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## STATE OF COLORADO

# Colorado upholds historical treaties, bans American Indian mascots

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Colorado Governor Jared Polis recently signed two historic bills, one upholding Native American treaty rights and another banning schools from using American Indian mascots in the State of Colorado. Senate Bill SB21-209 will pay reparations to the countless Native American families and their ancestors who were forcibly relocated from their homelands in Colorado. He signed the bills, SB21-166 and SB21-209, Wednesday, June 28 at the Denver Indian Center.

“I’m so proud of the two bills that Governor Polis signed into law this week to honor our Native American Indian communities,” Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera shared on Twitter. “My sincere thanks to the legislators that made this possible as well as the lead-



courtesy Ernest House Jr.

Ernest House Jr., Walt Pourier and Darius Lee Smith (left to right), stand together for a photo following the signing of Colorado Bill SB21-166, at the Denver Indian Center on Wednesday, June 28. The bill prohibits the use of American Indian mascots by public schools, including charter and institute charter schools, and public institutions of higher education effective – June 1, 2022.

ership of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ute Mountain Ute Tribal leadership, leaders within the American Indian/Alaska Native

communities in Colorado, and support from Tribal Nations across the country; their voices are invaluable, and we will continue

to partner together in taking steps to address the centuries of harm and discrimination.

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## PERMANENT FUND

# The Executive Office announces new directors, Frost and Barry

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE EXECUTIVE OFFICE

The Executive Office announces, Mr. Andrew Frost as the new Department of Natural Resources director. Frost is an enrolled Southern Ute tribal member. He started working for the tribal government in 1995 in the Lands Division. He remained there 14 years before moving to the Tribal Administration as Executive Officer under Chairmen, Matthew Box, Pearl Casias, Clement Frost and more recently Harold Cuthair at the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe.

The Executive Office announces, Ms. Amy Barry



**Andrew Frost**  
Director  
Department of Natural Resources



**Amy Barry**  
Director  
Southern Ute Tribal Information Services

ry as the new Tribal Information Services director. Barry is a Southern Ute tribal member and has

worked for the tribal government for over 20 years in various capacities, going from a team-orient-

ed employee to Co-Executive Officer and an elected tribal leader. She looks forward to working with the tribal leadership, the government, its entities, and the tribal membership.

Both have years of experience in increasingly responsible roles. Please provide a supportive working relationship with Mr. Frost and Ms. Barry as they transition into their new roles. Andrew Frost can be reached 970-563-2263 or afrost@southernute-nsn.gov, Amy Barry can be reached at 970-563-2281 or abarry@southernute-nsn.gov.

Thank you for your cooperation and continued support.

## BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

# Lady 'Cat Valdez, crew third at CHSAA All-State

Graduated senior totals 9 points in Pueblo

By Joel Priest

SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With both squads eyeing an Elam-rules target count of 62 (the score stood 54-54 when the first whistle after the fourth quarter’s mid-way moment sounded, enacting the unusual means of declaring a winner) late in the 2021 Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games’ third-place girls’ basketball clash but deadlocked at 61, the next ... well, anything would give either the nine ASG-Red or ten ASG-Blue players one last taste of prep-level victory.

As if emotions for all the graduated seniors, introduced with their families prior to tipoff, weren’t al-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Suiting up for the 2021 Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games’ Girls’ Basketball Blue team, graduated Ignacio senior Charliz Valdez tries ripping the ball away from Red’s Alexa Barkeen (5A Castle Rock Castle View) during the third-place game Friday, July 2, inside CSU-Pueblo’s Massari Arena.

ready elevated enough.

Fortunately for Ignacio’s Charliz Valdez, fortune ultimately favored the Blue crew Friday morning, Ju-

ly 2, inside CSU-Pueblo’s Massari Arena – a site all too familiar to the Valdezes and Bobcat Basketball (both boys’ and girls’) during

still-recent years past, prior to the CHSAA Class 2A State Championships’ relocation to the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland.

After 2A Cedaredge’s Kammie Henderson hit from close range to put Red up 61-58, and 2A Rye’s Jolee Ortiz answering for Blue with a super-clutch three-pointer, the contest came down to one deuce, trey or free throw. And with Red unable to produce anything, Blue – which had led 10-7 after one eight-minute quarter and 34-26 through two – prevailed when 1A Briggsdale’s Shelby Hoffman cleaned up a missed three attempted by 5A Aurora Rangeview’s Brianna Linnear.

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

# Continuing core services during Covid-19

For Southern Ute membership

Updated July 13, 2021

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Management Team (IMT) would like to provide an updated summary of modified tribal services to the tribal membership. The Tribe remains under the “Safer at Home Order” remains in effect until further notice.

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

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

If you have questions on continued government services being provided and hours of operations detailed below, please continue to call the main government line at 970-563-0100, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. for clarification of services or to be transferred to your respective tribal department as the government continues to operate within approved protocols, phases and metrics.

### TRIBAL COURT

Hours of Operation: All Tribal Court services shall be available by telephone and email Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (closed for lunch from 12 – 1 p.m.). The Tribal Court Clerk’s window is open for in-person business only Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. The Court will keep updated information on the telephone answering service 970-563-0240.

Motions or pleadings can be submitted at the Clerk’s window during modified hours or by email (Tribal Court will be accepting filings by email given the current circumstances and the filing fee should be mailed), mail, or fax.

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

Emergency hearings or hearings required to be heard by law shall be held, but courtroom appearances shall be minimized to the extent possible. Requests for in-person hearings must be

submitted in advance such that the Court can make necessary arrangements.

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

Attorneys and the public are encouraged to communicate with the Court via email, remote technology and telephone to avoid any unnecessary appearances at the Southern Ute Tribal Court.

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

**Probation Office** – Available by telephone Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. The window at the Probation Office is open Monday – Thursday, 8 a.m. and 12 p.m.

**Family Court Support Office** – Available by telephone Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. In-person and remote services are provided, depending upon safety concerns and urgency of the situation.

Please remit any criminal or traffic payments using the Tribal Court’s online payment system found at www.citepayusa.com, if possible.

Until further notice, the Tribal Court will require either proof of an approved COVID-19 vaccination or a face covering/mask must be worn in the Southern Ute Tribal Court.

### FINANCE

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

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

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

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SPIRITUALITY

# Family grieves for the loss of their son

*James Box Jr. lost his life at the hands of another*

By Jeremy Wade Shockley  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

For Eddie and Betty Box, the tragic loss of their son, James Box Jr., has been a three-year ordeal, deeply impacting them, their immediate family, and the Southern Ute community where James Box was raised. The family has faced the immense pain and anger that came with the loss of their son, while also focusing on their spiritual needs, and the personal reflection necessary for them to heal.

Southern Ute tribal member, James Lloyd Box Jr., also known to his family as Buffalo Horse, was killed in 2018 near Dolores, Colo. He was 42 years old at the time his life was taken.

According to the Durango Herald, James was fatally shot by Kevin Wade Folsom, who pleaded guilty to second-degree murder in July of 2018, and was sentenced to 25 years in prison.

According to court records, on the night of Jan. 2, 2018, Folsom, Box and Box's wife drove to Hay Camp Mesa east of Dolores and partied in an area off Indian Ridge Road; the shooting took place that night.

"This has been a trying thing for us as a family," said Betty Box. "We're his mom and dad, we are trying to hold things together. We were brought up not to have hate; that's how we were brought up traditionally."

Eddie Box Jr., and his wife Betty, took James in at an early age. "The family on both sides were all in unison that Eddie and Betty would bring up James, and raise him," explained the Box's.

James is the father of Kayden and Kyia Box, now 21 and 19, respectively. "They were close to their daddy," said Betty. "He was close to all of us, he was close to his grandpa," Eddie said, referring to the late Eddie Box Sr., well known by his Indian name — Red Ute. "We brought him up, taught



courtesy Box Family

James Box with his children, Kyia and Kayden.



courtesy Box Family

Left to Right: Regina Box (James' mother), James Box Sr., holding James.

him a lot of things. My dad cared for him and taught him Ute culture; Bear Dance songs and Sundance songs."

"As James grew up, he became closer to his sisters, brothers," Betty said. "He was a smart student. He was well mannered, respectful."

Eddie and Betty's eldest son, Edward Box III, spoke

emotionally about the loss of his younger sibling.

"We fought as kids. I only got to see him after many years [had passed] and the thing that gets me now, is I can't say that I'm sorry. That has been taken from us, from me — all I know is

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## Many Moons Ago



Suzi Richards/SU Drum archive

## 10 years ago

Veterans representing several tribes, including Southern Ute Veterans Association Commander and former Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Chairman Howard D. Richards with the Southern Ute flag, participate in a Grand Entry ceremony during the Fourth of July Powwow hosted by the Northern Ute Indian Tribe in Ft. Duchesne, Utah.

This photo was first published in the July 12, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

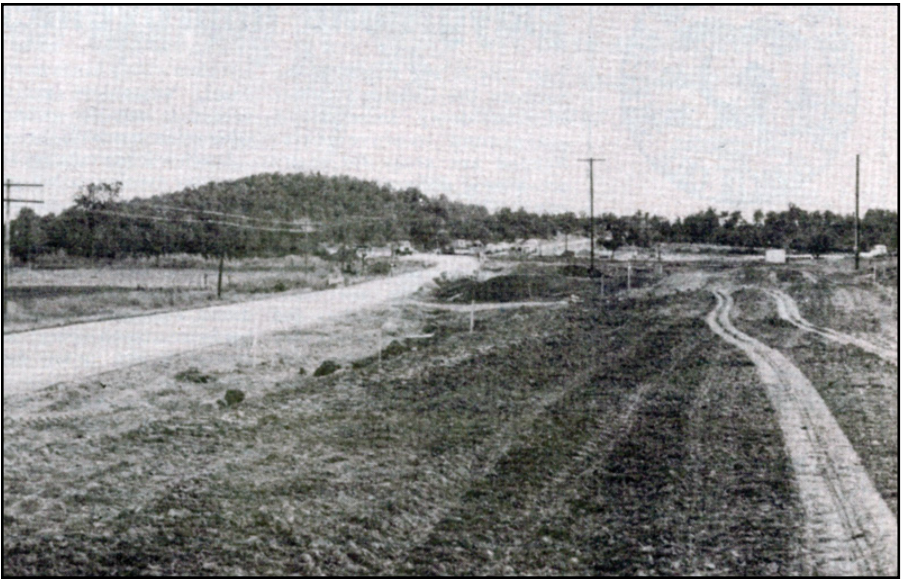


Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

## 20 years ago

Fancy shawl dancers Ivory Harris and Amber Doughty are framed by the teepee poles north of the Southern Ute Cultural Center during a Heritage Night performance on July 5. The performances were staged every Thursday evening through August.

This photo was published in the July 13, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

## 40 years ago

Pictured is construction on Highway 172 north of Ignacio in early July of 1981. Burnett Construction of Durango planned to have the highway completed by October of the same year. The project hoped to eliminate the dangerous road curve or mitigate it enough to prevent future accidents.

This photo was published in the July 17, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

## 30 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 30 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 30 years ago photo in the July 16, 2021 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.



# LAWN SERVICES

## Tribal Elder & Disabled

Lawn maintenance services are available to Tribal Elders through the TERO office on Monday THROUGH Friday from 7:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

To arrange for this service, please call the TERO office at 970.563.2291

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I LIVE DRUG FREE

www.weRNative.org

We R Native and The National Institute on Drug Abuse - NIDA are hosting two challenges this Summer where you can win \$2,000-\$10,000 per entry! Learn more <https://bit.ly/3xyxiue> #ThinkIndian #NativeAmerican #ILiveDrugFree






## SUCCM JULY PROGRAMMING

Ute Doll making with Regalia  
Thursday, July 29 5:30-7:00  
SUCCM large Classroom

SOUTHERN UTE  
CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM

503 Ouray Dr., Ignacio, CO 81137  
southernutemuseum.org

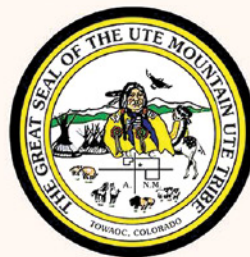
### REGISTER WITH

SkyDawn Moccasin-Flower  
sflower@southernute-nsn.gov  
970.563.2998

### CULTURE WORKSHOPS/TEACHINGS

#### Ute Doll Making with Regalia

In this workshop, you will learn how to make a traditional Ute doll dressed in regalia. Workshop fee of \$20, includes the materials to make one doll and regalia. No charge for Southern Ute Tribal Members. Enrollment is limited.



## STORYTELLING SESSION

Honoring the Weenuche-Ute People and Culture

Friday, July 30, 2021 • 10am-1pm (lunch provided)

Council Chambers Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85410517241?pwd=c2YyTVErSXItanQwK0gvWTIZazVZz09>  
Meeting ID: 854 1051 7241 | Passcode: 07302021

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe and Mancos Creative District recently received The Arts in Society Grant which supports the integration of arts and culture into multiple disciplines critical to the health and well-being of Coloradans. Mancos Creative District (MCD) will collaborate with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe to plan and design a Public Art installation in Mancos representing and honoring Ute People and Culture.

Elders and youth of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe are invited to a storytelling session to collect ideas for this historical and creative project. A series of storytelling sessions will be scheduled with the first on July 30, 2021.

Clara Martinez, PhD, Native American (Yaqui), Anthropologist and Educator, and board member of Mancos Creative District will be the lead in the collaborative processes with the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe Elders, Cultural Specialists and the Community of Mancos for the planning of a Mural or series of Murals to be displayed in Mancos—which will represent, teach about, and honor Ute People and Culture.



ARTS IN SOCIETY

For more info contact Bernadette Cuthair [bcuthair@utemountain.org](mailto:bcuthair@utemountain.org) or Nichol Shurack [NShurack@utemountain.org](mailto:NShurack@utemountain.org)

## Multi-Purpose Facility July Indoor Yard Sale



Saturday July 17, 2021

9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

No Admission Fee - No Set-up Fee  
(Set-up doors open at 8:00 AM)

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 limitations in effect

Masks required for unvaccinated people

Masks optional for vaccinated people

be prepared to show your vaccination card

Hourly  
Door Prize  
Drawings

256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO

Call the MPF to reserve your table 563-2640 or

e-mail [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)

## MULTI-PURPOSE FACILITY

### July Community Senior Breakfast

The Senior Breakfast is open to all Community Members over the age of 55



Wednesday July 21, 2021

10:00 AM - 11:30 PM

Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 limitations in effect

Masks required for unvaccinated people

Masks optional for vaccinated people

be prepared to show your vaccination card

Multi-Purpose Facility 256 Ute Road, Ignacio CO  
call for more information 970-563-2640

## Southern Ute Tribal Fair postponed until 2022

From the Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Dept.: All events and activities associated with the 100th Annual Tribal Fair and Powwow have been postponed until 2022.

## Attention



The Southern Ute Cultural Preservation Department received tanned hides.

If interested in the hides pick up at the Cultural Preservation Dept.

•1 Elk Hide

•2 Deer Hide

FIRST COME FIRST SERVE, NO HOLDS

For more information contact:  
Culture Department Administrative Assistant,  
ShaRay Rock  
970-563-2983

## Southern Ute 2021-2022 Royalty Pageant

Save the Date:  
August 18, 2021  
Look out for Future Updates

### Royalty Committee:

Jennifer GoodTracks

Corliss Taylor

Daisy Bluestar

Ramada Cloud







HEALTHY RECIPES

Stay hydrated with these summer beverages

Lisa B. Smith, RDN  
SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Boy, is it hot out! Staying hydrated during hot weather is one way to keep yourself from being overheated and staying healthy.

Wondering what you can prepare for the whole family? Try these simple recipes to give you some flavor as you quench your thirst. Use these as a guide and create your own refreshing beverage. These have no added sugar, only the sweetness of summer produce.

Remember: If you become thirsty, you are likely already dehydrated. Keep a water bottle with you at all times during the summer and take a drink often.



courtesy Roti & Rice

Contact Lisa Smith at [lismith@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lismith@southernute-nsn.gov) for more ideas and information!

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

Cucumber-mint sparkling water

Mix together and serve chilled over ice:

- 6 cups sparkling water (can also use tap water)
- 1 cucumber sliced
- 1 lemon sliced
- 1 handful fresh mint leaves

Makes 6, 8 oz servings

Watermelon-lime fizz

Mix together and serve over ice:

- 2 cups juice of a watermelon
- 1 cup cubed watermelon
- 8 cups seltzer (half gallon)
- Juice of 2 large limes

Makes 6, 12 oz servings

TRIBAL HEALTH

What is plague?

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Plague is a bacterial disease caused by, *Yersinia pestis*. Although rare, plague occurs throughout the western United States. Most human cases occur in New Mexico, Colorado, Arizona, and California. Plague is a very serious illness. Early diagnosis and treatment can ensure the best outcome.

How do people get plague?

- Bites of infected fleas.
- Touching or skinning infected animals (such as prairie dogs, squirrels, rats, and rabbits).
- Inhaling respiratory droplets from the cough of a person or animal (especially sick cats) infected with pneumonic plague.

What animals are known to spread plague to humans?

- Plague is sustained in a natural rodent-flea cycle.
- The most common animals that spread plague to humans in Colorado are rock squirrels, wood rats, and prairie dogs.
- Infected cats and dogs can spread the disease to people who handle them. Cats and dogs can develop symptoms similar to humans. It is rarer for a dog to show symptoms of a plague infection.

PLAGUE IN HUMANS

Human plague is often preceded by an outbreak or “epizootic” in which large numbers of susceptible rodents die. When this happens, hungry infected fleas leave the dead rodents and seek blood from other hosts, including humans and domestic pets. Studies suggest that in the southwestern U.S. epizootics are more likely to occur during cooler summers that follow wet winters.

Humans and domestic animals that are bitten by fleas from dead animals are at risk for contracting plague, especially during an epizootic. Cats usually become very ill from plague and can

directly infect humans when they cough infectious droplets into the air. Dogs are less likely to be ill, but they can still bring plague-infected fleas into the home. In addition to flea bites, people can be exposed while handling skins or flesh of infected animals.

What are the symptoms of plague?

- Symptoms usually occur one to six days after being infected.
- Plague symptoms depend on how the person was exposed to the plague bacteria. The most common forms are bubonic, pneumonic, and septicemic.
- Bubonic plague is the most common form of plague. It usually occurs after the bite from an infected flea. The most common symptom is a swollen, painful lymph node, usually in the groin, armpit or neck. Other symptoms include fever, chills, headache, and extreme exhaustion. If it is not treated early, the bacteria can spread to other parts of the body and cause septicemic or pneumonic plague.
- Septicemic plague occurs when the bacteria multiply in the bloodstream. Symptoms can include high fever, exhaustion, light-headedness, and abdominal pain. This type of infection can quickly cause organ failure.
- Pneumonic plague is an infection in the lungs. Symptoms include high fever, chills, cough, difficulty breathing and coughing up bloody mucus. Pneumonic plague is almost always fatal if not treated rapidly.

What is the treatment for plague?

- Plague is a very serious illness but is treatable with antibiotics.
- The earlier a patient seeks medical care and receives treatment that is appropriate for plague, the better their chances are of a full recovery.
- Preventive antibiotic therapy

may also be given in certain circumstances.

How do I keep my pets safe from plague?

- Treat pet dogs and cats for flea control regularly. Flea collars have not proven to be effective.
- Read labels carefully before applying flea control products to your pet.
- Keep pet food in rodent-proof containers.
- Monitor indoor/outdoor cats and dogs for signs of illness including high fever, tiredness, and swelling around the neck.
- Take sick pets to the veterinarian promptly. Be sure to mention possible exposures to plague such as hunting rodents or spending time outdoors near rodents.
- Do not allow your pets to roam freely.
- If your pet catches a rodent, treat your pet for fleas.

How do I protect myself and my family from plague?

- Cats and dogs can bring plague-infected fleas into the home.
- Do not allow dogs or cats that roam free to sleep on your bed.
- Monitor indoor/outdoor cats and dogs for signs of illness including high fever, tiredness, and swelling around the neck.
- Avoid contact with all rodents, dead or alive.
- Wear gloves when hunting, handling or skinning wildlife.
- Rodent-proof your home and outbuildings.
- Reduce rodent habitats around residential, work, and recreational areas. Remove brush, rock piles, junk, firewood, and possible food sources, such as pet and wild animal food.
- Use insect repellent to prevent flea bites.

If you develop symptoms of plague, see a health care provider immediately. Plague can be treated with antibiotics. Infected people must be treated promptly to avoid serious complications or death.

# Uninsured Enrollment Period

Shop by August 15, 2021.

Health Coverage Guide: 970.335.2028

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

CONNECT for HEALTH COLORADO

The Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

UPDATED HEALTH CENTER HOURS

NOTICE: As of June 1, 2021 the Southern Ute Health Center, including Pharmacy, Nursing and Dental will resume full work-day hours: 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The Health Center will be closed for lunch break from 12 noon to 1 p.m.

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

- **SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Closed 12 to 1 p.m. (Lunch).
  - **COVID-19 TESTING:** Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - **LAB HOURS:** Mon. to Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - **PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
  - **NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Appointment only. NO WALK-INS!
- **DENTAL:** Mon., – Fri., 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **OPTOMETRY:** Mon., and Wed. only, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- **PSYCHIATRY:** Limited in-person visits; mostly via telehealth. Call to schedule an appointment.
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE:** In person at SUHC on select days. Call to schedule an appointment.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH:** Limited in-person visits; mostly via telehealth. Call to schedule an appointment.

## Human Plague Transmission from person to person

Plague symptoms depend on how the patient was exposed to the plague bacteria. Plague can take different forms, including:

<b>Bubonic plague</b>	Sudden onset of fever, headache, chills, and weakness and one or more swollen, tender, and painful lymph nodes (called buboes). This usually results from the bite of an infected flea.
<b>Septicemic plague</b>	Fever, chills, extreme weakness, abdominal pain, shock, and possibly bleeding into the skin and other organs. This usually results from bites of infected fleas or from handling an infected animal.
<b>Pneumonic plague</b>	Fever, headache, weakness, and a rapidly developing pneumonia with shortness of breath, chest pain, cough, and sometimes bloody or watery mucus. May develop from inhaling infectious droplets or from untreated bubonic or septicemic plague that spreads to the lungs.

**Pneumonic plague transmission**

Although plague can sometimes spread from person to person, this is very rare.<sup>1</sup> A person who has pneumonia caused by plague may cough up droplets (e.g., splashes or sprays) that contain plague bacteria. These bacteria-containing droplets can cause pneumonic plague if they are breathed in by another person nearby. Human-to-human transmission of plague from droplets typically requires **direct and close contact** with a person who has pneumonic plague (<http://www.cdc.gov/plague/symptoms/index.html>). Close contact is defined as anyone who has been within 6 feet of a patient with plague while they were coughing up blood. **Transmission of infected droplets is the only way that plague can spread between people.**

**Incubation period**

The incubation period (time between exposure to the bacteria and showing signs of infection) for pneumonic plague is typically 2-4 days (range 1-6 days).<sup>2,3</sup> **Therefore, a person who was exposed to infected droplets more than 7 days ago and remains healthy is very unlikely to develop infection.**

National Center for Emerging and Zoonotic Infectious Diseases  
Division of Vector-borne Diseases





# FOSTER HOPE FOR OUR CHILDREN!

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Division of Social Services needs individuals and families to open their hearts and homes to our children who are in need of support and love. The Division takes extra care to place children in the right homes and provides specific training and support to foster care parents.

HELP US KEEP OUR CHILDREN SAFE

HELP US KEEP OUR PEOPLE STRONG

BECOME A FOSTER PARENT

- Restore hope and trust to children in need
- Help children maintain cultural values
- Receive training and ongoing support from your DSS Foster Care Coordinator
- Help keep brothers and sisters together
- Consider foster parent options: emergency, respite, short or long term placements

Please call 970-563-2330 or email: [molsson@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:molsson@southernute-nsn.gov) for more information!

PUBLIC HEALTH

## Human case of plague confirmed in La Plata County

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Laboratory testing has confirmed a case of plague (*Yersinia pestis*) associated with a recent death of a 10-year-old La Plata County resident. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) continue to investigate the case and will provide additional information as it becomes available.

“We are so sad for the loss of this young Coloradan and our deepest condolences go to the family,” said Dr. Jennifer House of CDPHE. “Public health is doing an epidemiological investigation and wants Coloradans to know that while this disease is very rare, it does occur sometimes, and to seek medical care if you have symptoms.”

“On behalf of all of us at SJBPH, our hearts go out to the family while we support the state’s thorough investigation to keep residents safe,” said Liane Jollon, Executive Director of SJBPH.

Plague is caused by bacteria that can be transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or by direct contact with infected animals. Plague is frequently detected in rock squirrels, prairie dogs, wood rats, and other species of ground squirrels and chipmunks. SJBPH in-

SAN JUAN BASIN  
public health

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

vestigates prairie dog population die-offs for the presence of plague. If an active colony of prairie dogs suddenly disappears, please report this to SJBPH.

SJBPH reminds residents that the risk of contracting certain animal-borne diseases, while present year-round, increases during the summer when humans and animals are frequently in close contact. Most human plague cases are acquired directly from fleas; SJBPH stresses the importance of controlling the presence of wildlife and fleas around homes through the following measures:

- Wear repellent and appropriate clothing when heading outdoors.
- Keep pets up to date on vaccinations, away from wildlife, and protected from fleas (with veterinary approved topical medications, flea collars, or other methods of prevention).
- Avoid sleeping alongside your pets.
- Do not feed or handle

wild animals, especially those that appear sick.

- Do not handle dead animals or animal waste.
- Children should be aware of these precautions and know to tell an adult if they have had contact with a wild animal or were bitten by fleas.

To learn more about the symptoms, treatments, and other information for plague, visit [sjbpublichealth.org/communicabledisease/](http://sjbpublichealth.org/communicabledisease/). Information is also available from the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment at [cdphe.colorado.gov/animal-related-diseases/plague](http://cdphe.colorado.gov/animal-related-diseases/plague) or Centers for Disease Control and Prevention at [www.cdc.gov/plague/](http://www.cdc.gov/plague/).

San Juan Basin Public Health is a local public health agency, governed by a seven-member local Board of Health, serving all residents of Archuleta and La Plata counties. For over 70 years, San Juan Basin Public Health has improved the health and environment of Southwest Colorado.



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CONTACT MARVINA OLGUIN FOR ZOOM INFORMATION

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Cost Benefit Analysis  
12-1 PM July 22, 2021

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-Marvina Olguin | Peer Recovery Coach

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)

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**Health Care CPR Training**

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For more info or to apply, call:  
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# SunUte Update!

**Starting Saturday, June 19th SunUte will no longer require reservations to use the facility!**

Hours of Operation:  
**Monday-Friday: 7am-7pm** (pool is 8a-5p until July 7th)  
**EXCEPT** from 11am to 11:30am and 3:30pm to 4pm to clean and disinfect.\*  
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**EXCEPT** from 12pm to 12:30pm to clean and disinfect.\*  
\*The building will be closed for cleaning and disinfecting.

Please plan your time at SunUte around these closures. (you can always come back in!)

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call us at (970)563-0214.

**Starting July 6th, SunUte will be open to the community, no reservations required!**

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# Multi-Purpose Facility

Attention Tribal Members

We are taking reservations following the Southern Ute Tribe COVID-19 limitations

## Multi-Purpose Facility Hours

**Monday - Friday 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM**

Weekly reservation deadline is Wednesday at 5:00 PM

Weekend and evening reservations are available no later than 8:00 PM

Reservations can be made via e-mail or in person

Telephone: 563-2640

e-mail: [multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov)

forms can be found at: <https://mpf-chapel.sunute.com/>

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

# BGC seeks additional board members

By McKayla Lee  
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Boys & Girls Club (BGC) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Board of Directors is looking for four new volunteers to join and serve the BGC in a board member position. Currently the board is compiled of six members, all members are volunteering from the local Ignacio community.

New board members must be appointed by the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Member terms are three-year lengths, which can be renewed when terms are close to ending, there are 10 board seats and half of the seats must be occupied by Southern Ute tribal members. The board helps to establish the identity and strategic direction for the Boys & Girls Club. They work hand in hand with Tribal Council to ensure that the Club has sufficient resources and help oversee certain aspects of the Club’s operations and administration.

In order to join the board, all interested parties must complete and submit an application to Chief Executive Officer of the Boys & Girls Club, Bruce LeClaire.

“The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club,” SUIT Boys & Girls Club Board President, Nathan Strong Elk explained. “Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend sub-committee meetings on a regular basis; they will also attend a minimum of one priority event and one club event annually.” The board meets virtually on every second Monday of each month because of the COVID-19 Pandemic and the closures of tribal buildings.

Members of the board are thoughtful leaders who have helped make significant contributions to the community and have brought their own unique set of skills to work in collaboration with BGC, the Tribe and the youth. “We are looking for somebody who has a passion to help our children and youth – to help them work toward their own goals and to support their futures,” Strong Elk stated.

The Tribe’s BGC Board of Directors have to serve on a sub-committee and sometimes serve in an of-



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Board of Director’s Treasurer, Oolcu Buckskin helps serve food during the Club’s annual “End of Summer” barbeque on Friday, August 9, 2019 at Shoshone Park.

ficer position as well. Currently, the board officer positions are Board President, Vice President, Secretary of the Board and Treasurer of the Board.

- Professional Development Committee
  - o The board development committee oversees recruitment to ensure the board has diverse representation, orientation for new board members, on-going professional development, oversees the individual, board and CPO assessment process, retention, and board member accomplishments.
- Financial Development Committee
  - o The fundraising committee identifies, pursues, and organizes potential fundraising opportunities in the community in order to support the Boys & Girls Clubs general operating budget and other revenues.
- Safety Committee
  - o Ensures the Club has adequate safety policies and procedure in place.
  - o Reviews the Club safety assessment, completed on the Boys & Girls Clubs of America’s website.
  - o Reviews Behavioral and Accident Reports regularly

In addition to serving on sub-committees, BGC board members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. The Club’s Board of Directors are entrusted to create a club vision, plan programs, develop funding, and more. They are looking for experienced people who are invested in

the community’s youth and who are excited about being a key component in the organization.

“Serving on the board has helped me give back to the community and to be a supportive person in young people’s lives,” Strong Elk expressed. “Being a positive role model helps to ensure that the younger people are going to find ways to harness and achieve academic excellence, respect of culture and diversity.”

You must be 18 years of age or older to join the BGC Board of Directors, you can be a tribal member or non-tribal member. This opportunity to serve is open to the community. The board is seeking individuals with a wide range of skills, to help build the diversity of the board now.

“The pandemic has been holding us back a little bit, but we are open to more applicants now. We screen each individual through a background check and once they pass, we screen their application then make a recommendation to Tribal Council for appointment,” Strong Elk said.

The importance of Boys & Girls Club leadership cannot be overstated. Across America, more than 30,000 volunteer leaders represent the strength and diversity of local club boards. Board members are a reflection of the communities in which they live and work.

“As the president I want to express my appreciation and thank our current board members for their time and dedication – we are a fun group of hard workers, and we want to have more people join this team so together we can help our young people,” Strong Elk said.

Applications are available on the BGC website at [www.bgcsu.org](http://www.bgcsu.org) or by request from Club CEO Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov).

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**Please remember to bring your towels.**

THANK YOU and come have a splash!!!





CLIMATE CHANGE

Temperatures in Death Valley, Las Vegas at record highs

Southwest experiencing prolonged heatwave

Staff report

AccuWeather GLOBAL WEATHER CENTER

Heat is the deadliest weather impact annually in the United States. Extreme heat has contributed to an average of 138 fatalities every year over the past 30 years. Extreme heat in Death Valley pushed the mercury up to 128 degrees Fahrenheit about three weeks ago, far above what's normal there for this time of year. And another round of above-average heat is building in the region, sending temperatures skyrocketing.

An abundance of excessive heat warnings have spilled across the Southwest as residents continue to bake under record temperatures. Most notably, the heat wave has stamped new record highs in the weather history books in Las Vegas, Nevada, and Death Valley, California.

On Friday, the temperature at Death Valley soared to 130 degrees Fahrenheit, breaking the previous daily record high of 129 degrees, according to the National Weather Service (NWS). This mark fell just 4 degrees shy of the highest temperature ever measured on Earth, which was set in Death Valley on July 10, 1913. The mercury then rose to 129 and 128 on Saturday and Sunday, respectively.

SAT 7/10		132° /107°	0%
SUN 7/11		132° /103°	2%
MON 7/12		125° /99°	2%
TUE 7/13		126° /97°	3%

courtesy AccuWeather

The AccuWeather.com Forecast for Death Valley, CA, as of July 10, 2021



courtesy AccuWeather

A normal high at this point in the year is 116. The temperature in Death Valley is averaging over 8 degrees above normal so far this month.

Las Vegas soared to a high of 117 and tied the city's all-time record high temperature. The first time the city ever climbed to 117 was back in July of 1942. In the nearly 80 years since that first reading, the mercury has only topped out at 117 four

times, including last week.

Las Vegas also set a new daily record-high temperature on Friday of 116, breaking the previous record of 113, which was set back in 1943 and tied in 2012. Flights at Las Vegas' McCarran International Airport were delayed on Friday due to excessive heat. According to Flight Aware, 364 flights in the airport were delayed.

FINANCIAL AIDE

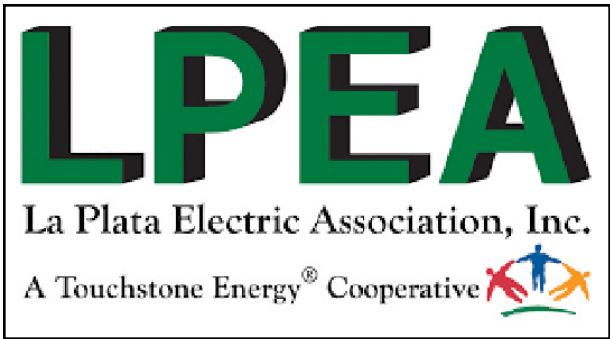
La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation Board approves \$31,269 in grants

Staff report

LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

The La Plata Electric Round Up Foundation Board approved a total of \$31,269 in grant funding to local non-profit organizations at its meetings in April, May, and June of 2021. Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center, Durango Botanical Gardens, Durango PlayFest, Wildfire Adaptive Partnership, Seed Studio, Community Treehouse, Collaborative Forest Landscape Restoration, and the Boys and Girls Club of La Plata County received funding as part of these three grant cycles. The board has approved 22 grants so far in 2021 totaling \$65,353. In 2020, the board approved 44 grants totaling \$115,785.

Round Up Foundation grants are made possible, in part, by the generosity of La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) members who choose to round up their electric bill each month to the next highest dollar. \$60,000 in unclaimed LPEA Capital Credits are also provided annually to the La Plata Electric Round



Up Foundation Board, on behalf of the LPEA Board of Directors, to support these grants.

Grants are available to registered 501(c)(3) non-profit organizations in La Plata and Archuleta counties, and usually range from \$500 to \$5,000. Application forms are available at lpea.coop/grant-programs.

LPEA members wishing to round up their bill can sign up on their SmartHub account or at lpea.coop/round-foundation. The average LPEA member contribution is just \$6.00 annually. Members can also elect to automatically donate more each month if they would like to contribute additional money to local non-profits.

Established in 1997, the La Plata Electric Round Up

Foundation is a non-profit, community-support fund for organizations and individuals in LPEA's service territory. A local, eleven-member, volunteer board reviews applications and allocates funds. 100% of the tax-deductible donations stay in the communities LPEA serves.

LPEA is a member-owned, not-for-profit, electric distribution cooperative serving La Plata and Archuleta, with segments of Hinsdale, Mineral and San Juan counties. LPEA is the fifth largest cooperative of 22 in Colorado, and aims to provide safe, reliable electricity at the lowest reasonable cost to its approximately 34,500 members. For additional information, contact LPEA at 970-247-5786 or visit lpea.coop.



Lake Capote is Now Open to the General Public Thursday-Sunday Sunup to Sundown

For more information, please call 970-883-2273 or visit our website at <https://www.lakecapote.com>

Brunot Treaty Hunting at Lone Mesa State Park Now Available to Southern Ute Hunters



Lone Mesa State Park, located 23 miles north of the Town of Dolores, is an approximate 12,000 acre park managed by Colorado Parks & Wildlife. The park is encompassed entirely within the Brunot Treaty Area and features incredibly scenic lands ranging in elevation from about 7,200 feet to just over 9,000 feet. Access to the park is highly restricted and only allowed for big game hunting each year. State hunters are required to apply for park access permits through a limited-draw lottery process.

The Southern Ute Wildlife Division is pleased to announce that interested Tribal Member hunters can now access Lone Mesa State Park for treaty hunting using access permits issued by the Tribe. A limited number of permits will be available each year, free-of-charge, beginning with the 2021 hunting season. For more information on huntable big game species, season framework, weapon types, etc., please contact the Wildlife Division.

The access permits will be available either first-come first-serve, or through a Tribe-administered drawing if there is sufficient interest. Applications for Lone Mesa Access Permits must be received at the Wildlife Division during the month of July and no later than Friday July 30th, 2021.

Please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563- 0130 for more information.

**Southern Ute Stream Fishing is Now Open to Non-Member Permit Holders.**

For more information call the Southern Ute Wildlife Office (970) 563-0130

**SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION STAGE I FIRE RESTRICTIONS**

The following acts are prohibited for the general public on reservation lands:

- OPEN BURNING**  
Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
- AGRICULTURAL BURNING**  
Burning of crop lands, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning is prohibited.
- CAMP FIRES**  
Building, maintaining or using a warning fire or campfire outside of officially designated or develop campsites is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbecues or fire for sweat ceremonies, however, such fires are not to be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.
- FIREWORKS**  
Possession, discharging or use of any type of fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 or by calling (970) 563-457L. Anyone violating the provisions of this fire ban may be subject to prosecution outlined in the Southern Ute Indian Criminal Code.

**The Restrictions will become effective at 06:00 AM, June 16, 2021 and will remain until conditions improve.**

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SAVE THE DATE

Leeds School of Business at CU Boulder and the S. Ute Tribe present the

## Innovators & Entrepreneur Conference

Sept. 24-25 2021 | Sky Ute Casino | Ignacio, CO

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Come to this 2 day conference and learn from the best:

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- Value Propositions: Develop successful products and offerings
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Register with QR code or email [trseibel@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:trseibel@southernute-nsn.gov)

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# Lucero leaves Tribe for retirement

By McKayla Lee

Former Front Desk Receptionist for Tribal Information Services (TIS) of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Debra “Debbie” Lucero retired from the Tribe on Wednesday, June 23. Lucero has worked for the Tribe for the past 35 years in numerous capacities. Lucero began her first job as a receptionist working under Ernestine Burch in 1987 and is now ending her last job with the Tribe as a receptionist once again.

Lucero was born and raised in Ignacio, Colo. She went to school and graduated from the Ignacio School District.

After working for 13 years as a receptionist, Lucero moved onto working with the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy as a floater in the mornings and a supervisor of the afterschool program in the afternoons. In 2007, she worked for the Southern Ute Health Center as a home health care aide for six years. Then she moved on to work with the Construction Project Management as a temporary Administrative Assistant. Following this job, she was working under the TEAMS program and then moved onto working as a TIS receptionist for the last three years.



courtesy Tribal Information Services

Southern Ute Councilwoman, Marge Barry presents Debbie Lucero with a parting gift on her last day of work.



courtesy Tribal Information Services

Tribal Information Services Director, Edna Frost gave Debbie Lucero a Pendleton blanket as an appreciation of her years of service to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

“Debbie has made huge contributions to the Southern Ute tribal government in various capacities over the years,” stated recently hired TIS Director, Amy Barry.

“Her longevity within the government has helped educate our younger workforce on historical tribal information and respectful communication with the tribal membership. She will be missed at work, but we support her journey to spend time with family and her grandchildren –

we wish Debbie a wonderful retirement and appreciate her dedication to the department.”

“I am looking forward to some time off and I can’t wait to enjoy some time off,” Lucero expressed. “I think that I have worked enough to where I am able to sit back and spend as much time with family.”

Lucero has spent the early parts of her retirement planning trips and picking

up new hobbies. “I have been planning little trips, the first one being with my youngest grandson to be initiated into the powwow circle, so I want to be there when that happens,” Lucero said. “Then maybe when this COVID thing eases up I will travel more, but until then no big trips.” She has also been baking more and cooking for her grandchildren, who love having her around more.

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Southern Ute Tribal Council Member

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*"We are all in this together."*

## So. Ute Food Distribution

### CARES ACT Food Distribution

• July 23

From 1 – 4:15 p.m.

740 Goddard Ave  
Ignacio, Colo.

Info: Kela Hernandez  
970-563-2530

## TRIBAL MEMBER PORTAL EXPERIENCE FOCUS GROUP

HAVE YOU HAD TROUBLE GETTING ON THE TRIBAL MEMBER PORTAL? IS IT DIFFICULT TO FIND THINGS?

HELP US IMPROVE THE TRIBAL MEMBER PORTAL EXPERIENCE!

Volunteer for the Tribal Member Portal Experience Focus Group to help improve the Portal and provide constructive feedback on the following topics:

Accessibility

Navigation

User-friendliness

Aesthetic

Security

Notifications

Design

Microsoft License

The volunteer focus group will be limited to 8 persons ages 18 years and older. We encourage participation from various demographics including Tribal Elders, younger adult tribal members, Off-Reservation, mobile users, and new Portal users etc.

**Deadline is July 21, 2021 by 5:00 p.m.**

Southern Ute Shared Services, Tribal Council Affairs, and Tribal Information Services are working to update and create a more user-friendly Tribal Member Portal. We would like to recruit a diverse group of tribal members to participate in a focus group to provide feedback on the upgraded portal. The volunteer focus group will have 8 positions and filled on a first-come, first-serve basis. If you are interested, please contact Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at [lbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbox@southernute-nsn.gov).

SAVE THE DATE: JULY 26/27, 2021

The work group will meet in two smaller groups on July 26 or 27, 2021 at a location to be determined. Individuals can also participate virtually, however those meeting in-person must adhere to current tribal COVID-19 restrictions in place.

Designed & Produced by Lindsay L. Box

## TREASURER'S

## PANA-QARU 'URU

## APAGHARU

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Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qaru 'uru 'apagharu “Money Talks” Quarterly Report on the Tribal Member Portal.

A hard copy version will be mailed to every tribal member household. To request a digital version, please contact Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay J. Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at [lbox@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lbox@southernute-nsn.gov).

Photo Credit | Jeremy Wade Shockley, Southern Ute Drum

### STAY CONNECTED WITH COUNCIL SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT REMAINS POSTPONED WHILE IN PHASE II “SAFER AT HOME” LEVEL 2.

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.

FRIDAY MORNING

Chairman Baker or Vice Chairman Valdez will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9:00 A.M.

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT [KSUT.ORG](http://KSUT.ORG)

### Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Contact Information

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Members are working in office and remote while in Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 2. Tribal offices remain closed, reopening information will be forthcoming. Council is still available for questions via phone and email.

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## COLORADO TRANSPORTATION

# US 160 Shaw Creek Rest Area: Closed for repairs

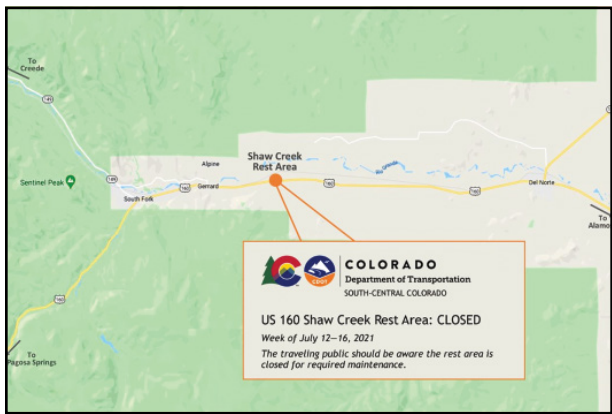
**Staff report**  
COLO. DEPT. OF  
TRANSPORTATION

The Shaw Creek Rest Area is closed for repairs. The closure is expected to be in place for the entire week, July 12-16.

A complete closure of the facility is required for the safety of the public, maintenance crews and contractors. Maintenance personnel are attempting to make needed repairs as quickly as possible, in time for weekend travel.

All restroom and water amenities are closed. No vehicles are allowed in the rest area. Commercial trucks cannot park in the rest area.

The popular rest area is located on US Highway 160 between South Fork and Del Norte at approximately mile point 191.5.



courtesy CDOT

US 160 Shaw Creek Rest Area closed.

### BEFORE YOU GO

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

- Road conditions and travel information: [www.COtrip.org](http://www.COtrip.org)
- Sign up for project or

travel alerts: [bit.ly/COalerts](https://bit.ly/COalerts)

- See scheduled lane closures: [codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html](https://codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html)
- Check avalanche conditions at CAIC: [www.avalanche.state.co.us](http://www.avalanche.state.co.us)
- Connect on social media: Twitter @coloradodot and Facebook [facebook.com/coloradodot](https://facebook.com/coloradodot)

## COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

# Summer concert series to benefit four local nonprofits

**Staff report**  
SOUTHWEST COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION

Live music returns to the Rochester Hotel’s Secret Garden this August with the revival of the Community Foundation’s Community Concerts. After transitioning to radio shows during the COVID-19 pandemic last year, the Community Foundation board and staff are excited to be back in person to enjoy local music and the company of friends, co-workers, and neighbors, while benefiting local nonprofits.

Four nonprofits serving the animal protection sector will receive grants from the 2021 Community Concerts. The selected organizations are Bear Smart, Dogster’s Spay & Neuter Program (D-SNiP), La Plata County Humane Society, and Wolfwood Refuge.

Community Concerts benefit the nonprofit community and promote Durango’s local music scene by featuring a different nonprofit and music talent each Wednesday evening in August from 5 to 7 p.m. The Rochester provides a bar and food for sale at each event. The bands performing this year are La La Bones, J-Calvin, Leah Orlikowski, and Six Dollar String Band.

The cover charge is a



\$10 cash donation to support the four nonprofits selected for the concert series. At the end of the series, all proceeds will be pooled and donated equally to the featured organizations. The goal is for each participating nonprofit to earn a \$1,500 grant.

“We are thrilled to be able to gather safely in the Secret Garden after going virtual last year,” says Briggien Wrinkle, Executive Director of the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado. “Over the years our Community Concerts have become a popular spot for a mid-week happy hour to enjoy live music, while supporting organizations that make our community

such a great place to live.”

The Rochester Hotel has partnered with the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado to provide the concert venue. The event is also sponsored by Four Corners Community Bank and Tito’s Handmade Vodka.

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado works to increase resiliency and success for nonprofits while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists to make Southwest Colorado a better place to live. The Community Foundation serves Archuleta, Dolores, La Plata, Montezuma and San Juan Counties.

## TRANSPORTATION

# US 550 south of Durango: Paving project set for next week

**Staff report**  
COLO. DEPT. OF  
TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation will perform paving operations next week on US Highway 550, just south of La Plata County Road 302, mile points 10 - 11.5. The three-day road maintenance operations will take place Tuesday through Thursday (July 20 - 23), from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m.



courtesy CDOT

US Highway 550, just south of La Plata County Road 302.

### TRAFFIC IMPACT

Motorists will encounter full stops, lane shifts and one-lane alternating traffic guided by flagging personnel. Travelers can expect up to 15 minute delays and should allow themselves extra travel time. A speed reduction of 40 MPH will be in place and drivers should slow down and use extreme caution when approaching and driving through the work zone. Motorists are

urged to be aware of work crews and heavy equipment.


### BEFORE YOU GO

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

- Road conditions and travel information: [www.COtrip.org](http://www.COtrip.org)

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- Sign up for project or travel alerts: [bit.ly/COalerts](https://bit.ly/COalerts)
- See scheduled lane closures: [codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html](https://codot.gov/travel/scheduled-lane-closures.html)
- Check avalanche conditions at CAIC: [www.avalanche.state.co.us](http://www.avalanche.state.co.us)
- Connect on social media: Twitter @coloradodot and Facebook [facebook.com/coloradodot](https://facebook.com/coloradodot)



**USDA**

**Southern Ute Food Distribution**

Presents

**CARES Act Food Package Distribution**

**July 23, 2021**

**Time: 1:00pm to 4:15pm**

**740 Goddard Avenue**  
**Ignacio, CO**

**50 food boxes prepared for each pick-up**

*\*boxes given do not affect participant's monthly food distribution and you do not have to be an enrolled participant at the Food Distribution.*

**For More Information Contact: Kela Hernandez 970.563.2530**

The approval of distribution of the CARES Act Food Package is authorized under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act. (P.L. 116-136, CARES Act). Food funds provided under the CARES Act shall be used for costs relating to additional food purchases for FDIPIR, as authorized by Section 4(b) of the Food and Nutrition Act of 2008 (7 U.S.C. 2013) AND Section 4(a) of the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 (7 U.S.C. 1431), to prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

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**AUTOMOTIVE SERVICE TECHNOLOGY**

**AT PCC SOUTHWEST**

Our program meets the highest national standards for technical training in the automotive service industry. Students are prepared to become entry level technicians with skill sets in general maintenance, and diagnostic and repair skills for numerous automotive systems, including electrical, engine, transmission, suspension, brake, ignition, charging, and heating/air conditioning systems.

**Fall classes start August 16.**  
**Visit [pueblocc.edu/Programs/ASE/](http://pueblocc.edu/Programs/ASE/)**



**Pueblo Community College Southwest**





**Call 970.564.6201 for more information**

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3446 or [Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu) at least five (5) working days before the event.

**DANCING SPIRIT**

**COMMUNITY ARTS CENTER**

**CAMP CREATIVE**

**SUMMER 2021 10am-3pm**

~~Session 1: June 7th-11th~~  
~~Session 2: July 12th-16th~~  
Session 3: August 9th-13th

**Games**

**Art**

**CR A F T S**



Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center is offering a limited number of spaces for an in-person Art Camp. Each day will include games, activities, arts & crafts and a lunch break. Cost per student is \$120 for the whole week. Limited scholarships may be available.

Each student needs to bring a water bottle and a sack lunch each day. Please be aware that we will be spending time outside each day, so jackets are required and sunscreen is recommended. For information on COVID Safety Requirements, please visit us online.

For more information or to register, please call us at 970-563-4600 or visit us online at [www.dancingspiritcommunityartscenter.org](http://www.dancingspiritcommunityartscenter.org)



SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

SunUte’s popular Bridge the Gap initiative is back

By Cyrus Naranjo  
YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM

Thursday, July 8, was the first day that I contributed to the SunUte Community Center under the Recreation Department.

During my first day as a Southern Ute Youth Employment Worker (YEP), I was given my first set of tasks which involved giving the kids that were participating in Bridge the Gap their best final day. I helped Tara Vigil set up pools, cornhole games, water guns and bubble guns.

At first, I was a little confused because I didn’t know what was expected of me on that day. But everything started to go smoothly, and I started interacting with the kids. I also got to know more about Noah Box (my fellow YEP worker), and we became friends very easily.

We went bowling after eating Virgil Morgan’s excellent cooking at the barbeque. Everyone had a fun time and were happy and exhausted.



Sophia Romero baiting her hook with Sommer and Jada Cloud on the dock counting minnows.

I participated in the games with the kids and became familiar with those that I

did not know. Later that afternoon I walked with the kids, Noah Box, and Daphnee Washington to Sky Ute Casino where we bowled all afternoon.

My thoughts about today are that it was exciting, fun and I am glad I was able to meet new people and catch up with old friends. The SunUte Community Center is a really great place for opportunities and learning about yourself – physically and mentally.



Sommer Cloud feeling the long week of fun.



Landon Miles and Spider Man go for a dip.



Water baseball goes awry. Sophia Romero, Nava Sandoval, Shane White Thunder, Mila Goodtracks are all blasted with water by Romeo Thomas.

Photos by SunUte Staff  
SunUte Community Center



Orion Watts concentrates on his beading at the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Building.

Summer Music Series

June 11 | July 9 | August 13

Come join us as we do some celebrating this summer with our Summer Music Series! We are offering three free community evenings this Summer where you can come to the library and enjoy music and food!

Our opening night is June 11 at 5:30 p.m.

Enjoy our musical guests Reeder & Spencer

As well as some great local food vendors!

Porkys' Smokehouse BBQ

Rita's Burritos

Lady & Bug Frozen Treats

I Dream of Weenie

Pine River Shares and the Bayfield Heritage Fest

It's a wild and wooly thing! And it's perfect for Pine River Shares! We are excited to be a host of the 2021 Bayfield Heritage Days and to celebrate, promote, and learn from the rich tri-ethnic heritage of the Pine River Valley.

Help us find the crafters and makers, weavers, spinners, and “felters”, cooks, canners and mutton stew makers, musicians, poets, and storytellers of our regional agriculture heritage. Invite them to attend Bayfield Heritage Days on September 25, or consider hosting a demonstration or information booth, a skill share, or vendor booth, at Joe Stephenson Park from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., following the Sheep Trailing and parade.

Honoring our collective heritage in the Pine!

KSUT 25th Annual

FOUR CORNERS FOLK FESTIVAL 2021

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TIX: \$30 EACH • \$50 FOR BOTH SHOWS @KSUTPRESENTS.ORG

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## CORE SERVICES FOR TRIBAL MEMBERS DURING COVID-19 • FROM PAGE 1

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

The grant proceeds must be used for basic living expenses incurred from March 7, 2020 through December 30, 2020. Examples of basic living expenses include rent, home mortgage, insurance, utilities (such as water, gas, sewer, electricity, and/or any overdue balances associated with utility services), cost of home-schooling children, childcare, and food. Tribal members will need to be able to document these expenses, and the total request cannot exceed \$2,000 per individual. In addition, you will be required to certify that the information you provide in the application is correct. If you are applying on behalf of an enrolled minor, please include a separate application for each minor. Payment made on behalf of minors will be paid to the custodial parent or guardian with whom the minor is living. The grant award will be made via check or direct deposit following the same method as is used for your regular tribal distribution. Checks or direct deposit notices will be mailed to the address on file that is used for your tribal distribution. You may designate that the grant, or a portion thereof, be used to pay your utility bill with Southern Ute Utilities. There will be a place on the application to make this request. The Tribe has made every effort to classify these funds as non-taxable. However, there is no guarantee as to how the IRS will treat the grant for tax purposes. If these funds are determined to be taxable, you will receive an IRS form 1099-MISC from the Tribe next February showing the amount of the grant that was reported to the IRS. If you have any questions, please contact the following: Barbara Prestel 970-563-2260 Tracy Swartz 970-563-2437 Linda Winkler 970-563-2443.

**Purchasing** – Purchasing will process as normal remotely.

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

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

### CULTURAL PRESERVATION

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

The Cultural Preservation Department staff are working both onsite and remotely. All phones are forwarded to staff who will be able to answer calls. Staff are rotating their days in the office and working remotely. All staff are available to answer any questions, concerns and accept ideas from the Membership.

There are classes being offered for the youth and adults starting in July 2021, which are in person.

All events and activities associated with the 100th Annual Tribal Fair and Powwow have been postponed until 2022.

### EDUCATION

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

By appointment only for Higher and Public Education.

**SUIMA** – The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) will begin the 2021-2022 Academic Year for students on Monday, August 30, 2021. Instruction will be limited to remote learning only, on-campus learning is unavailable at this time. SUIMA will host (online/in-person) classroom orientation on Thursday, August 26, 2021. The orientation will provide introductions, explain how remote learning will be conducted, provide a demonstration of online learning tools (including log-in instructions), and answer any questions. Chromebooks will be available to Kindergarteners and Lower and Upper Elementary students; Parents/Guardians should request a Chromebook during the orientation. SUIMA will use Google Classroom to deliver Remote Learning lessons. Online academic programs such as Freckle and Lexia will be accessible for K-6 grade.

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

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

If the Tribe approves reopening the school for on-campus learning, families will be notified.

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

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

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

### HOUSING AND CONSTRUCTION SERVICES

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

Staff will remain on-call for emergencies. In addition to staff continuing to work remotely and on an on-call and emergent basis, all major electrical, plumbing, sewer, gas, and HVAC systems will continue to be addressed by staff. In addition to emergencies, CSD will be responding to requests for swamp cooler issues, minor water drips on plumbing fixtures, non-emergent electrical requests and basic small repair. Please call the Southern Ute Police Department Dispatch at 970-563-4401 for household emergencies.

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

### JUSTICE AND REGULATORY

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

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

**Division of Gaming** – Division of Gaming investigators has resumed its regulatory duties of the Shy Ute Casino Resort. The regulator currently works

**Southern Ute Detention Center** – The detention center will continue to provide services for inmates. Effective immediately, all visitation is suspended. This includes all contact and non-contact visits, educational and religious PBT breath samples for courts and probation have been reinstated. Food and supply deliveries will be dropped at the Sally Port behind the kitchen. The driver will not enter the facility as trustees and staff will bring supplies into the kitchen. Office supplies will be dropped at the main administrative entrance. No one will be allowed access to the facility other than SUDC staff that is scheduled to work that day. SUPD, SUSS, Los Piños Fire Protection District, and maintenance are allowed to enter the facility on an as needed basis. SUDC will continue to house and accept contract inmates. New contract inmates will be accepted after proof of a negative test within 48hrs of admittance. Bail bondsman will be permitted into the Sally Port but will not enter the facility. Anyone who enters the facility including bondsman in the Sally Port will be screened and asked if they have exhibited any symptoms of COVID-19.

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

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

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

### PROPERTY & FACILITIES

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

**Custodial Services** – Custodial Services is one of the most vital departments operating at this time and will continue to provide services anywhere buildings are in use.

**Motor Pool** – Motor Pool is scheduling services Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**Building Maintenance** – Building maintenance is scheduling work orders Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. with after hour emergency coverage.

**Grounds Maintenance** – Grounds maintenance is on site for maintenance needs Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

### TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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

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

**Southern Ute Health Center** – The Health Center will be open Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Respiratory ailment screenings will be conducted in the tent located behind the Southern Ute Health Center beginning at 8 a.m. All specialty medical clinics are by appointment only; lab hours of operation will be Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (except during the lunch hour from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.). Pharmacy hours of operation are from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (except during the lunch hour from 11:45 a.m. – 12:45 p.m.), however patients are not allowed access to the pharmacy through the clinic, they must use the outside service window. Physical Therapy appointments will be made from 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. as requested.

**Dental Clinic** – The dental clinic will see patients Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. by appointment only.

**Optometry** – Optometry emergency services are being provided on Mondays and Wednesdays, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., by appointment. The direct line is 970-563-2374.

**Behavioral Health** – Behavioral health appointments can be scheduled both in person and by telehealth (either over the phone or through video), by appointment only.

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

**Shining Mountain Health and Wellness** – The Shining Mountain Health and Wellness staff modified scope of work continues, SMHW will reach out to clients by phone and clients will be seen by appointment only.

### TRIBAL INFORMATION SERVICES

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

**Administration** – TIS staff will work full-time and continue to process mail for the tribal government, answer and transfer incoming calls to tribal departments, and provide services daily.

Mail service remains available. TIS will continue to meet the needs of tribal departments who have tasks that involve postage. The schedule created to address tribal government mail delivery and mail pick up will be, Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Monday mail run at 8:30 a.m., followed by daily mail runs at 10:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. The only exception would be if the last day of the month or first day of the month falls on a Tuesday or Thursday, we will come in to do the postage and deliver the mail to the post office in the morning.

**Vital Statistics** – Vital Statistics will continue to process enrollment applications, certificate of Indian blood (CIB), tax exemption forms, and notary public services. Services will be available on Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. in the Central Receiving building by curbside appointment only.

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

The Drum newspaper resumed printing in 2020 and will continue to be on newsstands and in mailboxes. The Drum will also continue to be available online as an e-Edition at [www.sudrum.com/eEditions/](http://www.sudrum.com/eEditions/). The Southern Ute Drum will adhere to the publication schedules and print deadlines for 2021, in order to share relevant news and information with the Southern Ute tribal membership, tribal departments and community in the best and most efficient way possible.

### TRIBAL SERVICES

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

**Emergency Family Services (EFS)** – EFS is encouraging clients to utilize the online application and submission process to limit the in-office exposure. EFS is working with Farmers Fresh and The Grocery Store to accept applications from EFS online through email so tribal members can receive food vouchers at the store. All clients must call ahead to request funds available to them. Clients will need to contact EFS through the phone at 970-563-2329. EFS will be working in collaboration with Elders Services to provide applications to/from Tribal Elders and/or disabled clients for assistance. EFS is also temporarily modifying services for off-reservation tribal members by providing the option of receiving \$200 or \$100 for grocery, as long as funds are available.

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



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

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

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

NATURAL RESOURCES

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

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

**GIS** – GIS is on campus in the Annex Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. to provide services to the tribal membership as well as the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team as requested

**Lands Division** – The Lands Administrative Assistant is in the office Monday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Lands staff partially teleworks with limited in-office staff, Monday – Friday, 8 am – 5 pm. Call-in appointments for curb-side assistance is provided for Tribal Members and entities in need of Crossing Permits. The Lands Division provides land assignment administra-

tion, processing Rights-of-Way, on-sites, and commercial crossing permit issuance on an as-needed basis.

**Agriculture Division** – The Agriculture Division Office is open to the public 8 a.m. – 12 p.m. daily. All staff are on-site for a 40 hour per week schedule except for the Administrative Assistant who is on-site 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Friday.

**Water Resources Division** – Water Resources will continue to provide irrigation support services and water administration.

**Range Division** – The Range Division is providing all services historically provided to the membership prior to the Covid outbreak. Office hours are 8am-5pm, Monday thru Friday.

**Forestry Division** – Forestry will provide firewood services (October – April), ceremonial firewood services, ceremonial events preparation (Bear Dance and Sun Dance), project work preparation (field work), in-house thinning, wildland fire management, forestry contract administration, firewood/forest product permitting, IMT planning, staff is onsite Monday – Friday, and the Administrative Assistant is on-site Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday 8 a.m. – 12 p.m.

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

Lake Capote is now open only to the general public on Thursday – Sunday; shoreline and dock fishing only; the Wildlife Division and Lake management have re-opened the restroom facilities and the shower-house in the campground, along the restrooms in the Baitshop; Bait shop sales are currently being facilitated. For Lake Capote questions, please call the Lake Manager at 970-883-2273 or The Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130.

HUMAN RESOURCES

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

Human Resources Department staff will work on site and remotely. HR staff are available by email and phone for assistance with employee benefits and employee questions/support. Some meetings with HR staff are occurring and can be scheduled in advance. Risk Management continues to be involved in the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team and the COVID-19 response efforts. Some Risk Management and safety staff are working on site and remote.

INTERNAL AUDIT

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

The Internal Audit Department will work remotely and on the tribal campus to perform internal audit activities for the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, SUSS, and Casino. The department will meet periodically with Tribal Council regarding those engagements.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

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

Current Virtual mini-series programming, with activity supplies ends July 7, 2021

Summer Club: July 12 – August 20, 2021

The Boys & Girls Club will be providing in-person Summer Club, programs areas include: Arts & Culture, Leadership and Service, Education, Health and Wellness, Sports and Recreation. Monday – Friday: Check-in 7:30 a.m., Check-out by 5:30 p.m.

TRIBAL PLANNING

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

Splitting their time 50/50, the Tribal Planning staff are working from home and in the office. They are available by phone and calls will be returned in 1 day. The Annex is closed to the public, but small-group meetings can be scheduled, by prior appointment. All planning staff are fully vaccinated.

SUNUTE COMMUNITY CENTER

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

The SunUte Community Center facilities are currently open to all Tribal Members and SunUte members. All Ute Tribal Members receive a free SunUte membership.

We will open to walk-ins on July 19, 2021. The hours-of-service area as follows:

Monday – Friday, 7 a.m. – 7 p.m. (pool closed at 7 p.m.)

Weekends, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. (pool closes at 4:30 p.m.)

Holidays hours will be announced through social media, TIS and our marquee.

24/7 will be available on July 19, 2021 to vaccinated SunUte members only. Everyone will need to show proof of vaccination to the front desk and their membership card will be updated to allow entry to 24/7.

Please note that this plan is contingent upon meeting all safety requirements and keeping everyone safe.

LEGAL

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

The Prosecutor will attend court hearings as scheduled by the tribal court. The Legal dept. will be available for child and elder protection services for the Department of Social Services and can be contacted by phone. Legal and administrative staff are working on-site and remotely at this time.

SOUTHERN UTE MUSEUM

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

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

PERMANENT FUND INVESTMENTS

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

The PFI staff will generally work remotely to continue to manage the Tribe’s investment capital. The Chief Investment Officer is working from the office occasionally and is available for in-person meetings as needed.

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WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?

Mallinckrodt is a manufacturer of opioid pain medication that filed for chapter 11 bankruptcy in October 2020. On June 17, 2021, Mallinckrodt plc and its affiliates (the “Debtors”) filed their Plan of Reorganization (the “Plan”) in the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and their related Disclosure Statement. You may have the right to vote on the Plan of Reorganization.

WHAT DOES THE PLAN PROVIDE?

Mallinckrodt’s Plan channels claims based on harm or injury related to the Debtors’ manufacturing of opioids and related activities to one or more opioid trusts. These opioid trusts will be established for the purpose of distributing money to individuals and corporate entities holding Opioid Claims and for abatement of the opioid crisis. If the Plan is approved by the Bankruptcy Court and you have an Opioid Claim, you will be entitled to assert your claim directly against the applicable opioid trust at a later time. **There is nothing you need to do right now to assert your Opioid Claim. Information regarding how to assert your Opioid Claim against an opioid trust will be made available at a later date.** The Plan, if approved, will forever prohibit any opioid claimants from asserting any Opioid Claim or seeking any money on account of any Opioid Claim against the Debtors, their officers and directors, or certain other parties specified in the Plan as the “Protected Parties.”

WHERE CAN YOU GET MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THE PLAN?

Copies of the Plan and related documents, including the Disclosure Statement and a letter from the Official Committee of Opioid Related Claimants (a representative of Opioid Claimants in the Debtors’ bankruptcy cases appointed by the Office of the United States Trustee) setting forth its position regarding the Plan can be obtained free of charge at [MNKVote.com](https://mnkvote.com).

WHAT ARE YOUR OPTIONS?

Vote on the Plan:

If you are eligible to submit a vote, your vote must be submitted so it is received on or before September 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Detailed instructions on how to vote are available at [MNKVote.com](https://mnkvote.com) or by calling **877.467.1570 (Toll-Free)** or **347.817.4093 (International)**. If you do not follow the detailed instructions, your vote may be disqualified.

Object to the Plan:

If you disagree with the Plan, you can object to it in writing so it is received on or before September 3, 2021, at 4:00 p.m., Eastern Time. Objections not filed and served properly may not be considered by the Bankruptcy Court. Detailed instructions on how to file an objection are available at [MNKVote.com](https://mnkvote.com) or by calling **877.467.1570 (Toll-Free)** or **347.817.4093 (International)**.

If the Plan is confirmed, everyone with a Claim against or Interest in Mallinckrodt plc and its affiliates will be bound by the terms of the Plan regardless of whether or not they vote on the Plan or file a claim against the opioid trust.

WHEN IS THE HEARING?

The Bankruptcy Court has scheduled the hearing to consider confirmation of the Plan to be held on **September 21, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. Eastern Time** (the “Confirmation Hearing”). The Confirmation Hearing will take place before the Honorable John T. Dorsey, United States Bankruptcy Judge, in the Bankruptcy Court, located at 824 Market Street, 5th Floor, Courtroom 5, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

THIS IS ONLY A SUMMARY OF THE MALLINCKRODT PLAN OF REORGANIZATION. IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO OBTAIN ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

**Call:** 877.467.1570 (Toll-Free)  
347.817.4093 (International)

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PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT PRIME CLERK, THE DEBTOR’S NOTICE AND CLAIMS AGENT, IS AUTHORIZED TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT, AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PLAN AND OTHER SOLICITATION MATERIALS, BUT MAY NOT ADVISE YOU AS TO WHETHER YOU SHOULD VOTE TO ACCEPT OR REJECT THE PLAN.





CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 outbreak at Nissan of Durango claims life

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) announced an outbreak of COVID-19 has been identified at Nissan of Durango. As of Wednesday, July 7, ten employees and contractors have tested positive for COVID-19 and there is one confirmed fatality connected to the outbreak. San Juan Basin Public Health Reports Multiple COVID-19 outbreaks among local businesses, including Delta variant cases. SJBPH and Nissan of Durango have implemented mitigation response plans for the business, including testing and contact tracing. Cases of the Delta variant were confirmed through full-genome sequencing; variant analysis of additional cases is ongoing.

Recent outbreaks at local businesses and indoor facilities reveal COVID-19 continues to circulate at an elevated rate in Archuleta and La Plata Counties. These larger outbreaks include cases of the more contagious and severe Delta variant, which have resulted in local hospitalizations and a fatality. An outbreak within a business is defined by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) as five or more cases associated with a single facility in a fourteen-day period.

All positive cases were put on isolation and those identified as close contacts who were unvaccinated were also put on quarantine. The investigation is ongoing and SJBPH will continue to evaluate information regarding this outbreak.

“The message is clear, don’t let your guard down,” said Liane Jollon, Executive Director of SJBPH. “The COVID-19 pandemic is not over, and the impact can be seen in our own communities. We’re very grateful for the cooperation of Nissan of Durango in response to this outbreak and to every business still working to keep our communities safe. SJBPH urges everyone to get vaccinated as soon

as possible, and continue wearing masks in indoor settings, especially with the Delta variant spreading.”

SJBPH offers free on-site vaccinations for local employers; contact our COVID Vaccine team at 970-335-2091 for more info.

- SJBPH provides on-site testing options for local businesses, including rapid tests and free at-home test kits for those working in high-contact jobs. Visit <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing-options> for details.
- Testing remains critical and allows public health officials to identify COVID-19 variants. Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms, including vaccinated individuals, should get tested. Learn more at <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing>.

The outbreak at Nissan of Durango follows one of the largest outbreaks SJBPH has investigated to date in Archuleta County at the Pagosa Springs Walmart. Cases of the Delta variant have been identified in both outbreaks. Vaccination, especially completion of a vaccine series, is the best means of protection against the Delta variant. SJBPH’s investigation suggests that the lack of public health precautions within the workplace, especially regarding unvaccinated staff, contributed to the elevated number of cases.

Unvaccinated residents are at higher risk of falling ill with the Delta variant of COVID-19 and are urged to get the vaccine as soon as possible - even if you previously had COVID-19. According to State records, more than 98% of confirmed COVID-19 cases have occurred in the unvaccinated or not fully vaccinated population from January through June 2021.

SJBPH is urging all community members to maintain their practice of the following critical public health precautions to prevent the

spread of COVID-19:

Get vaccinated for COVID-19. Vaccine clinics and providers are available on the SJBPH website.

- Stay at home when feeling unwell.
- A local public health advisory is in effect.
- Employees and guests are strongly advised to wear a mask in public indoor settings, regardless of vaccination status.
- Physical distancing (staying at least six feet away from another person) is strongly advised while in a public indoor setting unless all individuals present are fully vaccinated.
- Businesses should err on the side of assuming that some customers entering a business are unvaccinated and should maintain face coverings and physical distancing in indoor settings (i.e., grocery stores, gyms, restaurants).
- o Face coverings must be worn while using public transportation and when travelling by air, train, or bus.
- o Practice good hygiene: wash hands frequently, cover coughs and sneezes.

Get tested if you have symptoms or if you are unvaccinated and believe you were exposed through a known contact or community interaction, testing sites are listed on the SJBPH website.

The COVID-19 vaccine is now widely available to all residents ages 12 and up. Youth ages 12 to 17 are only eligible for the Pfizer vaccine. Minors must have a signed parental consent form which can be completed online when registering or at the clinic.

Although advance registration is preferred, walk-ins are also welcome at upcoming clinics. The vaccine is free, and no ID is required. Additional clinics and information about the COVID vaccine can be found on SJBPH’s website.

Southern Ute Tribal Members Protecting our Past, Present & Future

The strength to overcome obstacles is demonstrated throughout the history of our people. Today, we are faced with new challenges that require us to come together to keep each other safe. The pandemic has lasted more than a year, which means a year without our ceremonies, social gatherings, and a year without being able to spend time with our loved ones that allow us to do the very things that define us as Ute people. We must continue our safe practices so that we can overcome these obstacles to continue our culture and traditions in the safest ways that we can. Help us encourage and protect our people, by educating the importance of becoming vaccinated. Your personal perspective can help explain how vaccinations ultimately protect our culture and afford us an opportunity to continue our traditions. The Southern Ute Incident Management’s Communication Team will accept video, recorded and written testimonials encouraging the safe health practices, getting vaccinated & tested, or any encouraging message to promote a positive and healthy mental and physical environment to our tribal membership and surrounding communities.

**Who:** Southern Ute Tribal Members, tribal staff, and Community members.  
**What:** Testimonials and feedback: safety practices, consistent testing and why vaccination is important to you or why you choose to remain unvaccinated.  
**Where:** Submit written testimonials to the TIS Department email: [tis@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tis@southernute-nsn.gov). Submit video or recorded testimonials to Ms. Lindsay Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist via text at 970-553-0287.

Please continue to protect our people by wearing face coverings, practicing basic hygiene, and maintaining a safe distance from others. For more information please call the TIS Department at: 970-563-2281.

Tawi Nuuchu na-gukwi-vani Covid-19 “Together, we can fight COVID-19.”

*\*All testimonials will be shared to the Tribe’s social sites unless otherwise stated upon submission\**

Approved by: SUIT IMT 5/11/2021



Photo Credit: Lindsay J. Box

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 “TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19”



CHALLENGE

The Tribe is in Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3. Please continue to follow the appropriate COVID-19 restrictions and current public health order regarding face coverings. Together, we can fight COVID-19 and keep our community and future safe!

WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

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



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE TRIBAL WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

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**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING**

**2 Days! July 19 & 20**  
**9:00 AM - 4:00 PM**

**NEW LOCATION: Southern Ute Museum**

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and the surrounding tribal community. Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian tribal members are also welcome to attend. Facemasks are not required, but encouraged if you are experiencing COVID-related symptoms. Testing is encouraged as new variants spread. Continued measures like voluntary vaccination and regular testing will help keep our community safe.

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

ONLY individuals who have received a **positive** result, will be contacted by the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) staff. If you have questions or concerns related to your test results, please contact the SUHC at 970.563.4581.



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

**“TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19”**

The Tribe is in Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 1. Please continue to follow the appropriate COVID-19 restrictions and current public health order regarding face coverings. Together, we can fight COVID-19 and keep our community and future safe!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE VISIT THE TRIBAL WEBSITE, SOCIAL MEDIA AND SOUTHERN UTE DRUM.



**OFFICE HOURS**

**Monday – Friday**  
**8am -5pm**

**Curbside Services available by appointment only**

**Mail run- 10:30am & 3:30pm daily**  
**Monday 8:30am**

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

**AVAILABLE BY EMAIL/PHONE EVERYDAY**

**\*TIS IS NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CONTENT OF DISTRIBUTED INFORMATION\***

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

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 1 CAPACITY RESTRICTIONS

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved Resolution 2021-082, amending the adopted key metrics and restrictions for various phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. The graphic below explains the changes in restrictions.

#### Older Restrictions

**Restrictions in Phase II, Level 2**

**Personal Gathering**  
No greater than 15

Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
25% 75 Max	50% 100 Max

#### New Amended Restrictions

**Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1**

**Personal Gathering**  
No greater than 30

Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
75% 175 Max	75% 200 Max

Individuals are required to wear a face covering when traveling by mass transportation such as (airports, planes, buses and trains, etc.) and when working or visiting a congregate care setting such as hospitals, nursing homes, shelters, detention centers, and assisted living facilities.

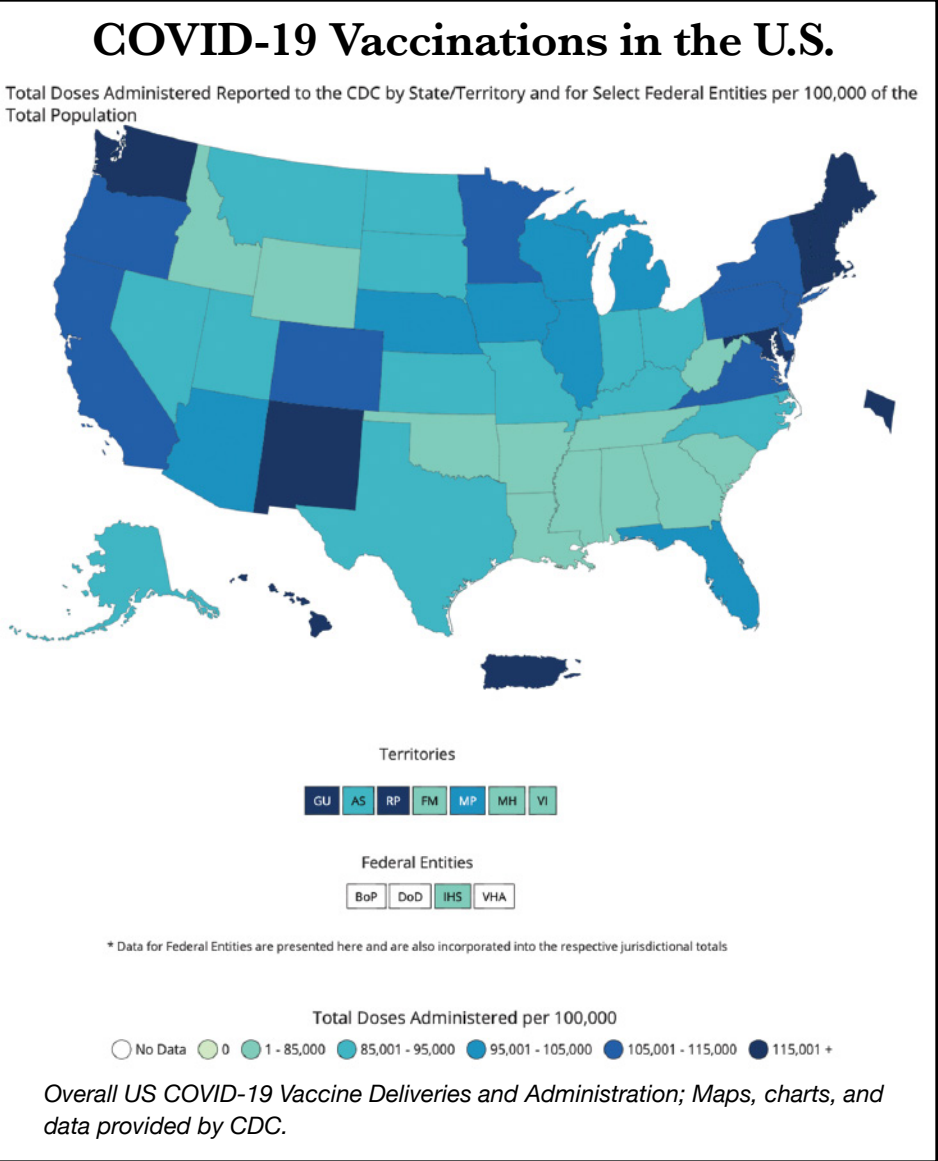
Stay Home & Isolate


Wear your mask

Practice social distancing

Wash your hands

For more information or updates visit: [www.southernute-nsn.gov](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov) or Official Facebook





## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

### All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

# CLOSED

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

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

**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-YANI COVID-19**  
"Together, we will fight COVID-19"

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The Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center is now closed.  
Effective May 31, 2021 the Call Center will be closed.  
Tribal Members are encouraged to call the Front Desk at 970-563-0100 and/or the appropriate department directly.

Safer at Home Activities			Low Risk
Unvaccinated Individuals	Outdoor	Vaccinated Individuals *mask encouraged	Caution*
	Outdoor activities with your household		High Risk*
	A small outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated family and friends		High Risk*
	A small outdoor gathering with fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals.		High Risk*
	Visiting the SunUte Skate park and community parks		High Risk*
	Dining outdoors with individuals from multiple households		High Risk*
	Attend a crowded, outdoor event; Bear Dance, Sun Dance, Community events, and prayers.		High Risk*
Indoor			
	Tribal Member appointments on Tribal Campus; tribal staff interacting with others		High Risk*
	Grocery and other indoor shopping		High Risk*
	An indoor personal gathering of up to 25 fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals from multiple households.		High Risk*
	All public transportation; Road Runner, bus, airplane, and carpool		High Risk*
	Any indoor establishment; Casino, restaurant, business (Please adhere to business requirements which might vary from current public health order.)		High Risk*

Approved by: SUIT DMT 6/16/2021

Even if you have been vaccinated please be respectful of others who continue to protect our people by wearing face coverings, practicing basic hygiene, and maintaining a safe distance from others when necessary. [Healthcare Professionals and individuals with high risk health conditions are advised to continue the use of face coverings.](#)  
To schedule your vaccine please call the Southern Ute Health Center at: (970)563-4581.



## CodeRED

Tribal Members are encouraged to register for the CodeRED emergency notification system. This service is FREE and will send you voice or text alerts of an emergency situation near your location.

**SIGN UP ONLINE AT**  
[onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-codered-emergency-alerts/](https://onsolve.com/landing/sign-up-for-codered-emergency-alerts/)

**DOWNLOAD THE APP ON THE APP STORE OR GOOGLE PLAY**

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## CREATE YOUR FUTURE

# Become a CNA

PCC Southwest in Bayfield offers a **Certified Nurse Aide** certificate program.

Program begins **August 23**  
Classes held **Monday through Fridays**  
from **4:00 - 8:30 pm** at the **Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.**

For more info or to apply, call:  
**Bethany Powell at 970.385.2098**

**Pueblo Southwest**  
Community College

Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Center at (719) 549-3446 or DisabilityResources@pueblocc.edu at least five (5) working days before the event.





BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Finn, All-State 'mates third in Pueblo

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Unfamiliar to most gathered inside Massari Arena, fans and players alike, Elam rules were employed to ultimately decide each basketball contest played at the 2021 Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games.

Simply put, in Elam format, after the first whistle following the fourth quarter's midway mark, the game clock is turned off and a 'target' of eight points above the leaders' score (at the time of stoppage) is set, with the first side reaching that total declared victorious. Certainly favoring a hot-shooting crew, or one already owning a large advantage, the format really didn't affect the outcome of the Games' third-place contest, in which ASG-White – with Ignacio's Bryce Finn in uniform – held a 63-43

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Suiting up for the 2021 Colorado High School Coaches Association All-State Games' Boys' Basketball White team, graduated Ignacio senior Bryce Finn (30) angles past Black's Antonio Cordova (1A Weston Primero) for a close-range shot during the third-place contest.

PRCA RODEO

Sanchez cashes in at Thermopolis Rendezvous

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Paying his proverbial dues as a Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association prospect, Dustin Sanchez has also earned some.

The Ignacio High School alumnus was in the bull-riding chute June 25-26 at the Thermopolis (Wyo.) Cowboy Rendezvous PRCA Rodeo, whose organizing committee had tapped Wright, Wyo.-based Powder River Rodeo Company, with famed D&H Cattle Company of Dickson, Okla., also on board to bring top-notch stock to the spectacle.

And Sanchez benefited; awarded 87 points aboard D&H mount Show Glo, Sanchez earned first place and a check for almost \$1,100. 2020 Wrangler NFR World Champion (as well as All-Around Cowboy) Stetson Wright of Milford, Utah, had ridden the same bull for a winning 87.5 the previous week at Days of the Old West in Delta, Utah.



SU Drum archive

Dustin Sanchez is a 2019 graduate of the Ignacio High School in Ignacio, Colo.

mie's Jubilee Days, held July 9-11 at the Albany County Fairgrounds, Sanchez was unable to record a score atop Centennial, Wyo.-based Summit Pro Rodeo's Seminole Wind (during the Days' 7/8 Xtreme Bulls feature) or SPR's Foghorn.

Summit had been honored in December 2020 with

the Polaris Ranger Remuda Award for being the PRCA contractor providing "... the best, most consistent pen of bucking horses [and bulls], creating the best opportunities for contestants to score well," according to a press release from PRCA headquarters in Colorado Springs.

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Netting one basket during the second and third quarters, plus a free throw during the fourth, Valdez finished with five points while 4A Windsor's Kylie Sanger led the way with 15 (nine in the fourth quarter) and Linnear totaled 12. Ortiz ended up with three triples and nine points, and Hoffman's eight points equaled the tally of 3A New Castle Coal Ridge's Taylor Wiescamp.

3A La Jara Centauri's Brenna McDaniel led Red with 15 points, all scored during the first half, with 1A Elbert's Olivia Lay (10) and 1A Dove Creek's Grace Hatfield (10) joining her in double figures. One of Valdez's 2A/1A San Juan Basin League rivals, Hatfield's back-to-back threes closing out the third quarter had swiped Red a 50-46 lead entering the final frame.

Blue's relegation to the third-place game had been all but assured swiftly the previous evening, as ASG-Black raced out to a 13-0 advantage before Hoff-

man managed to drop in a basket. A Linnear free throw and two by 1A Mosca Sangre de Cristo's Avery Palmgren only slightly trimmed Black's lead to 17-5 after the first quarter.

Getting scoring from nine different players in the second, Black's advantage ballooned to 37-12 at intermission, and despite Linnear's eight third-quarter points Blue still trailed 57-29 beginning the fourth ... during which Valdez made her mark.

Playing for Rangeview's LaMonte Weddle and Rye's Kermit Spencer, Valdez drew a foul in the paint against 1A South Baca (Vilas-Campo-Pritchett) County's Alissa Hebbard with 4:24 remaining in regulation – or roughly 24 seconds before Elam rules were to kick in. Valdez calmly made both free throws, then attempted to inject even more life into her team by hustling back to the defensive end of the floor and making a steal.

With Blue again set up on offense, Valdez's bang-

bang-bang sequence of events continued with a confident 17-foot jumper from straight away – giving her all four of her points inside of a minute. But with Black more or less coasting, Elam play was enacted with Blue behind 66-39, and Hebbard would end the game with a layup making the final margin 74-42.

Linnear finished with 12 points and Wiescamp nine, while Hoffman totaled six and Ortiz five. 4A Denver Mullen's Alexa Dominguez led Black with a game-high 19 points, 5A Parker Ponderosa sniper Liberty Line was right behind with 18 – via six three-pointers – and Hebbard totaled eight.

Victorious 51-42 over Red in the earlier Day 1 semifinal, ASG-White would earn the tourney title 64-51 over Black, despite Line draining another seven treys and racking up a Games-best 26 points. 4A Broomfield Holly Family's Alyssa Wells recorded 18 points and 1A Fleming's Kendyl Kirkwood 17 for the champs.

HIGH SCHOOL RODEO

Local ropers off to Nationals in Lincoln

Ropers qualify for Nebraska-hosted ultimate rodeo

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Check-in may take longer, but when local qualifiers for the 2021 National High School Finals Rodeo arrive in Lincoln, Neb., delays caused by the previous weekend's wicked weather will seem miniscule amidst the mega-sized spectacle.

Hundreds of temporary horse stalls and other structures at the Lancaster Event Center Fairgrounds were devastated July 9-10 by a savage system, with tornadoic wind speeds estimated between 85 and 100 mph – tossing and twisting metal and materials effortlessly about, right in line with the National Weather Service's Severe Thunderstorm Warning issued for most of the state's east-central and southeastern reaches.

But even with potentially 40% of stalls reportedly requiring either repair or replacement, the supreme show will go on.

Officially running from the 18th through the 24th, competitors – around 1,700 of them – and their livestock were to begin reporting to the LEC campus – denied hosting the NHSFR in 2020 due to the coronavirus pandemic – at noon Thursday, July 15, with Ignacio-area representatives Bodie Hine and Teryn McWhirter set to be in the mix.

Able to qualify in team roping with partner Brayden Fillmore of Penrose, Hine will, according to the unofficial draw sheet reviewed Monday, July 12, compete on Day 1 during the Sunday evening performance but then wait until the morning of the last day for a guaranteed second pass – with both times then hopefully advancing him into that night's championship go-round.

Breakaway roper McWhirter, meanwhile, is slated to make both her assured attempts mid-week, appearing in both the Wednesday morning and evening sessions, hoping her work will hold up through five subsequent performances and see her into the July 24th short go as the 73rd annual Finals winds down.

**How They Got There:** His roping abilities well known, Hine teamed with Fillmore at the Colorado State High School Finals, May 27-30 in Craig, to win not only the short go (8.720 seconds) but also the event average with a total time of 31.280 (9.450-13.110-8.720) seconds – bettering the 32.700 tallied by Keenesburg's Mark Halliday and Gill's Coy Shoemaker – on three successful tries. Third place went to Loveland's Rett and Troupe Coors, who clocked 56.820.

In the CSHSRA's year-end standings, Fillmore had accu-

mulated the most points (94) of any header or heeler, while Hine (74) placed fourth as both clinched NHSFR berths.

McWhirter, meanwhile, had a solid fourth place showing – totaling 23.790 seconds in securing three head – at the Moffat County Fairgrounds, and ended the 2020-21 campaign third in points. Her 73 trailed only the 83.5 of Boone's Shyanna Reeves (this season's CSHSRA All-Around Cowgirl) and the 107 of Hudson's Harley Baas. State Finals champ Maci York of Wellington recorded a three-head time of 10.570 seconds, but came up short in her bid to earn a Lincoln ticket as she finished sixth in points.

**Also En Route:** Also traveling from La Plata County to the NHSFR will be Rhiley Morgan-Montoya of Hesperus. A Mancos High student, she captured first place at State in goat tying, totaling 23.120 seconds on three successful attempts. Morgan-Montoya also ranked first in year-end points; her 130 narrowly beat out the 128 tallied by Eagle's Makylee Fischer, and also helped her end up eighth in All-Around points (Morgan-Montoya racked up 236.5; Reeves amassed 524.75).

Morgan-Montoya will make her first attempt Monday

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Western Colorado High School Teachers Workshop

### Range Management Field Day

High School Agriculture Teachers, FFA Advisors, Environmental Science Teachers, and Community Members

Please join the Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management and the Ignacio high school Ag program for the Western Colorado High School Teachers Workshop on FFA Range Judging to promote rangeland science and range management in the classroom.

**Where & When**

Free Workshop!

**Ignacio High School Ag Shop**

**Monday August 2nd 9:30 am-3:30 pm**

Lunch and instructional materials provided

**Highlights**

- » Gain working knowledge of the source unit guide to implement range management curriculum into the classroom and outdoor learning
- » Gain hands-on experience in organizing and conducting FFA Range Judging Career Development Events (CDE's)
- » Collect and preserve range plant samples for classroom use
- » Learn about leading 4-H clubs in the field of rangeland science and proper range management

**Who Should Attend**

Ag teachers, Environmental Science teachers, natural resource professionals, ranchers, and landowners

**Why Attend**

It is important that Colorado teachers and youth understand the significance of well managed rangelands and the benefits to humans that come from healthy rangeland ecosystems. This workshop will emphasize how to accomplish that understanding.

**More Information and Free Registration**

Pre-registration is required by July 28th, please email:

Kathleen Delzell (CO Section SRM, Pagosa Springs), [kmdelzell@gmail.com](mailto:kmdelzell@gmail.com) or

Mariah Klingler (Ignacio high school), [mklingler@ignacioschools.org](mailto:mklingler@ignacioschools.org)

State and local social distancing protocols will be encouraged.

The Colorado Section of the Society for Range Management is a professional society dedicated to supporting persons who work with rangelands and have a commitment to their sustainable use. To find out more visit [www.csrsm.org](http://www.csrsm.org).

### Ignacio Middle and High Schools Athletic Physicals

Physicals are good for next year's Middle School and High School Athletes in the 2021-2022 sports seasons (Grades 6-12) at Ignacio Middle School on July 30, from 8 a.m. to 12 Noon. You must sign up for an appointment time online at [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org) Cost for physicals are \$30. For more information call Dayna Talamante-Montoya at 970-563-0570 or 970-442-3618



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that he is not there.”

“It’s traumatizing when someone is taken out of your life,” he said, “It takes time to heal from it; we can’t create any more memories together. Now I offer tobacco to him. I can’t say, ‘sorry, brother.’ He taught me a lesson – that life is valuable, and that life is important. Our spirits can forgive each other.”

The Box family is a traditional family, guided by their strong cultural values. Eddie Box Jr. is a Southern Ute elder. Betty J. Box is an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation and of Spanish descent. The Box’s are involved in traditional ways such as Sundance, Bear Dance and Sweat ceremonials.

In February of 2018, following the death of their son, the family asked to be escorted to the remote section of Hay Camp Mesa where James was killed to observe the necessary cultural practices. “We had a

ceremony with family at the site,” Eddie explained. “We took care of that ... the spiritual aspects.”

“We miss the image of our son; how he sang the songs in Sweat,” reflected Eddie Box Jr. “We miss him taking part in the Sweat ceremony. It’s not quite healed. That part is still missing.”

James fell into troubled times later in life, often surrounding himself with bad company, straining his relationships with family. “It hit us pretty hard,” Eddie said. “Our love for him overtook everything, over the difficulties.”

“He wanted to change his lifestyle,” Betty said. “He wanted to get back home, to get sober. He knew it was time.”

“He’s on another journey now,” Betty said. “We will keep his memory alive.”

Lisa Manzanares, with Southern Ute Victim Services, has aided the Box family as a liaison between

the courts and the family throughout this difficult time. “Lisa was the main person to guide us, and help us through this process,” explained Betty. “I’m glad we have Victim Services. I encourage others to use them.”

The Box’s know they cannot bring their son back, that they can’t change the course of what happened three years ago, or the events that lead to it; but they truly hope that someone will read these words and be able to help those closest to them, those in need of love and guidance. To see where strength and compassion is most needed, but not always sought out.

“If he could speak,” said Eddie “I think he would say, ‘Man, I messed up. I’m sorry it happened. I didn’t realize it would end like this.’”

“Maybe we can make other people aware of what is happening in this world,” Eddie said.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



**Layla (Our Baby Girl)**

We are SO Very Proud of you for working so hard this last year despite all the challenges 2020 brought to us all. Not only did you Graduate, but you did it a YEAR EARLY!

Remember to always follow your dreams & know that you can do anything you set your mind to!

We love you to the moon and back!

Love Always,  
Dad & Mom

Layla N. Cuthair Graduated from GOAL High School on June 3, 2021.

TRIBAL OBITUARIES



lice. Arthur retired from the Police Department in 1987, and was a full-time farmer/rancher, until his passing.

In his younger years, Arthur loved the rodeo circuit and would travel to different areas to compete. He played on a men’s basketball team which included playing against the Harlem Globe Trotters. Every summer, Arthur and his family would drive the cattle to their summer grazing unit in Sambritos and retrieved them in the fall. Besides rodeo and sports, Arthur’s hobbies were fishing, hunting, camping and just being outdoors, as well as watching the Denver Broncos until Jake Cutler was traded to the Chicago Bears. After years of being a Broncos fan, he became a Bears fan. Arthur loved going to the Sky Ute Casino to play bingo and was once cited for speeding while driving to bingo. He blamed Sylvia for him getting a ticket, because she told him to hurry up. Arthur will be remembered for his great sense of humor, intelligence and stubbornness.

Arthur was preceded in death by his wife, Sylvia; his children: Gina & Joel; his parents; his brothers: Howard, Clifford, Teddy, Leroy Weaver, as well as 1-infant boy, 1 infant girl and infant twin girls.

He is survived by his brother, Wilford (Mary) Weaver; children: John (Renee) Weaver, Lena (Fred) Atencio, Dee (Mike) Olguin, Lida (Frank) Allen & Bill Weaver; foster children: Roland Norris and Rudley Weaver; 14 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren and 2 great-great grandsons.

A Mass was held on Friday, July 16, 2021 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church in Ignacio and cremation took place after the church services.

**WEAVER** – Arthur Weaver, 88, passed to his eternal heavenly home on July 11, 2021. He was born to Bill Weaver and Myrtle Norris Weaver.

Arthur attended the Bureau of Indian Affairs boarding school in Ignacio at a young age and during his high school years, he excelled in sports, football and basketball. Arthur enlisted in the United States Army from 1953 to 1955 and was shipped to Korea.

Upon his discharge from the Army, he married the love of his life in 1955, Sylvia Emily Alire and they celebrated 65 years together.

Arthur worked odd jobs with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in order to support his family, until he was hired as a Patrolman for the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Police. Arthur worked his way up as the Sergeant, Lieutenant and eventually the Chief of Po-

# San Ignacio Fiesta

July 24 & 25, 2021  
Ignacio, CO

**PARADE**  
SATURDAY, JULY 24<sup>th</sup>

• LINE UP AND REGISTRATION begins at 9:00 a.m. at IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL  
• REGISTRATION FORMS AVAILABLE ONLINE AT [www.stignatiuschurchignacio.com](http://www.stignatiuschurchignacio.com)  
• REGISTER THE DAY OF THE PARADE

• No registration fee (Donations appreciated) Cash Prizes – Several Categories.  
• No Park Events or Dance, as previously held. Local businesses or organizations may be sponsoring other events. Please check with the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce.

SUNDAY, JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish,  
15449 HWY 172 in front yard  
**ANNUAL SOLEMN MASS, 10:30 a.m.**  
All events outdoors (front yard)- Weather Permitting  
Fiesta Dinner at approximately 12:15 p.m.  
Live Music, Native American Blessing & Dancers (Matachines)

Annual Fiesta Raffle – Drawing at 1:00p.m.

Grand Prize:.....iPod	2nd Prize:.....\$500 Cash
3rd Prize:.....Gas Grill	4th Prize:.....Pendleton Blanket
5th Prize:.....\$200 Cash	6th Prize:.....Framed Photo
7th Prize:.....\$100 Farmers Fresh Gift Card	8th Prize:.....Quilt
9th Prize:.....\$50 Bottom Shell Brewery	10th Prize:.....Bookends with Books
11th Prize:.....\$50 Applebee's Gift Card	12th Prize:.....\$50 Cold Stone Creamery

\$1.00 each/6 for \$5.00 • St. Ignatius Church, 15449 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO Need not be present to win  
For information and/or raffle tickets, please call (970) 563-4241 or (970) 749-6830.

## Southern Ute Utilities Payment Options

The Southern Ute Utilities Division would like to send a friendly reminder on payment options for utilities customers.

Customers enrolled in the automatic deduction should contact Tribal Finance to verify your deduction reflects the newly adjusted rate.

Contact Edith Muniz at 970-563-5501 or Wahleah Frost at 970-563-5506.

Payments can be processed in the following ways:

- Online at <https://www.suitutil.com/pay-my-bill/>
- Over the phone with a credit/debit card
- Via Wells Fargo Bill Pay at the Ignacio branch.
- Tribal Deduction through the Finance Department.
- COVID-19 Relief Grant Program is available to the tribal membership who require assistance due to COVID-19. Please contact the Finance Department or visit the Tribal Member Portal for more information on the grant program.

The Utilities Division office and Transfer Station is currently operating under the Modified Hours. Hours of operation have been modified due to the coronavirus pandemic. Modified hours while under the tribal “Safer at Home” Order are:

- Drive Up Window:** The Drive-up Window has officially reopened for customers to make utility payments. The hours of operation for the drive-up window coincide with the current Utilities Division office hours, which are Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
- Transfer Station:**
  - Monday, Wednesday, and Friday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.
  - Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m.
  - Closed on Sundays

The Utilities Office can be reached by dialing 970-563-5500.

## Waste Transfer Station New Hours

Effective Monday, June 28, 2021 the Southern Ute Utilities Division Waste Transfer Station will be open to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. and closed on Sunday. Tribal Members are required to obtain and show proof of permit upon request. Permits can be picked up from Mr. James Red located in the red wooden shed beside the containers. In order to obtain a permit, members will be required to show Tribal ID.

For information, contact the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970-563-5500

## Correction

In a photo published in the July 2, issue of the Drum, Romeo Thomas, was identified as Romeo Bravo.

In a photo published in the May 21 issue of the Drum, Trisha Leroy was misidentified as Trisha Taylor.

## Drum Deadline

Next issue  
July 30

Deadline  
July 26

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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## Tribal Water Delivery Reminder

The Southern Ute Utilities Division would like to send a reminder to customers regarding your water delivery services. Each customer is responsible for providing unrestricted access to cisterns and for keeping this access in a drivable condition for the water delivery truck. Driveways must be passable through snow, mud and ice before the Water Truck Driver will deliver water to the customer. The cistern access must be kept clear of parked cars, obstructions, trees, or shrubbery. For questions or to clarify any information within this email, please contact the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970-563-5500.

## In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

### NOTICE OF HEARING

**SkyDawn Moccasin-Flower vs. Anthony Fernandez**  
**Case No.: 2021-0025-CV-DV**

The above mentioned parties are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for DIVORCE before the above named Court on August 17, 2021 at 2:00 PM.

Dated July 13, 2021

Paula Trujillo, Southern Ute Tribal Court

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Case No.: 2021-0086-CV-PR**  
**Lillie Frost, 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 August 24, 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 1st of July, 2021.

Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

### NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR CUSTODY, AND SUMMONS TO APPEAR BY PUBLICATION

**In the Interest Of,**  
**Case No. 20-CU-157**

Somer Autumn Cloud (dob 8/26/10), and Jada Jewel Cloud (dob 10/21/11), Minor Children, AND CONCERNING THE PETITION OF: Alex S. Cloud, Petitioner Father, v. Jesusa Cloud, Respondent Mother. TO: JESUSA CLOUD, RESPONDENT, Pursuant to Section 2-1-103(2)(d) of the Southern Ute Tribal Code, you are notified that the Petitioner has filed in this Court

a Petition Seeking A Determination of Custody of the Two Named Children. You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of Petitioner filed with the court by filing with the Court Clerk an answer or other response within twenty-one (21) days after service of this summons upon you, or before your hearing date of December 6, 2021, at 9:00 A.M. Service will be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Court Clerk. A hearing on custody is set for **December 6, 2021 at 9 A.M.** in the Court location above. If you fail to answer, or appear for said hearing, the Court may terminate or modify your custody rights as to the two children and grant the relief sought by Petitioner. On the hearing date, you should bring with you all books, papers, witnesses needed by you to establish any defenses you might have to Petitioner's claims. If you wish to present a counterclaim, you must pay a fee of \$50.00. Attorney for Petitioner: David Liberman, Esq., 1099 Main Ave., Suite 312, Durango, CO 81301, Phone 970-375-6265; E-mail: dliberman@animas.net

### NOTICE OF PROBATE

**In the Estate Of,**  
**Carlos Chanio Herrera, Deceased**  
**Case No.: 2021-0075-CV-PR**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **AUGUST 23, 2021 at 11:00 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 June, 2021

Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

## REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Indian Tribe PRV Station Replacement Project

Owner: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT)  
Utilities Division  
PO Box 1137  
16360 Hwy 172  
Ignacio, CO 81137  
970-563-5500

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT Utilities Division Sky Ute Fairgrounds PRV Station Replacement Project will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 3 p.m. (MDST), Thursday, July 22 2021. The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder.

**Bid security:** A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract.

**Description of Work:** Project requires installation of Owner furnished PRV vault, plumbed connection to existing water distribution system, and removal and disposal of existing PRV vault.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be

given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, July 13, 2021 at 10 A.M. at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Project Site, located at 200 County Road 151, Ignacio, CO 81137.

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location:

- **GOFF Engineering & Surveying, Inc.:** 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, Colorado 81301. 970-247-1705
- **The Southern Ute Indian Tribe:** Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137. 970-563-5500

A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to HUIglasco@goffengineering.com or written request to the above address.

## Lots for Sale

Two lots for sale on Wandering Hill Rd. 35K each 1.03 and 1.06 ac. lots next to each other. Both have water and electricity. Two mins. from Navajo Lake. Levelled for a 1000sq house and posts on the corners for fencing. Very quiet. 505-860-5101.

## Medline home-care bed for sale

Medline long term care bed (model 1100) for sale. Excellent condition! \$1,500 OBO. Including mattress. Call Brenda at 970-880-2737

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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| • Distribution, Friday, Oct. 29:    | NOON, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 10: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 5, 2021  |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 24: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 19, 2021 |
| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9:    | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021  |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 20:  | NOON, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021 |

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

### POWWOW COMMITTEE VACANCY

Closing 7/31/21 – Mique! The Powwow Committee is currently accepting letters from community members to serve as volunteer membership for the Southern Ute Powwow Committee. Committee is open to all Southern Ute Tribal Members and direct descendants as well as any Indigenous community member who would like to be actively involved with planning, promoting and executing Southern Ute Powwows. Will require said member to represent the Southern Ute Tribe and promote traditions and culture through the Powwow circle and throughout Indian Country. Meetings are conducted bi-monthly, or when needed, it will also require working with multiple tribal departments throughout the Southern Ute, Northern Ute, and Ute Mountain Tribes. Committee is responsible for maintaining services needed for Powwows and will require hands-on work, as well as critical and traditional thinking. We would like to promote any active Powwow dancers, drummers, singers, or elders who would like to engage with the Powwow Community to apply. So please bring your good medicine and come help us plan a good year of powwows. Accepting letters of intent to: Southern Ute Powwow Committee, PO Box 737 #16, Ignacio, CO 81137, and at [soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:soutepowwow@southernute-nsn.gov).

### APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has three (3) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment to make a positive contribution to both the committee and to the objectives of the program. At large members for the Committee can also be considered. A majority of the Committee shall be tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Tribe that the Apprentice Program Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Dept. at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

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

### ELECTION BOARD

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, July 16, 2021 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election

Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe-Election Board P. O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: [electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov)

### GAMING COMMISSION

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

### JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open until filled – JOM has TWO (2) vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. or if you have any question you can contact her at 970-563-0235. Email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled in JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

### SU TRIBAL MEMBERS WANTED FOR WILDLIFE ADVISORY BOARD

Closing 7/30/31 – The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill THREE seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. As a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For information, contact the Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, July 30, 2021.

## SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD OFFICE HOURS

The Election Board will return back  
to the office in July 07, 2021 on  
Monday, Wednesday, and Friday  
from 8 am to 2 pm.



**EFFECTIVE TODAY, THURSDAY, JUNE 17, 2021**  
**THE TRIBE MOVES TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 1**

### Restrictions in Phase II, Level 1

Personal Gathering	Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
No greater than 30	75% 175 Max	75% 200 Max



To find a list of the approved activities, please go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website, Tribal Council social media, and the Southern Ute Drum.

**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-YANI COVID-19** "TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19"





Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at [www.southernute.com/careers](http://www.southernute.com/careers) 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.

Business Intelligence Developer I (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 7/23/21 – Performing data analysis, develops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments. Minimum Qualifications: A high school diploma and four years full time relevant software, data analysis or reporting experience; OR an Associate Degree and two years full time relevant software, data analysis or reporting experience; OR a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science, Engineering, Business/Finance or relevant science degree; is required. Must have knowledge of at least one major coding language including Java, C#, C++, Python or Ruby. Must have knowledge of data base structures and SQL programming. An understanding of Software Development Lifecycle is required. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills. Must have or be able to obtain, Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) certification, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Support license, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) certification, and any other licenses or certifications required or requested by Southern Ute Shared Services within the first 6 months of hire. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable through the Company vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

PeopleSoft Financial and Supply Chain Supervisor (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 7/30/21 – Serves as a senior subject matter expert relative to content, processes and procedures associated with the PeopleSoft Financials and Supply Chain Management (FSCM) application. Responsible for providing requirements specifications to the internal PeopleSoft Finance developers; project management, coordinating testing and training for user groups; developing systems solutions in the PeopleSoft environment; and, project follow-up and support to provide the highest level of customer satisfaction. Minimum Qualifications:

A Bachelor’s degree in Business, Finance, Computer Science, or other relevant degree and eight years’ experience in PeopleSoft Financial and Supply Chain Management analysis; OR, an Associate’s degree and ten years’ experience in PeopleSoft Financial and Supply Chain Management analysis; OR, a high school diploma or equivalent with 12 years’ experience in PeopleSoft Financial and Supply Chain Management is required. Must have experience in a PeopleSoft General Ledger functional/technical position supporting General Ledger and some combination of the following applications in a configuration and/or development capacity: Account Payable, Account Receivable, Billing, Purchasing, Inventory, Deal Management, Cash Management, Risk Management, Asset Management and Project Costing. Must have experience in a leadership role including project leadership or training and mentoring staff. Must have an understanding of People Code and People Tools. Must have SQLquery, nVision Crystal, journal upload and advanced Excel reporting skills from a PeopleSoft ledger perspective. Must have knowledge of the main FSCM PeopleSoft application tables and the relationships between tables. Must have solid bookkeeping /accounting skills. Use of T-account examples of AP, AP, inter-unit and intra-unit accounting. Must have experience building, maintaining, and analyzing PeopleSoft trees and related data. Must have consolidation experience. Must have experience integrating third party systems into PeopleSoft General Ledger and other FSCM applications. Must have strong computer-based data management and analysis skills. Must have general operational knowledge of standard Financial best practices. Must possess strong trouble shooting skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must be able to obtain a Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Support License and any other licenses or certifications required or requested by Southern Ute Shared Services within the first 6 months of hire. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable by the Growth Fund vehicle insurance carrier. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at [www.skyutecasino.com](http://www.skyutecasino.com) to view job openings and apply online.  
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137  
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome  
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

Facilities Staff (Full-time)

Operation of equipment, environmental condition and appearance of the facility and grounds. Cleanliness, maintenance and repair of the facility, equipment and building. Assists in repair and maintenance of equipment within the facility. Cleanliness of kitchen areas and equipment, facility equipment, carpets, building and grounds. Shuttles Hotel guests to and from the airport as needed. Must be at least 18 years old, must have a High School Diploma or equivalent, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends and holidays. Must have a valid driver’s license and must be insurable with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

able to work in a restricted work environment for long periods of time, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays.

\*Security Officer (Full-time)

Safeguarding the assets of the Sky Ute Casino Resort and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Ensures that all company policies and internal control procedures are followed. Guest and employee safety on property. Must be 21, must have a High School Diploma or GED, must have a minimum of 2 years experience in law enforcement, security, or related field, must have the ability to ensure a safe environment in the Casino, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Room Attendant (Full-time)

Thoroughly cleaning hotel guest rooms and performing routine duties individually or as a pair, in a fast-paced work environment. Duties include cleaning hotel room by wiping, washing, scrubbing, vacuuming, sweeping and mopping all areas of the guest rooms. Must be able to bend, lift, stand and walk throughout the shift. Must be at least 18, High School Diploma or GED preferred experience preferred, must be able to work in a team environment and work with minimal supervision. Must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekends, and holidays.

Deep Cleaning Staff (Full-time)

Cleanliness of the entire Kitchen as instructed by the Facilities Manager and/or Supervisor. Will clean Food and Beverage facilities and equipment. Must be 18, High School Diploma or GED preferred, must be able to lift 60 pounds, must be able to bend, squat, kneel, crouch, stoop, walk and stand for entire shift, must be able to work with standard cleaning solutions and detergents.

\*Fine Dining Bartender (Full-time)

Providing an exceptional fine dining/lounge experience by delivering first class guest service of beverages and cocktails. Must possess an extensive knowledge of mixed drinks and wine. Mixing and serving alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks and interacting with guests. Provides beverage and cocktail service to bar patrons and restaurant guests. Must be 21 must have a High School Diploma or GED, must have knowledge in food merchandising methods and techniques, must be able to work all shifts including nights, weekend, and holidays.

\*Surveillance Agent I (Full-time)

Ensuring a safe and secure environment for Casino customers and employees by observing, reporting, and recording gaming and non-gaming activity using surveillance equipment to abide by all procedures, gaming regulations, and policies and protect the Southern Ute tribal assets from illegal and questionable activities. Must be 21, must have a High School Diploma or GED, must be extremely detail oriented and be able to multi-task in a fast-paced environment, must be

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

TIS Administrative Assistant

Closes 7/16/21 – Under the direct supervision of the Tribal Information Services (TIS) Director represents the TIS Department in a positive, professional manner while providing administrative and secretarial and advertising support. Position starts at \$16.88/hour.

Community Health Representative

Closes 7/16/21 – 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. Position starts at \$15.61/hour.

Custodian

Closes 7/16/21 – Daily cleaning of Southern Ute Indian Tribe Buildings and offices. Position starts at \$12.54/hour.

Group Exercise Instructor

Closes 7/16/21 – Provides group exercise instruction and fitness activities to members of the Sun Ute Community Center, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Position starts at \$15.61/hour.

Addictions Counselor

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Lead Therapist, provides outpatient substance abuse treatment and education for individuals enrolled in the Substance Abuse Program. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Position \$21.75/hour.

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. Position starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Boys & Girls Club Aide (Temp/Part-time)

Open until filled – Assists in the implementation, planning, and supervision of activities provided within the Boys & Girls Club (BGC) program. Position starts at \$12.32/hour.

Construction Crew Leader

Open until filled – Supervises assigned construction repairmen, provides repairs to eligible clients' homes. Position starts at \$16.88/year.

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. Position starts at \$75,321.13/year.

Construction Services Repairman

Open until filled – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/ Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Position starts at \$14.48/hour.

Dispatcher

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position starts at \$18.32/hour.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept.. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/ emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/ guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area. Position starts at \$41,456.65/year.

HVAC Technician

Open Until Filled – Provides maintenance support, troubleshooting, and preventative maintenance on commercial heating, ventilating, and air conditioning systems including machinery, boilers, hot and chilled water distribution systems, circulation pumps, steam humidifiers, cooling towers, walk-in coolers and freezers, and variable volume systems located in Southern Ute Tribal Buildings. Position starts at \$26.21/hour.

Lands Technician

Open until filled – Provides technical and clerical support to the Lands Division and provides general information to the Tribal Membership and general public regarding land status issues, Crossing Permits, and general land management related issues. Position starts at \$15.61/hour.

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time) (So., Ute Mtn., or No. Ute members only)

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.

Lifeguard (Full Time/Par-time)

Open Until Filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Position starts at \$12.54/hour.

Part-time Dentist (with benefits)

Open until filled – Providing, clinical, health promotion and disease prevention, and educational services for the Dental Division.

Patient Care Coordinator

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, is responsible for facilitating the fulfillment of patients’ overall healthcare needs. Works with other Behavioral Health providers, other area resources, medical staff and residential facilities to expedite appropriate and timely care for patients. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Position starts at \$18.32/hour.

Patrol Officer I

Open until filled – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Position starts at \$21.75/hour.

Payroll Manager

Open until filled – Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

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. Position starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Substance Abuse Therapist

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Lead Therapist, provides behavioral health treatment, including mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis in accordance with all applicable code, laws, policies, guidelines, and any grant requirements. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Summer Youth Employment Workers (So. Ute members and 1st Descendants Only)

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Youth Employment Program (YEP) Coordinator, YEP Aide, or Tribal Department Directors, Division Heads, or Managers. Performs job duties as directed and participates in activities provided within the SUIT Education YEP. This summer program is designed to provide employment from June to August 2021, with extensions available to make up hours missed due to illness or absence.

TEAM Worker (So. Ute members only)

Open until filled – The TEAM program is an opportunity for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to find temporary employment within the various departments of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

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

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 Dept., 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. Position starts at \$19.93/hour.

Ignacio School District – Job announcements

Application/Information: 970-563-0500 ext. 221  
Information, job descriptions and application can be found at: [www.ignacioschools.org](http://www.ignacioschools.org)

Elementary Teacher(s), HS Assistant Volleyball Coaches, HS Assistant Girl’s Basketball Coach, Assistant Football Coaches, MS Math Teacher. Positions are open until filled.



HIRING: Part-Time Lifeguards!

SunUte Community Center is hiring part-time lifeguards! If you are a motivated, friendly person that knows how to swim and you are looking for a fun part-time job, SunUte is the place for you!

Position Summary

This position is responsible for lifeguard activities in the pool area in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by the Aquatics Manager.

Education and Experience

- Must have or be able to obtain a nationally recognized certification in Lifeguarding procedures and practices within 1-month from the hire date. (We will train you)
- Must learn how to test water chemistry and make necessary adjustments to comply with established standards. (We will train you)
- Must be at least 16 years old.
- Must pass a thorough background check including Criminal History, fingerprint check, and a pre-employment drug-test.

TO APPLY, please visit: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/careers/> and look for the “Lifeguard (Part-time)” listing.

SunUte Community Center  
290 Mouchie Circle  
Ignacio, CO 81137

For more information, please contact: Roman Vasquez, Aquatics Manager  
Phone: 970-563-2653  
E-mail: [rvasquez@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:rvasquez@southernute-nsn.gov)







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upper hand on ASG-Black when the Elam objective of 71 was announced.

“It kind of felt more like a scrimmage game, to be honest,” Finn said, of the odd means of concluding play. “Felt like pick-up games at the rec center or something.”

Admittedly unable to find the range on his own, normally reliable jumper, Finn had little to worry about when it came to capping his prep career with a win. 1A Merino’s Kole Armstrong quickly cashed a three-pointer and a shorter two, and Ault Highland’s Jase Bessire – the younger half of the Huskies’ sibling (Tate being the older) duo which helped doom IHS in the 2020 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships’ ‘Great Eight’ phase immediately before emerging COVID-19 concerns canceled that tournament – buried a three to secure a 71-47 triumph Friday morning, July 2.

“Playing with Jase ... Him and his brother, they’re so fast,” said Finn, who booked six points. “On-ball defense, he was like lock-down – hustled to try to get a steal on every play – and it was fun playing with him.”

“It was a lot of fun, playing with guys you’ve never played with before,” he continued. “Everybody’s, like, on the same skill level – it makes a big difference compared to ... . Like, in small schools you may only have three, four guys really scoring and ... this game everybody can put up 20 points if they wanted. So it was a lot of fun playing with people that are really skilled.”

White steadily constructed leads of 15-14 after the first eight-minute quarter and 37-28 going into halftime, while 2A Greeley Dayspring Christian’s Christian Still tried keeping Black even

remotely close with four three-pointers. Five Armstrong points helped White win the third quarter 13-11 and enter the home stretch ahead 50-39, with 3A Manitou Springs’ Isaiah Thomas then, for all practical purposes, putting White in control for keeps with seven of his 14 total points.

Armstrong would finish with 17 points and Bessire 11; Still, meanwhile, was silent after intermission but still ended up with a Black-leading 12, while 3A Parker Lutheran’s Sam Hoops contributed ten.

When Finn made his All-State debut the previous evening, however, White definitely wasn’t in second-day form. Three consecutive showpiece-style dunks by 4A Elizabeth’s Tristan Smith – including a two-handed flush of an alley-oop lob from 2A Limon’s Camden Smithburg – had ASG-Red on a game-opening 17-0 run when Finn finally entered the fray.

Red’s romp would hit 19-0 before 1A Peetz’s Nolan Hill canned a three with just 1:17 left in the first frame, and White would go into the second trailing 21-6. Finn’s first – and only, as things played out – basket, however, punctuated a key 7-0 burst early, and with Armstrong suddenly drilling four triples, White rallied back to 35-31 at halftime.

“Playing summer ball with Coach Chris (Valdez) and stuff, it’s really similar to what this was,” explained Finn. “We don’t really run too many plays or anything in the summertime – it’s just kind of run-and-gun ball, not really super focused on ‘We need to do this and this.’”

“And yeah, I couldn’t find a jump shot so I was just trying to get to the rim, get

something on the board!”

Taking pressure off Smith, 5A Highlands Ranch Rock Canyon’s DeAngelo Horn and 5A Fort Collins Fossil Ridge’s Tyce Baldwin combined for 11 third-quarter points, helping rebuild Red’s crumbling lead back up to 55-48 entering the fourth.

Finishing the semifinal the way he’d start the third-place feature, 5A Aurora Rangeview’s Cade Palmer nailed a three and logged for White – coached by RHS’ Shawn Palmer and 1A Elbert’s Aaron Thieman – seven of his 11 total points (he’d total seven against Black), but with Smith (20 total points) and Baldwin (16) combining for 13, Red prevailed 73-64 with the Elam target having been set with Red up 65-57.

Smithburg registered 15 points and Horn 11 for the victors; Armstrong’s 16 points – all in the first half – paced White in defeat, with both Bessire and 5A Highlands Ranch Valor Christian’s Amondo Miller, Jr., nearly reaching double figures with nine points apiece.

Coached by Limon’s Dirk Pedersen and Elizabeth’s Aaron Hedman, ASG-Red would leave CSU-Pueblo’s campus the Games’ champs; a one-handed Horn breakaway dunk emphatically polished off a tense 77-74 win – an Elam goal of 76 had been set with Red leading 68-65 – over Blue, which got a game-best 25 points from 3A Gunnison’s Braden Wood, while Baldwin (21), Smithburg (17), Horn (15) and Smith (11) formed a powerful conquering quartet.

Blue had defeated Black 77-62 in the second semi on Day 1, with the relentless Wood racking up 24 points.

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morning, July 19, and then go again the evening of the 23rd.

Durango’s Hannah Belvin qualified in barrel racing; her third-place result at State in the average (18.197-18.177-17.955) upped her to fourth in points (78), as well as 28th in A-A points (78; McWhirter took 30th with 75). According to the NHSFR’s unofficial draw, Belvin is slated to ride Tuesday morning, July 20, and again the evening of the 22nd.

And still with ties to the Bayfield/Ignacio/Durango

communities, Mitchell Story of Aztec, N.M., qualified for nationals in saddle bronc. Covering two of three head in Craig, his respective scores of 73 and 80 easily won him two go-rounds as well as the average, and he ended up first in year-end points with 80. He would also rank top-20 in All-Around Cowboy points, placing 19th with 118 (with 74, Hine tied for 32nd).

Story will ride the evening of the 20th and again the morning of the 22nd.

**A Near-Miss:** In the CSHSFR’s rifle shooting event, held at Bears Ears Sportsman Club north of Craig, Ignacio’s Kyle Rima tallied a three-stage score of 801 points (285-243-273) and ended up placing sixth – an effort which bumped him up to seventh in the year-end points with 53. Leo Veach of Agate topped the table with 140, having inflated his total by winning State with a 992 (327-327-338).

Quilt Silent Auction

Isn’t quilting beautiful?! A quilt will be available on display at the library until September 4 and will be set out on display at some of our special events this Summer. You can come in anytime and participate in the silent auction bidding on the quilt. This is a Friends of the Library fundraiser, the proceeds will be put towards helping your library!

Local art wanted!

Are you a creator of beautiful things? Then let us display them at the library! You can participate in one of our Art Displays, every 3 months we hang different artists work on our walls for our patrons to view and enjoy. Paintings, drawings, photography, quilts, welding and more! Pick up a form and drop off your art at the library before Monday, Aug. 2 to participate in the next cycle! Email Cheyenne at cmunns@ignaciolibrary.org for info.

Dragon Tales Contest

We’ve got a challenge for you! Write a story that includes a dragon in it! And we’d love if you include an illustration with it. Originality and length will be key factors that your stories will be judged on. Turn in your entry to the library by the end of July to participate. The winner will receive a \$50 gift card!

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Clean vigorously
- 6 Image resolution measure
- 9 Temporary stop
- 10 Ruby Hill actress in “Good Girls”
- 13 Words on a shingle
- 14 Does some pushing
- 15 Bath tester?
- 16 Activate
- 18 “Green Card” organization
- 19 “Mamma --- !”
- 20 --- Major, the Big Dipper
- 21 Goshute reservation once at the center of a nuclear waste controversy
- 25 Cistern
- 26 Alberta city, briefly
- 27 The great one is extinct, but the little one’s OK
- 28 Besides
- 29 Medical insurer
- 32 Alternative to Italian or Russian
- 34 --- Naranja, Southern Ute Elder who died 5/3/20
- 36 Gene Autry’s Texas birthplace
- 37 Copy
- 38 “ ... --- an ill cook that cannot lick his own fingers” (Shakespeare, “Romeo and Juliet”)
- 39 Piers undermined a finger pointing to Heaven

Down

- 1 Angry to-do
- 2 “Pink Panther” assailant
- 3 Dominion
- 4 “Burn Notice” carrier
- 5 Cry over
- 6 Banged in Ignacio?
- 7 For each
- 8 Clara Bow or Marilyn Monroe, in their day
- 11 Keyed up teens messed around
- 12 Analyze for precious metal content
- 17 Magical black bird
- 19 January honoree, briefly
- 20 Einstein’s birthplace
- 21 Jump in surprise
- 22 Hawaii’s “Garden Island”
- 23 Remove a tangle
- 24 Uncle Fester’s family name
- 28 Sounds of realization
- 29 Port in many a TV
- 30 Golda --- of Israel
- 31 A single time
- 33 FX technology
- 35 Back talk

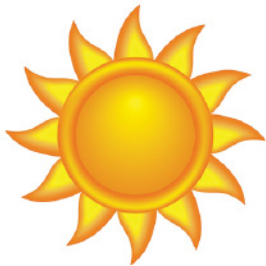
Answers for this crossword will appear in July 30 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 2, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 Fin, 4 RBI, 7 Rho, 10 Ice, 11 Elk, 12 Aah, 13 THC, 14 Sinawav, 16 Keep on, 18 Put it, 20 Weber, 24 As if, 25 Mayo, 26 Reefs, 28 Lined, 29 Eolian, 31 Klallam, 34 Off, 37 Get, 38 Tup, 39 Coo, 40 MDF, 41 IDs, 42 KGB.  
**Down:** 1 Fit, 2 Ich, 3 Necktie, 4 Reset, 5 Blip, 6 I know, 7 Raw, 8 HAA, 9 OHV, 15 Anemia, 17 Eiffel, 18 Par, 19 Use, 21 Bannock, 22 Eye, 23 Rod, 27 Solti, 28 Limps, 30 Laud, 31 Kg-m, 32 LED, 33 ATF, 35 Fog, 36 Fob.



did you know?!



The Sun is located at the center of our solar system, and Earth orbits 93 million miles away from it.

Source: <https://solarsystem.nasa.gov/solar-system/sun/overview/>

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

Air Quality in real time!

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

Link to the Tribe’s Air Quality Stations below:

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

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER  
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, July 16



89°F mostly sunny  
20% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Saturday, July 17



89°F mostly sunny  
40% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

Sunday, July 18



91°F mostly sunny  
40% chance showers/t-storms in p.m.

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

