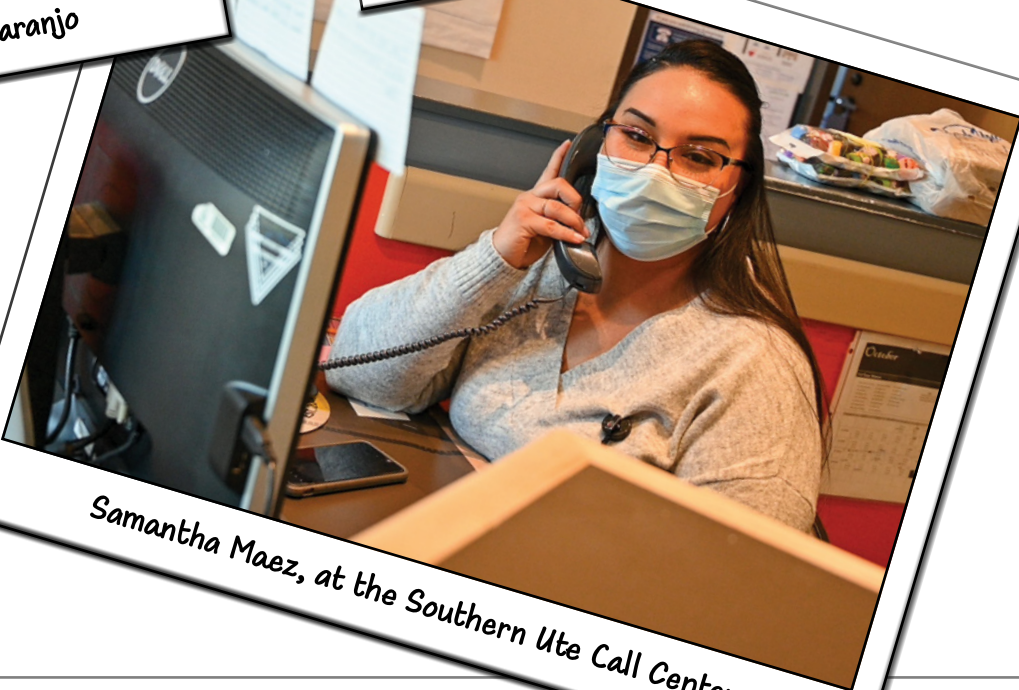
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SunUte employees – Margaret Gallero Manzanares, Divine Windyboy & Bigfoot.



Phillip Martinez



Samantha Maez, at the Southern Ute Call Center.

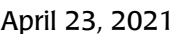
What a wonderful community we have! The Southern Ute Drum, in partnership with Tribal Council Affairs, want to honor all those who kept our community safe by doing their part and masking up to help end the pandemic – Nuchu, together we will preserve!



Southern Ute Tribal Council member, Marge Barry



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Guides – Katrina Richards, Daphnee Washington, Cheryl Ongtawasruk, Danielle Burns & Noreen Rock.



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Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Geologic Technician II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/30/21 – Provides technical and clerical support to Red Willow geologic staff. Works closely with geoscientists to provide maps and database maintenance for projects. Works routinely within geographic database programs, such as ArcGIS and other oil and gas specific mapping platforms. Works with Engineering, Land, and Operations staff as needed. Minimum qualifications: A Bachelor's degree in Geology, or a related science field and one year relevant work experience; OR, a two-three year Technical Diploma and three years relevant work experience; OR, a High School Diploma or equivalent and six years of relevant work experience is required. Must have a strong computer based data management and analysis skills, including the ability to make maps or other out put using digital databases. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Red Willow vehicle insurance policy. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team oriented environment. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Automation Technician II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/30/21 – Accurate collection, display and maintenance of gas well automation data, including maintenance, installations and repair of all automation equipment, to include contractor oversight of automation related projects. Minimum qualifications: High School Diploma or equivalent and six years oil and gas automation and controls experience; OR a two year Technical Degree in Control Systems and four years experience in oil and gas automation and controls is required. Must have demonstrated experience independently identifying and correcting errors in databases. Must have an intermediate working knowledge of API and NEC standards for electrical and instrument installations. Must have basic computer skills including database use and maintenance. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under

RWPC's vehicle insurance policy. Must be able to pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Senior Environmental, Health and Safety Specialist – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 5/3/21 – Developing, implementing and maintaining various environmental, health and safety (EHS) programs and services in a manner which minimizes or eliminates worker safety and EHS regulatory risks to Red Willow Production Company. Provides safety leadership throughout the organization to increase safety awareness and build a strong safety culture. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor's degree in environmental science, earth science, life science, occupational health and safety, engineering or related discipline and nine years' work experience in EHS or closely related capacity; OR a Master's degree in environmental science, occupational health and safety, engineering or related discipline and seven years' work experience in EHS or closely related capacity is required. Must have a minimum of five years' work experience in oil and gas and/or other energy industry fields with an excellent command of federal and state rules and regulations, experience with EHS audits and inspections, and proficient technical writing skills to prepare reports, standard operating procedures and other highly technical documents. Must have the ability to maintain database systems for tracking compliance related, permits, documents, monitoring reports and audits, with experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project. Must have strong communication skills, be able to work in a team environment and able to share responsibility and accountability, able to work with and take direction from others, be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and lead in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy and pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of April 19, 2021

- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, First Grade Teacher – Closes 4/23/21
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, Kindergarten Teacher – Closes 4/23/21
- Child Development Center, Full-time Daycare Teacher – Closes 4/23/21
- Finance, Supply Clerk – Closes 4/23/21
- Environmental, Student Intern – Closes 4/23/21
- Finance, Internal Auditor – Closes 4/23/21
- Natural Resources, Heavy Equipment Operator – Closes 4/30/21
- Recidivism Reduction Initiative, Pre-Trial Coordinator – Closes 4/30/21
- WIC Program, WIC Nutrition Educator – Closes 4/30/21
- Environmental, Student Intern – Closes 4/30/21
- Social Services, Director – Closes 5/14/21

Rocky Mountain National Park

Rocky Mountain National Park is hiring two Natural Resource Interns this summer. The interns would be working primarily with the vegetation program in native plant restoration, exotic plant management, greenhouse/nursery operations, and vegetation monitoring, but would have opportunities to work in other areas of natural resource management and park operations. Please click on the link below for information about the positions and how to apply. If you have questions, please contact Jim Bromberg (Restoration Ecologist) at [Jim\\_Bromberg@nps.gov](mailto:Jim_Bromberg@nps.gov) or 970-586-1302.

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MAY 21: 5:00PM - 8:00PM  
MAY 22: 8:30AM - 1:00PM

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Elementary Teacher

Closes 4/26/21 – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Starts at \$41,456.65/year.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Closes 4/29/21 – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Starts at \$16.88/hour.

Reading Teacher

Closes 4/26/21 – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses specialized reading strategies and the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Reading Instruction. Starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Air Quality Analyst II

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. Starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Air Quality Technical Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, manages the technical and regulatory tasks of the air permitting section and directs Air Quality Planning and Minor Source Program development of the Reservation Air Program. Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Clinical Supervisor

Open Until Filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Caseworkers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal Members. Performs community health duties to include patient transport and monitoring, home visits, conducting classes, and providing community education on Tribal health issues. Home Care may include house cleaning, personal hygiene, preparing meals, and other health and wellness related activities. Starts at \$15.61/hour.

Construction Project Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, incumbent assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. After a period of no more than 2 years, this employee will train and mentor a Tribal member as a Project Manager "Trainee" or Apprentice type position. Starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Curriculum Coordinator – Ute Language (So. Ute tribal member 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. 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 Department. Incorporating the Ute history, culture and folklore into the language instruction. Starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Starts at \$13.47/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. Starts at \$19.93/hour.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Starts at \$18.32/hour.

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

Open Until Filled – Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Department. Teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction.

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Physical Education Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Starts at \$38,095.13/year.

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/large scale work and have the dexterity to maneuver in small spaces. Starts at \$26.21/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. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Social Worker

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. Starts at \$54,517.63/year.

TEAM Worker (So. 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 – 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 Ranger Trainee (So. Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Length of program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 12 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

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. Starts at \$19.93/hour.

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.



VOLLEYCATS WINDING DOWN • FROM PAGE 12

to 2A Mancos on the same April 20 and April 22 dates.

With varsity fixture Marisa Carmenoros, V/JV ‘swingers’ Charlize Valdez, Vanessa Gonzales and Jazmin Carmenoros, plus JV anchor Emily Cundiff all likely to close out their senior season – as of 4/19 the ‘Cats stood 39th in CHSAA’s Class 2A RPI figures; Dolores and Telluride ranked 23rd and 24th, respectively, with only 24 teams advancing to the postseason – at RHS, expect the ‘Cats to claw for all they can.

“It’s just learning how to work together, cover each other and trust,” head coach Melanie Seibel summarized recently. “Our mistakes give (opponents) points, so it’s about us staying focused the whole time.”

“We slack here and there on communication ... coming together as one,” said sophomore Grace Gonzales. “Playing defense – staying in our base, watching the ball and learning to read hitters – we’ve just got to take our time and make adjustments.”

Regionals – with league champions automatically in and all remaining qualifiers determined by CHSAA’s three-pronged RPI Seeding Criteria for inclusion in any one of the eight three-team brackets – are currently set for Saturday, May 1, unless the Association grants approval for any



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Vanessa Gonzales (11) follows the flight of a ball during varsity action inside IHS Gymnasium. She has played regularly for both the JV and varsity units this spring.

earlier date(s).

Only the eight surviving squads will then advance to the May 10-11, 2021, single-elimination State Championships, to be held at the 2020-opened, 10-court NORCO Volleyball Facility in Loveland (NORCO’s former 6-court base was in Windsor).

COMING IN HOT

Prior to hosting Dolores on the 20th, Ignacio most recently handled business on the 10th. Hosting both Nucla and Ouray, the Volleyscats notched back-to-back sweeps – first dispatching the struggling Lady Mustangs 25-8, 25-26-24, 25-20, and later the winless Lady Trojans 25-19, 25-15, 25-12.

Grace Gonzales put down eight kills and junior Alexis Pontine seven against NHS, with Marisa Carmenoros booking five as Pontine spread around 14 assists and Carmenoros seven with Gonzales even logging four for good measure. IHS also burned Nucla for 17 service aces, highlighted by junior Lexy Young’s six.

Pontine came up with ten digs defensively for a double-double, while sophomore libero Laci Brunson led with 11, Gonzales booked eight and Young six.

Against OHS Pontine powered down 14 kills to go with 16 assists, seven digs and six aces. Carmenoros dished out 17 assists as Gonzales hammered ten kills, complementing her own half-dozen aces. Young and sophomore Harmony Reynolds combined for ten kills offensively (the ‘Cats as a whole hit a solid .356), while defensively Brunson recorded six digs and both Carmenoros and Valdez four each.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio senior Jazmin Carmenoros (15) prepares to reposition herself on the court following a point scored during junior-varsity action inside IHS Gymnasium. She has seen regular duty this spring with the JV, as well as some varsity time.

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ock – in a roll-over vehicle accident while en route to, ironically, the 54th Annual GCCC Rodeo, March 26-28 at the Finney County Fairgrounds. Panhandle somehow salvaged fifth place there with an even 300 points, while SWOSU amassed a first-place 465 and Garden City a ninth-place 100.

Aggie bull rider T.J. Schmidt put up a short go-winning 81, and also took the average with 162/2 figures.

Viewed Monday, April

19, the National Intercollegiate Rodeo Association’s Central Plains Region standings showed Sanchez and the Broncbusters had earned 370 team points, ranking GCCC 12th out of 14 men’s programs. Kansas State University was tenth with 397.5, while OPSU’s 3,089.83 led second-place Western Oklahoma (Altus, Okla.) State College’s 2,670.

Individually, Sanchez stood eighth in his specialty with 140 accumulated points; Rogers was the leader with 652, followed

by Coffeyville’s Hunter Tate (415) and Fort Scott’s Trey Holston (300).

Only OPSU’s Doc Gardner Memorial (4/22-24) and the Colby, Kan., CC Rodeo (4/30-5/2) remain on the Central Plains competitors’ COVID-compressed 2020-21 schedule. At season’s end only the top three in each individual event – as well as the top two teams from each of the NIRA’s 11 regions – will qualify for the 2021 College National Finals, June 11-19 in Casper, Wyo.



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The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Formal decrees
- 7 Open --- night
- 10 Northern California people
- 11 “Star Wars” bounty hunter --- Fett
- 12 Capital of Turkey
- 13 Bear ---, a medicinal plant
- 14 Mendicant brother
- 16 Environmental toxin phased out in the 1970s
- 19 Malevolent Algonquin spirit
- 22 Arctic attire
- 24 Practically pristine
- 25 Urged on
- 27 Hair goo
- 28 Activist --- Chavez
- 29 Sighs of relief
- 31 Bring to mind
- 36 Ms. Farrow and Ms. Hamm
- 37 Extolled
- 38 Disease prevention and control body
- 39 Runs a blast furnace

Down

- 1 Honolulu beach
- 2 Big racket
- 3 Cuttlefish “smokescreen”
- 4 El overseers, briefly
- 5 Conflicts in the neighborhood
- 6 Trap nears Chaos
- 7 Place where a ship can be anchored
- 8 Nigerian native
- 9 “The --- in the Hat” (Dr. Seuss)
- 11 Small nails
- 15 Mixed marinade for somewhere to see visions
- 16 Second letter addition
- 17 Maximum limit
- 18 Joseph ---, Abenaki writer on native Americans
- 20 “Turn right, horsey”
- 21 Nocturnal hooter
- 23 Dime-store magnate
- 26 British nobles
- 29 Mad Men network
- 30 Assistance
- 32 Pool tool
- 33 Prejudice-fighting org.
- 34 “--- it Be” (Beatles’ hit)
- 35 Mormons, initially

Answers for this crossword will appear in May 7 issue of the Drum.

Answers for April 9, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 CVS, 4 Inuit, 9 Aim, 10 Nipped, 12 Esau, 13 El toro, 14 Rigger, 16 Isn’t, 17 R’n R, 18 V T-O L, 20 Soave, 22 Sloth, 26 Inch, 28 Xia, 29 MBPS, 32 Oakley, 34 Plains, 36 Sirs, 37 Galoot, 38 Uke, 39 Bent’s, 40 Ted.  
Down: 1 Casino, 2 Viagra, 3 Smug, 4 Inert, 5 Nil, 6 Up till, 7 IPOs, 8 Tern, 11 Dot, 12 Errs, 15 Even, 19 OSHA, 21 Vision, 23 Oxlike, 24 Tiered, 25 Hays, 27 Costs, 29 MPG, 30 Blab, 31 Pale, 33 KSUT, 35 Not.

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