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

KSUT RADIO

KSUT Tribal Radio on Ute Mountain comes to fruition

Staff report
KSUT

After three years of work, KSUT has realized the dream of connecting the two sisters tribes of South-west Colorado through Tribal Radio, with a new FM signal broadcasting off of Hermano Peak on Ute Mountain. The signal went live on Thursday, May 14 at 100.9FM. KSUT would like to sincerely thank the Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe for their cooperation and support in allowing KSUT Tribal Radio to broadcast from Ute Mountain.

“We are excited to provide unique programming to our sister tribe and appreciate their support with this endeavor. We hope this additional communication source can serve a need for those who don’t have direct access to other forms of media in the community,” stated Sheila Nanaeto, KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager.

In June 2017, KSUT became aware of an opportunity to be the recipient of two donated FM licenses, intended for non-commercial radio stations serving



courtesy Tami Graham/KSUT

Rob Rawls (right), KSUT Four Corners Public Radio station manager and Jim Bert, broadcast engineer work on final wiring on the Hermano Peak transmitter, Thursday, May 15.

Native American populations, explained Tami Graham, KSUT Executive Director. A proposal was submitted to the owner of the licenses and KSUT was selected to receive two of the 10 available licenses. KSUT immediately began planning including engineering studies to assess what frequencies would be available from Ute Mountain that would not interfere with any other signals.

Significant applications to the FCC have been approved, including permission to temporarily continuing to broadcast at the existing site for the license

in Reserve, N.M. while the new broadcast site was getting set up on Ute Mountain, as well as receipt of a construction permit to move the license to Towaoc, Colo. in 2019.

After 17 separate trips to Ute Mountain with KSUT staff, engineers and tower climbers and a near-miss of going live in December 2019, but getting turned away due to snow, KSUT Tribal Radio can now be heard from 100.9 FM in Towaoc, Cortez, White Mesa, Dolores and many points in between.

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Stepping together in perfect cadence, men and women dancers move to the rhythm of the bear, as the four-day spring celebration came to a close on Monday, May 20, 2019. Shockley won third place in feature photography for his coverage of the Ute Tribe’s spring Bear Dance.

TOP OF THE ROCKIES

Drum nets 6 awards from the Society of Professional Journalists

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Drum newspaper won a total of six newspaper awards this year from the Society of Professional Journalists (SPJ), with a mix of awards in

videography, photography and general reporting for the print circulation category under 10,000. Winners were recently announced in a press release from SPJ.

Each year SPJ’s regional Top of the Rockies newspaper contest holds an awards

ceremony at the Historic Denver Press Club, which was postponed due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic this spring.

The Southern Ute Drum staff worked hard last

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CORONAVIRUS

San Juan Basin Public Health and Mercy streamline process for free COVID-19 testing

Symptomatic individuals are now screened onsite

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and Centura Health-Mercy Regional Medical Center continue their partnership to provide diagnostic (PCR) COVID-19 testing six days a week at Mercy’s Horse Gulch location. Testing is available Monday through Thursday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Saturday and Sunday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

To streamline the process, symptomatic individuals no longer need to complete a screening over the phone prior to testing. Instead, they will now be screened onsite by a member of Mercy’s staff. This walk-in testing site has the capacity to test 50

people per day. Appointments and health care provider orders are not required. There is no fee for the test. The tests have been provided by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE), in an effort to expand community testing efforts throughout Colorado.

“It is the goal of San Juan Basin Public Health and Mercy to make the testing process as easy as possible for members of our community,” said Mike Murphy, Mercy CEO. “Providing onsite screening is just one way we can simplify the process.”

“We are pleased that getting tested for COVID-19 is even easier and we encourage local residents to take advantage of this simplified testing process,” said Liane

Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. “The more people tested, the more information we have to better fight the virus,” she said.

Testing will occur at Mercy’s Horse Gulch location at 810 E. 3rd St. in Durango. Patients need to enter on the first floor of the building and proceed to the Garden Level for testing. Lab results should be available within 48-72 hours.

For more information, call Tiffany Switzer, SJBPH’s Chief Strategy Officer at 970-335-2011.

Other locations in La Plata County providing PCR diagnostic testing are Cedar Diagnostics, Mercy Regional Medical Center (hospital location), and Durango Urgent Care.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE



Notice of Revised Traffic Code effective June 1

In Resolution No. 2020-003, the Southern Ute Tribal Council declared that the effective date for the revised Traffic Code would be June 1, 2020. This resolution was adopted after the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) reviewed and approved the code. The revised Code incorporates comments and proposed revisions from the BIA and others, including La Plata County Board of Commissioners, the Colorado Department of Revenue, Motor Vehicle Division, and the tribal membership.

To view a copy of the revised Traffic Code, visit the Tribe’s website at: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/government/tribal-code/>. To view a recorded presentation that discusses the revised Traffic Code, go to that same website. Although the Tribe intended to hold in-person meetings to discuss the revised Traffic Code with the membership and general public, in order to follow social distancing and gathering requirements, the Tribe is providing this recorded presentation to view at your convenience.

The revised Code includes the following substantive revisions:

- Separates civil traffic infractions (e.g., speeding and parking) from criminal traffic offenses (e.g., DUI and careless driving);
- Allows the Tribe to cite non-Indians for civil traffic infractions where the Tribe has jurisdiction (i.e., on tribal trust land and on roads with tribal trust land on both sides);
- Adds a third Driving Under the Influence (DUI) offense (Aggravated DUI) related to driving under the influence with a blood alcohol content of 0.15 or more or driving while under the influence that injures another person;
- Makes the driver’s license revocation, suspension and restriction periods the same as Colorado’s periods (i.e., nine months for first excessive blood alcohol level; one year for a second; and

two years for a third or subsequent);

- Makes revocation, suspension, and restriction periods for refusing to take a chemical test the same as Colorado’s (i.e., one year for first refusal; two years for second; three years for third or subsequent);
- Provides that revocation, suspension, and restriction periods will automatically be amended if the State amends its periods;
- Allows tribally revoked driver to apply for a restricted driver’s license from the State with the installation of an ignition interlock;
- Allows law enforcement to stop drivers for not wearing seatbelts (i.e., seatbelt violations are a primary offense);
- Requires vehicles to comply with tint visibility requirements (i.e., in CO, 27% of light in windows, 70% of light in windshield);
- Requires mandatory insurance for the minimum coverage amounts in the state where the vehicle is registered;
- Authorizes minors to be prosecuted for alcohol-related traffic offenses if the minor had a prior alcohol-related traffic offense, an accident resulting in serious bodily injury, or an accident resulting in excessive property damage and report;
- Authorizes Tribal Court to report points for traffic infractions, including points against minors, to the state; and
- Designates roads and trails where off-highway vehicles can be used in accordance with Tribal Council resolution and map.

For more information, or if you have any questions, contact the Director of the Legal Department, David Smith, at 970-563-2140 or dasmith@southernute-nsn.gov, or Tribal Attorney, James Washinawatok, at 970-563-2210 or jwash@southernute-nsn.gov.

SUIMA rolls through Transition



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Cassidy Tahlo gives a warm smile, as she receives congratulations from community members, school staff, and Tribal Council on Thursday, May 21.

See more SUIMA Graduation and Ignacio Elementary Kindergarten graduation parade pictures on page 7.



CORONAVIRUS

City of Durango issues Face Covering Order

Staff report
CITY OF DURANGO

Interim City Manager Amber Blake, pursuant to the emergency declaration related to the Coronavirus (COVID-19) health crisis, has issued order #2020-08 requiring all persons shall to wear a Face Covering when entering, waiting in line to enter and while in the following locations within the City of Durango:

- 1) Any place of business engaged in any sales or other transactions of any kind to the general public and any place that offers services, facilities, privileges, or advantages to the general public, including any outside courtyard, patio, seating, waiting or parking area associated with the place of business or place of service in which any kind of delivery, pick up or other service is provided;

- 2) Any City owned or operated building or indoor facility of any kind;
- 3) Any public transportation, including city transit buses and bus shelters and the airport terminal building;
- 4) Any other public place whether indoor or outdoor where persons are unable to maintain safe social distancing (six or more feet separation) from others who are not residents of their own household;

As used in this Order, Face Covering shall mean a covering made of cloth, fabric, or other soft or permeable material, without holes, that covers only the nose and mouth and surrounding areas of the lower face, and that fits snugly but comfortably against the side of the face and remains in place without the use of one's hands. Face coverings include, but are not limited to, bandanas, medical masks, cloth masks, buffs and gaiters.

The City will attempt to seek voluntary compliance through education and warning notices prior to the issuance of any citations. Compliance with this Order may be enforced under Sections 1-16 and 9-9 of the City Code. In addition, the City may pursue suspension or revocation of a business license under Section 13-8 of the Municipal Code, or it may pursue any other legal remedy to secure enforcement.

This Order shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on May 22, 2020 and shall expire on June 19th, 2020 unless extended or modified by further order of the Interim City Manager. Please see the attached Order for full details and a list of exemptions.



FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Commissioners enact Stage 1 fire restrictions in La Plata County

Staff report
LA PLATA COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The La Plata County Board of County Commissioners enacted restrictions effective immediately on open burning in the unincorporated private land areas of La Plata County. The fire restrictions were enacted upon the recommendation of Sheriff Sean Smith and the chiefs of the local fire districts.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has enacted similar Stage I fire restrictions for Tribal lands effective Monday, May 11. The San Juan National Forest has been under Stage I restrictions since April 7, and Bureau of Land Management's Tres Rios Field Office has also enacted Stage I restrictions in La Plata County.

Middle and low elevations in Southwest Colorado had limited snow accumulation this past winter and it has

largely melted below 10,000 feet in elevation. Precipitation is at 75 percent of the October 1-April 24 average, and the existing precipitation deficit is worsening.

The fire restrictions prohibit open burning and burn barrels on private property in the unincorporated private land areas of La Plata County. The use of a campfire, coal or wood-burning stove, any type of charcoal grill or open fire in any undeveloped area is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires in suitable containers or gas grills for barbecues at private residences or fires within designated campground pits with protective grates; however, residents and visitors alike must not to leave these fires unattended and must carefully and fully extinguish them after use.

The open flame prohibitions also include the following:

lowing:

- Smoking is limited to vehicles, buildings, developed recreational areas and 3-foot-wide areas cleared of vegetation
- Fireworks are prohibited
- Use of explosive material is prohibited
- Use of any internal combustion engine is prohibited unless it is equipped with an approved and functioning spark-arresting device
- Welding and cutting operations must be conducted with a 20-foot radius safe zone free of vegetation with a 2.5 gallon pressurized fire extinguisher or 5 lb. ABC extinguisher or pressurized water supply and proper hand tools on site with a fire watch individual standing by continuously; and
- Flaring for production wells may be allowed with approval from the designated fire chief.

FIRE RESTRICTIONS
Southern Ute Reservation Initiates Stage I Fire Restrictions

Due to the current high temperatures, dry fuel conditions and occurrence of recent wildland fires, Stage 1 fire restrictions have been implemented for all trust lands throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Everyone on reservation lands is asked to be very cautious and use common sense with fire this time of year. Stage I Fire Restrictions prohibits acts for the general public, commercial operators and industrial oil and gas operators performing work on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

STAGE I – General Public:

Prohibited acts:

- 1. **OPEN BURNING.** Burning of trash and/or yard waste is prohibited.
- 2. **AGRICULTURAL BURNING.** Burning of crop land, fields, rangeland, debris burning, slash piles, prescribed burning and weed burning are prohibited.
- 3. **CAMP FIRES.** Building, maintaining or using a warming fire or campfire outside of officially designated or developed camp sites is prohibited. The fire restrictions do not include charcoal fires (in suitable containers) for barbecues or fires for sweat ceremonies, however, such fires are not to

be left unattended and are to be fully extinguished after use.

- 4. **FIREWORKS.** Possession, discharging or use of any type or fireworks is prohibited.

Commercial and Industrial restrictions can be obtained from the BIA Fire Office at 575 County Road 517 or by calling 970-563-4571. 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 6 A.M., Monday, May 11, 2020 and will remain in effect until conditions improve.

To report fires contact:
DURANGO ZONE DISPATCH
970-385-1324
For more info or to report Fire Restriction Violations contact:
BIA FIRE MANAGEMENT
970-563-4571 or
SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT.
970-563-4401

Many Moons Ago



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

On the cool, windy Friday morning of May 14, a group of about 150 walkers stretched and warmed up for what would be a 19-mile trek from the junction of Colorado Highways 160 and 491 to the Four Corners Monument. This was the 14th year of the Walking Together for Healthier Nations. Southern Ute Council Lady Marjorie Borst spoke of the importance of maintaining a healthy lifestyle. Borst was one of the original organizers for the Southern Ute diabetes program and aided in the walk years ago.

This photo was first published in the May 21, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Bear Dance Sub Chief Matthew Box presented the Bear Dance to students at Ignacio Elementary School. Box is telling about the trees and the corral. The students listened and learned a lot about the Bear Dance traditions.

This photo was published in the May 19, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Employee Fitness Day was sponsored by the Southern Ute Community Action Program's Health and Safety department. Some employees took advantage of the events and had some fun. Volleyball took place at Ute Park.

This photo was published in the May 25, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Young Southern Ute students Bear Dance in the 1960's pictured left to right, June Box, Raymond Valdez and Lynda Grove.

This photo was published in the May 23, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



BEAR DANCE *Strength & Tradition*



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

2013: Long lines fill the Bear Dance corral on the final day of the Southern Ute Bear Dance.



SU Drum archive

Circa 1970's: Growlers lead the dancers with traditional Bear dance songs.

Time honored traditions resonate with all three Ute tribes. The annual spring celebrations take on a different look in 2020 as the Bear Dance Chiefs take measures to protect the Ute people and their relatives during the coronavirus pandemic. The Southern Ute Drum curated a handful of contemporary and historic images to pay homage to the Southern Ute Bear Dance, recognizing the significance of this special weekend for the Pino Nuche, and the blessings that usher in the new year.



SU Drum archive

1985: On the last day of the Southern Ute Bear Dance - A crowd of over 400 people attended. As the day wore on, more dancers, danced into the evening. Again this year no one fell down to the end the "last dance."



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

2019: Feeling the rhythm of singing Bear Dance songs, a young boy sits amongst his elders on the first day of the dance.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

2009: The annual spring celebration, which takes place each Memorial Day weekend at the Bear Dance Grounds, is a women's choice dance that invites people of all ages to participate.

Southern Ute Bear Dance
due to the COVID-19 Virus

June 12th - 15th, 2020
Ute Road & HWY 521 in Ignacio, CO

Cancelled

Bear Dance
10:30 A.M. Fri.

Bear Dance
12:00 P.M. Monday, June

Bear Dance Rules

- No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing
- Photography, video & audio recording is prohibited; except for the Ute Tribes.
- The Southern Ute Tribe will not be held responsible for accidents, theft.
- The Pine River is RESTRICTED.
- For information on vending, contact (970) 563-2983

Please be advised the Southern Ute Bear Dance is subject to cancellation.

For more information contact: Bear Dance Chief, Matthew Box at (970) 759-7038

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BEAR DANCE HANDGAME TOURNAMENT

CANCELLED

PRIZE

Closed at 1:30 PM
Tournament starts at 2



HEALTHY RECIPES

Southwest Ratatouille

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

Sweet summer veggies are a delight. This simple mixture makes a wonderful side dish loaded with nutrients and lots of flavor, especially when a twist of the Southwest is added!

As with many cooked tomato-based dishes, it's wonderful the second and third day! This can be used as a side dish or served over fish or chicken as a flavorful marinade.

Other ingredients that you might want to try: Mushrooms, bell peppers, black beans, fresh tomatoes instead of canned, fresh or frozen green chilies instead of canned, jalapenos or other hot peppers, olives, red pepper flakes.

You can add any veggie you like, get creative and enjoy!



courtesy RB and Mindy

Southwest Ratatouille

Ingredients:

- 1 teaspoon olive oil
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- 1 eggplant, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 zucchini, cut into bite-sized pieces
- 1 yellow squash, cut into bite sized pieces
- 1 sweet onion, diced
- 3 10oz. cans Rotel Tomatoes with Green Chili (any type - mild/medium/hot)
- 1 cup sweet corn (fresh or canned)
- 1 6oz. can of tomato paste
- 2-3 cloves garlic, minced
- 2-3 tablespoons fresh basil, chopped
- Salt and pepper to taste

Directions

1. Place 1 teaspoon olive oil and heat a large pan or deep skillet on medium.
2. Add eggplant and season with ¼ teaspoon salt, sauté for 10 minutes.
3. Add onions, zucchini and yellow squash to mixture and sauté an additional five minutes.
4. Add remaining items and simmer for 20-30 minutes, stirring occasionally.

Serves eight!

Nutrients per serving: 90 Calories, 1.1g Fat, 459g Sodium, 18g Carbohydrates, 4g Fiber, 4g Protein
Serving Suggestions: Bake with or serve over chicken or fish, use as a side dish, cook with cubed beef or bison or use your imagination!

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Bee Heard: May is Mental Health Month

Do you know your Tools2Thrive?

Mary Trujillo Young, Ph.D.
SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

Everyone faces challenges in life that can impact their mental health. The good news is there are practical tools that everyone can use to improve their mental health and increase resiliency - and there are ways that everyone can be supportive of friends, family, and co-workers who are struggling with life's challenges or their mental health.

Since May is Mental Health Month, the Southern Ute Health Center's Behavioral Health Program is highlighting #Tools2Thrive - what individuals can do daily to prioritize their mental health, build resiliency in the face of trauma and obstacles, support those who are struggling, and work towards a path of recovery.

Taking a mental health screen can be helpful. The site www.mhascreening.org is a quick, free, and private way for people to learn about their mental health and recognize signs of mental health problems. A screening is not a diagnosis, but it can be a helpful tool for starting a conversation with your doc-

tor or with a trusted individual about your mental health.

This May, we are encouraging everyone to build their own set of #Tools2Thrive - recognizing and owning your feelings; finding the positive after loss; connecting with others; eliminating toxic influences; creating healthy routines; and supporting others - all as ways to boost the mental health and general wellness of you and your loved ones.

When it comes to your feelings, it can be easy to get caught up in your emotions as you're feeling them. Most people don't think about what emotions they are dealing with but taking the time to really identify what you're feeling can help you to better cope with challenging situations. It's ok to give yourself permission to feel. We also know that life can throw us curveballs - and at some point, we will all experience loss. It may be the end of a relationship, being let go from a job, losing a home, or the death of a loved one. It is natural to go through a grieving process. By looking for opportunity in adversity or finding ways to remember the good things about who or what

we've lost, we can help ourselves to recover mentally and emotionally.

It also is true that connections and the people around us can help our overall mental health - or hurt it. It's important to make connections with other people that help enrich our lives and get us through tough times, but it's equally important to recognize when certain people and situations in life can trigger us to feel bad or engage in destructive behaviors. Identifying the toxic influences in our lives and taking steps to create a new life without them can improve mental and physical health over time. And we know that work, paying bills, cleaning, getting enough sleep, and taking care of children are just some of the things we do each day - and it is easy to be overwhelmed. By creating routines, we can organize our days in such a way that taking care of tasks and ourselves becomes a pattern that makes it easier to get things done without having to think hard about them.

It's important to remember mental illnesses are not only common but are treatable and recovery is possible. For each of us, the tools we use to keep ourselves mentally healthy will be unique. There is a wide range of treatment options ranging from talk therapy to medication to peer support to traditional healing. By developing your own #Tools2Thrive, it is possible to find balance between work and play, the ups and downs of life, and physical health and mental health - and set yourself on the path to recovery.

For more information or to schedule an appointment, contact the Behavioral Health Department at 970-563-4581 and ask for Mary Trujillo Young, Jennifer GoodTracks, or Ryan Sullivan. We are here to help! Additional resource available 24/7 is the Axis Health Crisis Line 970-247-5245 and Colorado Statewide Crisis Line: 844-493-8255.



Local Resources

- **So. Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO, 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule a counseling appointment.
- **So. Ute Social Services:** 116 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO, 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **St. Ignatius Catholic Church:** Pastor Cesar Arras, 14826 CO-172, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4241.
- **Ignacio Community Church:** Pastor Randall Haynes 405 Browning Ave., Ignacio, CO (currently located inside ELHI), 970-759-3633.
- **Second Wind Fund of the Four Corners:** Believes that every child and youth at risk of suicide should have access to the mental health treatment they need. We match children and youth at risk for suicide with licensed therapists in their communities, 720-962-0706.
- **Women's Resource Center:** Creates personal, social and professional growth opportunities for all women in La Plata County, 970-247-1242.

24/7 State & National Resources

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

FINANCE DEPT. NOTICE

Early Cut-Off For Minors Birthday Distributions

Due to upcoming holidays, following are deadlines for requesting distributions from minors accounts:

- **Distribution, Fri., May 29:** Request due by **NOON, Fri., May 22.**
- **Distribution, Thurs., July 2:** Request due by **NOON, Mon., June 29.**

Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Vocational Rehabilitation Program

We are here and available for support via phone, fax, or email!



Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phone: 970-563-4730
Fax: 970-563-4840

Email: brosa@southernute-nsn.gov



Making Change Work for You!

Southern Ute Social Services

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

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



Native Connections
Program presents...

Free training for employees
and tribal members of the
Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

ONLINE
SUICIDE
PREVENTION
TRAINING

The Native Connections Program has purchased 200 online licenses. Get trained in how to recognize when someone is in a crisis and how to get them help and resources. Training will be offered through the QPR Institute online platform.

Self-paced training:

- ✓ How to Question, Persuade and Refer someone who may be suicidal
- ✓ How to get help for yourself or learn more about preventing suicide
- ✓ The common causes of suicidal behavior
- ✓ The warning signs of suicide
- ✓ How to get help for someone in crisis



TO SIGN UP, CONTACT
PRECIOUS COLLINS
970-306-8131 OR
prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov



MENTAL HEALTH

Senate unanimously passes Gardner’s 9-8-8 Suicide Hotline Bill

Suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline

Staff report

OFFICE OF SENATOR CORY GARDNER (R-CO)

On Wednesday, May 13, the Senate unanimously passed U.S. Senator Cory Gardner’s (R-CO) bipartisan bill to designate 9-8-8 as the national suicide prevention and mental health crisis hotline. Gardner introduced this bipartisan legislation with Senators Tammy Baldwin (D-WI), Jerry Moran (R-KS), and Jack Reed (D-RI).

“Combatting rising suicide rates in Colorado has been a top priority of mine and why I’ve led the charge in the Senate to establish the 9-8-8 national suicide hotline. I’ve held countless meetings and roundtables with families, students, mental health care professionals, law enforcement officials, and others to address our state’s mental health needs. The tragic fact is, we lose a Coloradan to death by suicide on average



Cory Gardner
U.S Senator

every seven hours, and we must keep fighting to provide mental health support to Coloradans in need, particularly in this time of crisis,” said Senator Gardner. “With the Senate’s approval today, this bipartisan bill to create a three-digit suicide hotline is now one step closer to becoming reality. This three-digit number would make it easier for Americans dealing with a mental health crisis to receive life-saving support. I will continue to

push Congress to create this three-digit hotline, because too many people are suffering and don’t know where to turn to for help.”

Calls to the mental health crisis line in Colorado have spiked 47 percent due in part to COVID-19. Roughly 60 percent of calls to the crisis line are related to the ongoing pandemic.

Gardner’s National Suicide Hotline Designation Act, S. 2661, designates 9-8-8 as the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline, which would include the Veterans Crisis Line for veteran-specific mental health support. The current National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and Veterans Crisis line is 10-digits long, which is a barrier to Americans in crisis seeking support. The bill includes a report to improve support services for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and questioning (LGBTQ) youth and other high-risk populations.

CORONAVIRUS

State distributes first allocation of experimental anti-viral treatment

Staff report
COLORADO STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER

The Colorado State Unified Command Group (UCG) has received an initial shipment of the experimental anti-viral drug remdesivir from the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) to investigate its benefit in improving recovery in patients with severe COVID-19 symptoms. The UCG received enough doses of the drug to treat approximately 100 patients and began distributing the drug this week to eight hospital systems that serve Coloradans across the state.

Supplies are being distributed in proportion to the number of COVID-19 cases and persons under investigation occurring at each hospital system.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) has issued an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for use of remdesivir for the treatment of hospitalized COVID-19 patients. Gilead Sciences, Inc. committed to supplying approximately 607,000 vials of the experimental drug over the next six weeks to treat an estimated 78,000 hospitalized COVID-19 patients under the EUA granted by the FDA.

Preliminary results of a

randomized controlled clinical trial suggested that remdesivir was associated with faster recovery for hospitalized patients. Multiple clinical trials are currently underway or in development.

Decisions on who should receive a dose will be made by physicians and their patients based on the recommendations under the EUA. As required by the EUA, health care providers must carefully document administration of remdesivir and submit a report on all medication errors and all serious adverse events.

Read more about remdesivir and the HHS partnership here, <https://www.hhs.gov/about/news/index.html>.

DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES NOTICE Seeking Community Member for Child Protection Team

The Southern Ute Department of Social Services is seeking a community member preferably to sit on the Child Protection Team. This is a two-year appointed seat by Tribal Council. If they are interested please contact Division of Social Services at 970-563-2339.

Southern Ute Education Department Online Educational Resources

The Southern Ute Education Department has compiled an abundance of online education resources or you, the membership! We have organized a variety of resources for adult learners, youth, parents and even wellness. Resources will be updated and added every Wednesday.

Please use this resource to learn while you and your family are at home. Take the opportunity to strengthen your knowledge in financial literacy, business writing, GED math, or resume writing. Use this resource to connect your student to educational games, literacy, math and social studies resources. Or, look at the wellness resources to manage stress during an uncertain time

You can access these resources on our website in “Online resources” at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/>

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

Southern Ute Health Center Important Information

Due to the evolving **Covid 19 Outbreak** the Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours.

The Southern Ute HEALTH CENTER, including DENTAL will be operating on reduced hours, until further notice.

DENTAL & HEALTH CENTER: Open from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
OPTOMETRY: Closed indefinitely.

The **HEALTH CENTER** is seeing patients in the outside tent area behind the Clinic for COVID-19 screening.
Urgent Care type appointments will be inside the Clinic.

Nursing Visits from 7:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. ONLY!
No Walk-ins Accepted!

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

DENTAL is seeing emergency appointments only and will pre-screen patients to determine urgency before scheduling and appointment.

PHARMACY hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to 1:00 pm – **Only Window** service will be offered, there will be no pharmacy access inside the clinic.

PSYCHIATRY visits will occur in the **Mouache Capote Building;** Patients will be called first to verify time of appointment; All other Specialty Medicine (Rheumatology, Neurophology) are postponed.

All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

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Dancing Spirit create art kits



Courtesy Kasey Correia/Dancing Spirit Arts Center

On Monday, May 18, Southern Ute elder, Ula Gregory – a Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center board member and volunteer put together ‘Art Out Reach’ kits. The kits were handed out along with food boxes that Pine River Shares gives out weekly at the Ignacio High School. Since the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic in March, Dancing Spirit has been closed to teaching. Dancing Spirit created Out Reach Art kits, starting in April. “It’s important to volunteer in your communities at this time – many organizations need help,” emphasized Kasey Correia, co-founder of ELHI in Ignacio and executive director of Dancing Spirit Community Arts Center.

Ignacio honors graduates



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The town of Ignacio honored the graduates from the Ignacio high School, by placing banners of the graduates along Goddard Avenue. Southern Ute tribal member, Christina Herrera and fellow classmates will be graduating amid the ‘Safer at Home’ order initiated by Colorado Governor Jared Polis. (See graduation flyer on this Education page).

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Job well done!

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI INDIAN ACADEMY

As the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUI-MA) has remained closed since March 18, which included their spring break, teachers and guides had to be creative to keep students engaged and learning.

After spring break, the task of remote learning began. Questions and concerns about whether families had the right electronic devices arose, as did “Will the internet be strong enough?” Teachers who were tech-savvy helped the teachers who were not. Communication with parents took on a whole new meaning as it was occurring daily. For students who didn’t have computers or internet, home-learning packets were developed. With that, came the issue of how to stay safe so that work could be pick up and dropped off.

Thank goodness for SUI-MA’s Little Free Library, which was built by three past SUIMA students who are graduating Seniors this year. The L.F. Library became the hub of the home learning packet hot spot. With a no one-size-fits-all solution, SUIMA had to make sure the education and learning of all students continued.

The infants and toddlers were sent suggestions to go for an exploratory walk or to use specific types of toys in a big bucket of soapy water for a sensorial lesson; the pre-K students were given scavenger hunt ideas as they looked for different



courtesy Danielle Burns/SUIMA

Screenshot from a weekly Zoom meeting between teachers and faculty; staff meetings at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) took on a different look for the last two months of 2019-2020 school year.

shapes in their homes; the Kindergartners enjoyed virtual word building activities; and the elementary students worked with their online school programs and were given math, language, science, and geography lessons individually, in small groups or in whole class virtual meetings.

There was frustration on the side of the parents for instantly becoming the teachers. There was disappointment on the side of the teachers for not feeling like they were doing enough.

There was sadness in the students for not being able to be with their class-

mates. Throughout this time of COVID-19, there were tears, exhaustion, support and laughter.

Along with all the schools in our area, SUIMA has pulled through. Summer break is officially starting, and the students can now just be kids, the parents can now just be parents, and the teachers can now step back and say, “Job well done.”

This is the last article from the Eagle’s Nest for this school year 2019-2020. We will return in the fall. In the meantime – be strong like an EAGLE, open your wings, and fly to places unimaginable.

Congratulations to all the 2020 Graduates!

Job well done, and best of luck along your journeys.



*From the staff of The Southern Ute Drum,
Jeremy Shockley, Robert Ortiz, McKayla Lee
Trennie Collins and Fabian Martinez*

Congratulations!!

**IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL
GRADUATES OF**

2020



**Graduation Ceremony
will be held
May 23rd, 2020
At 10:00 AM**

**Seniors Drive Up To
Ignacio High School
parking lot
315 Ignacio Street Ignacio Co. 81137**

**Graduation Ceremony for
Parents and Seniors only**

Dr. Fuschetto and Melanie Taylor recognizing the seniors
Beau Moore and Brenda Jackson as senior sponsors



“Safer At Home” order guidelines must be followed which include social distancing and no large gatherings of 10 or more. This is why EVERYONE must remain in their vehicles during the entire ceremony.



The ceremony and rules will include the following:

1) Pomp & Circumstance will be played throughout the program until the last senior exits the podium.

2) The ceremony will be recorded along with a pre-recording that includes, Invocation,

guest speaker, Valedictorian address, Principal Melanie Taylor and/or Dr. Fuschetto and the Benediction. This will be edited and put into a format for a video that will be broadcast soon after the ceremony for each senior and their family and friends that could not attend.

3) Programs will be available to each senior to distribute to family members that could not attend.

No senior or guest is allowed to exit their vehicle until they are at the designated spot.



This ceremony will follow the guidelines set forth by Governor Polis for the “Safer At Home” order, 6’ social distancing and large gatherings and no more than 10 people at a time.



PCC-SW is offering virtual summer and fall registration through our upcoming Enrollment Nights. Virtual advisors will be available live to answer questions, help students apply for admission, inquire about programs, and to help students register for classes. Please visit, <https://www.pueblocc.edu/Remote/> to schedule a virtual advising session and to see available dates and times: upcoming sessions.

Scholarships are available for the 2020-2021 academic year



Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is July 1st 2020
- Part-time scholarships are also available-Due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Scholarships can be accessed on-line. Call or E-mail for password

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



Michael Kirsch-Academic Advisor
970-563-0237 ext. 2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

The Southern Ute Education Department Scholarship Program website is now available.

<https://sites.google.com/view/scholarship-program/home>

- Updates and Resources for students in higher education
- including links to news, academic resources and higher education department programming information.
- The site will be updated as new information and resources become available.



Academy hosts Transition Parade



The Southern Ute Tribal Council congratulated all the transitioning students from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy on Thursday, May 21.



Little Miss Southern Ute, Shayne White Thunder, give a proper wave to the spectators along the parade route on Tribal campus.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Meskiwv Wesley rides in style, many of the families decorated their cars for the outdoor, social distancing graduation program.



Ayah Rohde accepts her diploma from a SUIMA teacher, accompanied by her grandmother, Linda Baker.

To celebrate the end of the academic year, the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, along with teachers and faculty from the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), lined Ouray Drive to acknowledge the student's transition to the next grade level. SUPD blocked off Tribal Campus for this parade style event, which included a colorful program organized by SUIMA and a long line of cars, which were elaborately decorated by each family. Kids had an opportunity to see some friendly faces and share the graduation experience with their families on Thursday, May 21. Preventative measures surrounding coronavirus transmission has impacted many of this year's graduation ceremonies – forcing schools to adapt, and most programs are being held outside, where family members and school faculty have an opportunity to honor the student's accomplishments.

Kinders level up to the first grade!



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Warren Whyte, Mrs. Pepper's student, rides in the graduation parade through the Ignacio Elementary parking lot. Parents Sunshine and Terrance, joined other parents in decorating their student's cars, in the middle school parking lot.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Ms. Pepper's student, Aaliyah Richards beams with happiness as she rides in her decorated car during the graduation parade.

As the 2019-2020 school year winds down across the country, amid the COVID-19 pandemic, the Ignacio Elementary School's Kindergarten teachers and staff honored their graduating students, with a graduation parade, Friday, May 15. With Chromebooks collected and library books returned, the teachers had pictures taken with the 60+ students – safety being a top priority.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Mrs. Finn's student, Ivan Watts with proud parents, Jasmine and Xavier and little brother Ezra pose prior to the graduation parade.



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Mrs. Richmond greets her graduating student, Jayla Jackson with cheers and smiles. Jayla was driven by grandmother Dorothy and mother, Bernadette Pinnecoose.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Herbs and microgreens are ideal if your growing a small garden inside your home, or on a balcony. With the shorter growing season in Southwest Colorado, one option is to buy healthy plants at a local nursery to jump start your summer garden.

GARDENING

Tending a family garden

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

With more time on our hands and the summer season coming on fast, this is the perfect time to start a garden, or till an old one. Gardens can be small or large, and depending on what size of garden project you are willing to take on will dictate the time and effort needed for success.

Most of us have been self-isolating at our homes during the coronavirus pandemic, even as the weather gets warmer and outdoor activity becomes more inviting. Gardening is a passion and way of life for some, but for others it could be a new adventure to share with your family and help pass the time.

Herb gardens can be achieved using stand-alone planters, on a balcony or window sill. Larger vegetable gardens or greenhouse structures offer a wide variety of options, year after year. Tomatoes are easily grown in container style gardens as well. If gardening interests you, there are few limitations.

This is a time-honored tradition in many families, and can be used as an activity ideal for younger family members, a way to share responsibility and teach new skills. My grandparents were dedicated gardeners, encouraging us



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Gardening projects at home can be a great stress reliver, while also providing fresh produce for homecooked meals or canning.

help water the squash and pepper plants each evening, picking cherry tomatoes and raspberries from the vine in late summer. When it came time to weed the garden beds, we were often rewarded with spending money. That work ethic was instilled in us from an early age.

Each summer I look forward to being in my garden as a way to unwind, and clear my head. It also provides some of that physical exercise that is missing from our day to day routine. The end result is also extremely satisfying, when the harvest is ready to eat.

The Four Corners region, especially the Pine River Valley, offers a nice growing season with lots of sunshine, available water and long summer days. Depending on where you live you might have to bring in good soil, or build

a raised garden bed. While some vegetables such as carrots and microgreens are grown from seed packs, other plants like tomatoes, herbs and most peppers can be purchased at your local nursery or greenhouse – giving your garden a head start, while providing some immediate satisfaction.

Grow things that you enjoy eating, the sense of satisfaction will be twofold. Strawberry plants and raspberries will return each spring, as will chives and asparagus. Lettuce and other leafy things grow quickly and can be harvested throughout the summer. Fresh basil is a delight. The small investment of time and money can provide so much more than just vegetables – gardening is an excellent way to connect with the land and find a sense of accomplishment at the end of each day.

AGRICULTURE

Drought: Planning for the worst, hoping for the best

By Kevin Mallow
SOUTHERN UTE AGRICULTURE
DIVISION

The Southern Ute Agriculture Division is available to provide support to all tribal members with custom farming activities, weed control, rodent management around homes, welding and agricultural production information. Field staff are currently working a full schedule. If you need any of the above services, please contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900.

With the irrigation season being in full swing, many farmers are starting to ask the question of what I should do this summer?

“Every black cloud has a silver lining!” We have heard this quote our entire lives. It is meant to help us through dark times by giving us hope that something good can happen. We are now in the middle of an extended drought cycle in SW Colorado. It is the middle of May and winter has not provided the amount of moisture that we would consider normal. For now, all we can do is hope for the best but plan for the worst. While planning, we should look for the silver lining that, if you believe the quote, is always there but we should also have plans that cover a worst case. A realistic look at actual crop production potential will exist with the amount of irrigation water that is expected and what that will mean to the crop value is important.

A hay producer in the Pine River Valley could see opportunities even though irrigation water may be at below average levels. The Pine River Valley has irrigation water supplied from storage in Vallecito Lake. Even though less water may be available, producers will receive some percentage of water that should be available well into the growing season. For example, if there is enough water to produce half of the crop that would be produced on an average year there may be a



potential to market this hay at a much higher value per bale or ton. This could be possible if the surrounding areas that do not have the benefit of stored water may produce very little hay, if any, which should cause the price of hay to increase.

The math is very simple. If you produce 1000 bales of hay on an average year and the value is \$5/bale you only need to produce 500 bales on a hay short year if the value is \$10/bale to create the same value. I am not suggesting that I think hay will be selling for \$10/bale this year, but I am suggesting that hay production shortages may create opportunity for hay producers that get irrigation from stored systems.

Cattle producers won’t get the same benefit of the possible higher hay prices. Cattle producers feed the hay that they produce to their own cattle and if production is short they may not have enough hay and be forced to purchase at much higher prices or reduce cattle numbers. Hoping for summer rain to replace irrigation or boost dryland grass production is not a management strategy. It will only cause ranchers to keep animals longer and damage already stressed forage sources. Watching cattle markets and reducing numbers prior to overgrazing rangelands or worse using hay fields to feed cattle longer will only damage forages to a point that recovery of those forages will take much longer.

Reducing cattle numbers is a hard and often stressful decision. Building a herd to develop the type of cattle that works for you often

takes time and much effort. Selling significant numbers creates a rebuilding process that may take several years. This should be weighed against the time it takes for grazing areas to recover after overgrazing. This damage takes longer to repair and some damage may be permanent. Feeding hay through a drought is rarely profitable and often increases the financial damage to the livestock producer.

Additionally, waiting until forage resources are gone before reducing herd size often results in a very low market price for those cattle sold due to a flooded market.

One of the most important management activities during a short water year is to use the water early. This means that irrigators should be prepared to irrigate fields as early as water is available. Every day lost equates to lost production. Most hay forages in this area are cool season grasses that grow well in April and May. Supplying irrigation water early will have a strong positive response in growth and forage health. By attaining all the spring growth that is possible, production increases and if it rains in June and July the grasses will be in good condition to utilize these rains for growth.

Planning is the key to success. A key part of planning is being honest with yourself about the conditions and what they mean to your operation. Understand that planning is important every year if you want to succeed in hay and livestock production. Planning for drought is always part of the planning process for producers in Southwest Colorado.

Notice from The Southern Ute Drum

NOTE, DUE TO COVID-19: The print edition of the newspaper will be temporarily suspended due to closures and circumstances surrounding public safety, and the welfare of our staff. The newspaper will continue to be published electronically, and will be available as an e-Edition (PDF <https://www.sudrum.com/eEditions/>) and online: www.sudrum.com. The Southern Ute Drum will adhere to the publication schedules and deadlines for 2020, in order to get relevant news and information out to the Southern Ute tribal membership, tribal departments and community in the best, and most efficient, way possible going forward!

Thank you,
Jeremy Wade Shockley,
Editor/Media Manager, The Southern Ute Drum




did you know?

Honey bees are not only a very important part of our ecosystem, but also the agricultural industry. They pollinate \$15 billion worth of crops every year.



Source: <https://www.nrcs.usda.gov/wps/portal/nrcs/detail/national/plantsanimals/pollinate/>

Please contact the Environmental Programs Division General Assistance Program Manager, Alexandra Ratcliff at 970-563-2256 or aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov with any questions, comments or concerns.






Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

To order detector contact
Randi Rock
Tribal Housing
970.563.4710
285 Lakin St.




To schedule installation contact
Polly Blakenship
Construction Services
970.563.2500
270 Hwy 151

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

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

Safety Tips

Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning

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

Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak


- Yellow or orange flames, rather than blue.
- Dark stains on/around appliances.
- Increase condensation around windows.
- Pilot lights that frequently blow out.

In the event of an Emergency

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

SUPD - 970.564.4401

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MEMORIAL DAY 2020

Veterans of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

In Memory of All Tribal Members Who Served

WWI

† Frank Baker
† James S. Baker
† Julius Nash Cloud
† Andrew Richards
† John Washington

WWII

† Carl Baker
† Cassimero Baker
† Eugene S. Baker
† John Baker, Sr.
† Randolph Baker
† Billy Bean
† Frank Bean
† Annie W. Bettine
† Anthony C. Burch
† Albert Box
† David B. Box
† Dorothy B. Box
† Frit Box
† Edward B. Box, Sr.
† Manuel H. Casias
† Allen N. Carel
† Billy Frost
† Vincent H. Grove
† Graves S. Gunn
† Jose E. Head
† Alden Naranjo, Sr.
† Domingo Paul
† Frank B. Pena
† Claude R. Price
† Albert Redd, Sr.
† Faustine Tucson
† Melvin Redd
† Juan Silva
† John S. Taylor
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† Morgan Thompson
† William S. Thompson
† Joseph P. Tree
† Maurice Sage, Sr.
† Sunshine C. Smith
† Charles T. Spencer
† John Taylor
† Wilbur Washington
† Andrew S. Williams
† Woodrow Williams
† Jose M. Ortiz
† Paul Eaton

† Roger Newton
† Leroy Pinnecoose
† Stanley Pinnecoose
† Fernando Rael
† Bryan Rock, Jr.
† Ivan Redd, Sr.
† Ray Sage
† Johnson Taylor
† Clifford Weaver
† Larry Weaver

Vietnam Era

† Daniel Baker
† David Baker
† Teddy Baker
† Dennis E. Burch
† Everett Burch
† Vernest Carel
† Roger Cloud
† Clifford C. Cook
† Don E. Howe
† Elwood Howe
† Jeffery Jefferson
† Alden Naranjo, Jr.
† Eugene A. Naranjo
† Roger E. Price
† Maurice Sage, Jr.
† Harold Silva
† Vincent Silva, Jr.
† Gene Thompson
† Stafford B. Washington
† Dudley Weaver
† Eric Weaver
† Glen Williams

Korean Conflict

† Clem Baker
† Floyd Box
† Phillip G. Box
† Herman Brown
† Leonard C. Burch
† Julius Elliott Cloud
† Neil Buck Cloud
† Richard Cuthair
† Harold J. Groves
† Orville George Hood
† Marcus Lopez
† Antonio Monte
† Martha B. Myore
† Darrell Newton

Gulf War

† Dewayne C. Baker
† Dewitte J. Baker
† William John Monte
† Jeffery Price
† David Rainblood Rael
† Charles Santistevan
† Robert B. Thompson
† Eldred Vigil, Jr.
† Elroy Vigil
† Reuben Vigil





Southern Ute Veterans Association members, Bruce LeClaire, Rudley Weaver and Raymond Baker raise the U.S. flag in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park.



Rudley Weaver and Bruce LeClaire unfold the new Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) flag as Raymond Baker holds the flag ties in preparation to raise the POW/MIA flag.

Members of the Southern Ute Veterans Association; Rudley Weaver (Navy), Raymond Baker (Navy) and Bruce LeClaire (Army) changed the U.S. and Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA) flags at the Southern Ute Veterans memorial Park, Wednesday, May 20. The flags are changed periodically due to weathering, if faded, frayed or damaged in any manner. The Southern Ute Tribal flag was changed earlier in the week. The changing of the flags was also in preparation for Memorial Day, Monday, May 25. The annual Day of Remembrance – Memorial Day ceremonies have been cancelled for this year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic.



The new Prisoner of War/Missing in Action (POW/MIA), U.S. and Southern Ute Tribal flags wave in the morning breeze, as the prior flags were changed and retired by the Southern Ute Veterans Association.



Raymond Baker holds the U.S. Flag and ties as Bruce LeClaire and Rudley Weaver fold the American Flag as tradition dictates, into a triangle, as the flag will be retired.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum

SUPD welcomes Blackburn



photos/courtesy SUPD

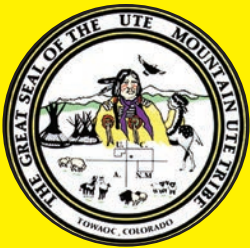
Officer Colin Blackburn attended the BIA Indian Police Academy in Artesia, N.M. He started on January 14, 2020 and was supposed to graduate on April 6. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic the academy was shut down on March 20, and he was sent home, two weeks short of graduation.



The BIA Indian Police Academy then sent us a curriculum so that he could fulfill the requirements for graduation. We utilized our in-house instructors and got Officer Blackburn up to speed and he received his diploma on Thursday, May 7 and was sworn in Friday, May 8. Officer Blackburn began working with SUPD on Monday, May 11, and is currently with his Field Training officer for the next sixteen weeks.



Southern Ute Veterans Association
Memorial Day 2020
Day of Remembrance Program
IS
CANCELED



From the office of the Ute Mountain Ute Chairman 2020 Bear Dance Cancellation

On April 30, 2020, The Bear Dance Chiefs have made the decision to cancel the [Ute Mountain Ute] Bear Dance Celebration for this year, due to the COVID 19 virus.

The [Ute Mountain Ute] Tribal Council agrees with their decision to cancel this year as well. The health and safety of the community is the most important concern for us.

When this epidemic has passed we plan to celebrate in the coming year.

Manuel Heart
Chairman, Ute Mountain Ute Indian Tribe



DRUM NETS SPJ AWARDS • FROM PAGE 1

year as a newsroom; these awards reflect the Drum’s continued commitment and professionalism in covering the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Indian Country. Newspaper Editor, Jeremy Wade Shockley, garnered three awards in photography and reporting for his coverage of culture, technology and community, respectively. Shockley won second place in Science and Technology General Reporting for the article, “Does electric drive the future?,” a feature focused

on electric vehicles and sustainable energy. He won third place in Feature Photography: Ute Tribe ushers in spring with Bear Dance and third place in News Photography: Shining light on domestic violence. Public Relations Coordinator, Trennie Collins, won two first place awards for videography. First place in News Videography: Back to School Round Dance and first place in Feature Videography: 45th annual Denver March Powwow. Both vignettes ran on the Drum’s

website and social media feeds, highlighting Native American dance — using the power of sound and motion to convey cultural traditions to an online audience. The Southern Ute Drum’s sport reporter took home a first place win in Sports General Reporting for a feature titled, “Sangster on year one at Ignacio High School.” Congrats to everyone at the Southern Ute Drum. It is always an honor to receive this kind of recognition from our peers in the field of journalism.

WILDLIFE

Avoiding black bear encounters

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE WILDLIFE
DIVISION

We are all aware of the unseasonably warm and dry conditions we are facing this spring. Unfortunately, these conditions may encourage black bears to seek out food sources around homes and businesses. The Wildlife Division urges people to be aware of the potential for bears to be attracted to their properties if food attractants are available to them. While black bears tend to be most active in their foraging in the late summer and fall, they also come out of hibernation in the spring hungry, which may bring them into contact with people. Human food sources can become an easy meal for black bears during this time. Although it may seem humane to provide food to hungry bears, it is truly a disservice to both the bear and the community. Black bears that habitually receive food from human sources often become used to close contact with people and begin to lose their natural fear of people. Black bears will often return to the area where food was previously available. If food is unavailable on their return, they can become destructive or even aggressive in their search for additional food. It is important to remember that black bears can withstand natural food shortages without human intervention.

The most effective method to avoid black bear encounters and to reduce the incidence of bears visiting residential areas is to remove any potential food or attractant available to them. Store trash until the morning of scheduled pick-up in a secure container, preferably inside a garage or shed. Southern Ute tribal members may contact the Tribal Utilities Division to upgrade their trash cans to bear-proof models for a small additional monthly expense. If used properly, these upgraded cans are nearly 100 percent effective at keeping all wildlife out of the trash. Additionally, we ask people to store pet food indoors and pick up any uneaten food remaining in pet dishes in the evening. Remove bird feeders each evening. Also, store barbecue grills indoors and clean up any spilled grease. Pick ripe fruit from fruit-bearing trees and pick up any fruit that falls to the ground.

It is important to remove any potential source of black bear food from residential areas. In the absence of human food sources, black bears will almost always look elsewhere for food, hopefully utilizing natural sources. The Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management believes in removing attractants (e.g., trash, pet food, bird feeders, and grills) prior to taking steps to remove a bear. If

attractants aren’t removed then another bear or other wildlife will likely continue to take advantage of the source. The Wildlife Division does have the ability to trap and relocate nuisance bears, but this is treated as a last-resort option and only if all prevention measures have been tried. If people see a black bear from a distance, it is important that they not approach it. If a close encounter occurs, some general guidelines to follow are:

- Stay Calm.
- Stop and back away slowly while facing the bear.
- Avoid direct eye contact. Direct eye contact may be perceived as threatening by a black bear.
- Speak softly to identify yourself as a human and to show that you are not a threat to the bear.
- Fight back if the bear attacks.

If you have questions or for more information, please contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130.

To report black bear encounters, contact the Southern Ute Division of Wildlife Resource Management at 970-563-0130; the Southern Ute Tribal Rangers at 970-563-0133; or Southern Ute Dispatch at 970-563-4401.



BRUNOT RARE GAME PERMITS

- 2 Bighorn Sheep
- 2 Mountain Goat
- 2 Moose

All applications must be received, or post-marked, by the Wildlife Division during the month of May. Applicants will be notified of drawing results in June.

How to apply:

1. Call the Wildlife Office at (970) 563-0130 to pick up an application/or
2. Go to the Southern Ute Hunting website below and download the application.
Mail- SUIT Wildlife Division
ATTN: Rare Game Application
PO BOX 737, Ignacio, 81137
or Email: npearson@southernute-nsn.gov

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



Southern Ute Indian Tribe
Dept. of Natural Resources

Tribal Turkey Hunting Tags and Bison Meat are available to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members through Department of Natural Resources, Wildlife Division. Tribal Members will need to provide their tribal identification card

Call for appointment - 970.563.0130

Office Hours
Tuesdays & Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. until 12:00 p.m.

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Closure



Due to COVID-19, access to Lake Capote at this time is open only to enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and their immediate family.

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

- Fishing has been restricted to shoreline and docks. No boating allowed at this time.
- Camping is permitted but restrooms/showers are not available, but lakeside outhouses are open.
- The Baitshop is closed to foot traffic, but limited sales are available through the window.

Modified Schedule Until Further Notice
Thursday - Friday - Saturday - Sunday
Baitshop Service Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

If you have questions, please call the Lake Manager at 970.883.2273 or the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970.563.0130. Thank you for understanding.

SOUTHERN UTE
Foster Care Homes

A priority for the Social Services Division is the recruitment, training and licensing of local Southern Ute and other Native American families for the placement of children who are in need of immediate care outside of their own homes. To include: emergency placement, respite care and full-time foster homes.

The Tribal Division of Social Services is able to license Tribal foster homes.

- The Tribal Division of Social Services is able to license Tribal foster homes.
- All interested community members are now encouraged to apply.
- Single parents will be considered. Prospective foster parents do not have to be wealthy or have a large home.
- Foster Parents only need to have a stable, healthy lifestyle and a desire to help children until the children can be returned to their own parents.
- Training, monthly compensation and support from an assigned caseworker will be available.

What: Request for Foster Parent Applications
Where: Division of Social Services



Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Division of Social Services
316 Capote Drive, Ignacio, Colorado 81137
Contact: Lisa Burch - Foster Care Coordinator
Division of Social Services 970-563-0209



COVID-19 RELIEF

Four Corners Mutual Aid Network focused on community

Staff Report

FOUR CORNERS MUTUAL AID NETWORK

The Four Corners Mutual Aid Network (4CMAN) is a community-led grassroots initiative creating people-to-people connections in the Four Corners region in response to COVID-19. Mutual aid is when individuals in a community step up to meet each other's basic survival needs and build social relationships of support. 4CMAN understands that many of those living in our rural region cannot always access established systems of social, financial, and other support and are struggling during this uncertain time. With reciprocal relationships, trust, and community care we hope to create connections that will pull us through this crisis and support us into the future.

4CMAN coordinates financial assistance to individuals and families as well as food and supply deliveries to local community members and tribal communities including: Towaoc, Colo., Ignacio, Colo., Shiprock, N.M., Gallup, N.M., Pueblo Pintado, N.M., Nazlini, Ariz. and Black Mesa, Ariz. The financial assistance network is built on an online platform that facilitates direct connections between people with need and people with the ability to give.

There is a fund specifically for those who identify as undocumented and a central PayPal fund for unmet needs which is distributed by a diverse group of community members from across Southwestern Colorado including Indigenous, immigrant, and LGBTQ2S+ members.

"As immigrants, we can't apply for any federal aid, we won't get any of the stimulus checks, and there's not a lot of support for undocumented families. I know we're not from here but it's the only place I've ever known, and due to this virus it feels like we're not really getting support," explained an anonymous Mutual Aid



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Local volunteer, Velma Armijo, loads groceries into the back of vehicles as they drive up to get free food and supplies.

recipient. "The support you guys are giving us is warming our hearts."

Since April 1, this committed network of volunteers and the donors who have invested in the model have met \$10,495 in need through a central fund, and facilitated well over \$16,377 of needs met for over 45 families. 4CMAN has received over \$14,000 from the community, a compelling sign that Southwest Colorado believes in person-to-person support systems.

"For me it really is just giving back to the community that I love. My Ute people have been on these lands and giving thanks to everything and everyone that came before me and everything that's yet to come is super important to me. Our ancestors went through struggles we can't even imagine so that I (we) can be here today. I want to give thanks to them and make them proud of who I am and who I'm becoming," expressed Trennie Collins, Ignacio Mutual Aid and Four Corners Mutual Aid Network.

"Having people come through to get food and supplies that you've known for years since you were little is really humbling to me. We may not know what they go through and for us to come in and be able to help is everything," Collins explained. "I don't do this for the recognition, but to bless others because I really am grateful for everything I have and am."

During this time, the 4CMAN is encouraging you to consider giving what you can through our "Redistribute Your Stimulus Check" Campaign. Donors can fulfill needs directly through the spreadsheet, should an individual's story resonate with you. Or, donate to one of the central funds and the disbursement committee will ensure your dollars make the most impact. The 4CMAN can be found on our website (where you can also find our public platform to request or fulfill needs) or on Facebook. You can contact us at covid19mutualaidcortez@gmail.com or 970-343-4687.

Better Squatch than sorry



Courtesy SunUte Community Center

SunUte and the Tribal COVID-19 Call Center would like to send a special thank you to all of the essential workers that are continuing to do their jobs throughout these challenging times. Without you, there would be no us. We all appreciate your dedication to the Southern Ute tribal membership!



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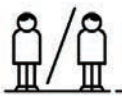


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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Stay at Home Order



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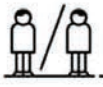
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CHSAA

Commissioner Blanford-Green reaches out to schools in open letter

By Rhonda Blanford-Green
COLORADO HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

As decisions are made, the next set of questions begin to formulate around, what is next? The impact of coronavirus (COVID-19) on education and especially co-curricular activities has left a stable industry operating on set dates and timelines shrouded in gray. We anticipate that there will be challenges and difficult decisions in our future that will require collaborative leadership as we work to return to the classroom and interscholastic activities. Even in our world of unknowns, what we do know, is that the social, financial and operational effects of this global pandemic will temporarily alter how we conduct business. There isn't a prescribed script. If positively embraced, the opportunities to think outside the box and emerge as better servant-leaders are endless.

Every single sports entity from the professionals to little league are currently focused on how to resume participant engagement within a safe environment, free of health threats and liability. If resocialization was easy, we would all be watching current events instead of re-runs of the 2004 Athens Olympics. I have accepted that I will not have answers to every question, plan and/or thought that arises throughout the membership. My goal and that of the CHSAA staff is to remain laser focused on the next steps for resuming CHSAA programs in a safe, educational, environment while mitigating operational efficiencies to reduce financial stressors for our membership.

The CHSAA staff will be convening a "Resocialization to Activities" Task Force after June 1 to begin intentional discussions on what fall and subsequent seasons could look like within federal, state, medical, and educational guidelines. The Resocialization task force will be comprised of CHSAA Sports Medicine Advisory members, educational leaders representing all levels of administration, classifications and state geography. The Task Force will not be pressured to commit to definitive dates or timelines



but are assembled to provide guidance to the association that is consistent with mandated guidelines.

CHSAA Resocialization Task Force Topics:

Should students be fully engaged with in-person learning before the association resumes activities/athletics?

Should we consider offering some activities/athletics if federal, state, medical and safety guidelines can be met at the local and association level?

Should we consider moving some activities/athletics to later start dates ie September, October, January and extending completion dates further than the traditional activities calendar?

Should we consider adjusting some activities/athletics to be conducted earlier/later than their traditional season?

Should we consider on-line participation for some activities in place of physical activation?

What safety measures will need to be in place to resume specific and/or all activities?

This list is a starting point for the Task Force that I anticipate will be convened throughout the 2020-21 school year.

Recommendations for how to respond to your coaches, participants and school communities in these uncertain times impacting our "WORLD":

The safety and well-being of all entities within the activities culture will be the priority in all decisions from the state association, this is a non-negotiable. Your departments will provide answers when responsible, factual and time appropriate information is forwarded from the CHSAA office. The CHSAA office will continue to monitor federal, state, health and advisory guidelines that will indicate when and if activities/athletics can re-

sume in the fall or later. As with all decisions that are being made at the state and educational levels, we are in a holding pattern.

We appreciate the advice, creative thoughts and comparisons to other states, but we will move incrementally without pressure to make decisions in the best interest of Colorado participants, our school communities and all CHSAA education-based programs. We want to resume to levels of normalcy as much, if not more than those we serve. The CHSAA team will be prepared to move forward when we are given 100 percent assurance that our activities can uphold the safety guidelines as set forth by our state, health and educational leaders.

June 1st CHSAA Physical Contact with Coaches/Athletes Permitted:

Local decisions on student/coach contact begins on June 1. A recent released document, Guidelines-Opening Up America Again, provides national recommendations that allow a regional approach for resocialization and resuming activities. I would also suggest a review of the "NCAA-Core Principles of Resocialization of College Sports". It will be important that you provide specific directives to your coaches, students, and parents aligned with federal and state guidelines when approving practices, training sessions, etc. In all articles, the most important note that needs to be mentioned is understanding your school/district level of liability when resuming and approving in-person meetings, training sessions, practices, rehearsals, try-outs, camps, etc.

I always appreciate the opportunity to update the membership on the Association but at the end of the day, your communication and leadership at the local level will assist your school communities as we navigate our new reality together.

COLLEGE BASKETBALL

PAC-12 Pact: Herrera chooses Div. I Washington

Ex-IHS volleyball, hoops star taking T&F chance

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

En route to compiling four-year varsity win-loss records of 66-34 in volleyball and 81-20 in basketball, with two State Championships in the former and four State appearances (with one runner-up result) in the latter on her high-school resume, Morgan Herrera wasn't surprised when colleges came a-calling.

Particularly when it came to hoops; after all, this was the same girl Ignacio fans watched ably follow in her low-post brothers' stead for two promising seasons, the same girl who then relocated to the Pacific Northwest, and the same girl whose acclimation to coaches and teammates at La Conner, Wash., was so smooth she helped her new crew to two top-five finishes.

During her senior 2019-20 winter campaign, which unfortunately ended Saturday, March 7, with a 52-45 loss inside Spokane Arena to Spangle-based Liberty in the WIAA Hardwood Classic's Class 2B grand finale, one NCAA Division I member also started showing interest ... but in a different Morgan Herrera.

A Morgan Herrera somewhat unfamiliar to even Morgan Herrera.

And amazingly, THAT Morgan Herrera will be taking a still-developing skill set to college athletics' premier echelon – as a 'preferred' walk-on track-and-field participant at the University of Washington.

"I'm really excited about it," she said over the May 15-17 weekend (when, under normal circumstances, the Huskies would have been competing at the Pac-12 Conference Outdoor Championships in Eugene, Ore.) via phone while in Texas visiting sibling Nick. "This year was supposed to be, like, the year [colleges] were watching for me, and since I'd only done track for a year, and now with our season cancelled; I think it's just a really great accomplishment, you know?"

"Yes, I've had a lot of offers for basketball," admitted the Washington State Girls' Basketball Coaches Association All-2B selection, who averaged nearly nine points and just over seven rebounds per game,



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Then-sophomore Morgan Herrera practices free-throw shooting prior to Ignacio's 2018 CHSAA Class 2A State Championships game versus Yuma inside the Budweiser Events Center in Loveland, Colo. Herrera was a four-year varsity cager in both Colorado (Ignacio, 2016-18) and Washington (La Conner, 2018-20), and despite being known as a basketball and volleyball player will be continuing her student-athlete days as a track-and-field athlete at the University of Washington.

"and volleyball, but I really felt like UW was the right choice, right place for me."

"UW was a little bit of a surprise for me," LCHS T&F head coach Peter Voorhees admitted, before also saying, "It does not surprise me that an NCAA D-I school would take a look at her. Based off of what she did."

"My wife and I both were D-I throwers and Morgan fits the bill for a collegiate track athlete."

And Herrera certainly could have done much, much worse than accepting an invite from a program boasting the U.S. Track & Field and Cross-Country Coaches Association's reigning National Women's Field Athlete-of-the-Year (senior pole vaulter Olivia Gruver, who in the truncated '19-20 indoor/outdoor season recorded the NCAA's second-best all-time indoor clearance of 15'5", after setting last spring a new 15'6.25" outdoor standard).

Director of Track & Field and Cross Country at UW since Summer 2018, Maurica Powell – wife of head coach Andy – was reached via e-mail, but responded that due to new NCAA rules (un-

specified) she couldn't comment yet on a role anticipated for Herrera, whose aforementioned walk-on status guarantees her a roster spot.

"It is super exciting around here," mother Kathy Herrera said. "We can't wait to see where this new endeavor is going to take her."

Sold on Washington for multiple reasons, including proximity to home as well as engineering- and/or medical-related ("physical therapy, preferably") academic tracks, Morgan Herrera mentioned making a connection during the recruiting process with Andrew Ninow, the Huskies' throws coach.

Which wasn't without basis; during last May's WIAA Class 2B State Championships held at Eastern Washington University's Roos Field, Herrera fired a fourth-place 36'8.5" best, helping LCHS finish seventh out of 41 scoring teams.

"We first got into contact during basketball season. He reached out to me ... and we were just talking about what scholarships I could get and stuff like that," she recalled. "It's a lot of money

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COLORADO PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Navajo State Park to open for camping on Friday

Staff report
COLO. PARKS AND WILDLIFE

Camping at Navajo State Park will open Friday (May 15) and Colorado Parks and Wildlife is happy to welcome back campers.

CPW wants campers to enjoy their time outdoors but reminds everyone that social distancing must continue and that guidelines provided by the Colorado Department of Health and Environment and the Centers for Disease Control must be followed.

“We’re pleased that campgrounds are open but our top priority is the safety of our guests and staff,” said Cory Chick, CPW’s Southwest regional manager. “The re-opening will closely abide by health department and CDC recommendations,”

Here are items campers must be aware of before heading out to one of Colorado State Parks:

- All camping is by reservation only. Check campground information and make reservations at cpwshop.com.
- Bathrooms are open at the park; but showers, laundry and other group facilities are not be open.
- Visitors Centers are not open. Campers can call the park office for information.
- It is advised that you only camp with members of your household. Camp sites at Navajo are limited to six people.
- Cabins are not available for rental at this time.
- Individuals must maintain a six-foot distance from other individuals, including park staff, in the campground.
- A mask should be worn in public areas or when close to others in the campground.
- If you or any member of your family is feeling ill, none of you should go to a State Park campground.
- Bring all of your own food from your local grocery store; don’t plan on going out to eat at a local restaurant.
- Bring hand sanitizer and other cleaning supplies. Please keep a clean camp and pack out your own trash.
- Do not invite others into your camp; give them a wave, a smile and a healthy hello from a distance.
- Check for park updates at CPW’s COVID-19 information page at cpw.state.co.us

For information about camping at Navajo State Park, call: 970-883-2208.

COMMUNITY GREETINGS

KIT CARSON: PART III

The mountains were becoming crowded. Britain’s Hudson Bay Company ruled the far northwest. Their trappers pushed south into the Central Rockies with the goal of trapping out the beaver and keeping Americans from coming north. The empire was at stake as well as money. The Americans had no such monopoly, for rival free trappers competed with the men of Fitzpatrick’s Rocky Mountain Fur Company and John Jacob Astor’s older American Fur Company for furs in this reckless enterprise, the beaver population was soon destroyed, as was the self-sufficiency of the Natives.

The diseases inadvertently introduced by the trappers also decimated the Indian population, especially among the river tribes. Astor, who operated several important fur trading posts in competition with the St. Louis trappers, came to dominate the trade. He made a fortune, but wisely left the business in 1834, just before its rapid decline. Kit remembers his youthful years as a mountain man as the happiest days of his life.

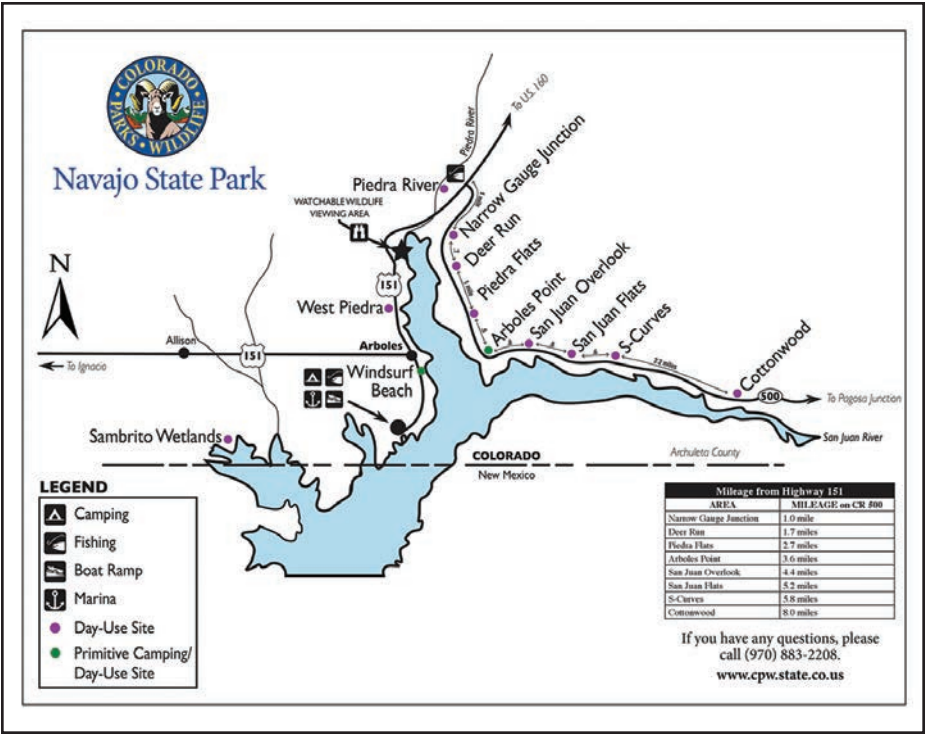
In March of 1834, he rejoined Thomas Fitzpatrick and Jim Bridger, the more famous mountain man then he, in north western Colorado. Although he was a free trapper, he agreed to work with the Rocky Mountain Fur Company. While out hunting alone late one afternoon Kit shot an elk to eat, but almost immediately was confronted by two grizzly bears who seemed to desire a two-course dinner of both hunter and elk. With no time to reload, Kit ran for his life and climbed a tree. But no one remained to study Kit and the bears left, as Kit recalled. Of which he was heartily pleased. Kit was never so scared in his life.

And the Blackfoot Indians also made life miserable for the trappers. In February of 1835, Kit was shot through the shoulder in a fight with the Blackfoot Indians and recovered. Along present-day Idaho’s Snake River. He recovered long enough to join the famous Jim Bridger (a grand rendezvous) in August of 1835 the Green River Rendezvous was to be one of the last of the great mountain men’s gatherings and also its most notable. Lucian Fontenelle had departed from what would become Bellevue, Nebraska in late June with six wagons, with roughly 50 men and nearly 200 horses. And on July 26, met up with Fitzpatrick at Fort William along the Laramie River, the future location of Laramie, Wyoming. He had with him two Presbyterian missionaries, Dr. Marcus Whiteman and the Reverend Samuel Parker bound for Oregon country under Fitzpatrick’s command, the party set out on August 1 and reached the Green River Rendezvous 11 days later.

Roughly 200 mountain men came, along with bands of Arapahos, also Shoshones, Nez Perce Flatheads and Utes.

All attention was quickly riveted on Dr. Whiteman, who demonstrated his great surgical skill by removing a three inch iron arrow point from Bridger’s back. The Blackfoot Barb had been lodged in Bridger for three years.

Joseph Rael Jr.
4/5/2020



Let it fly!



Courtesy Jack Frost Jr.

10-year old Phillip Velasquez with a beautiful Rainbow trout he caught at Lake Capote recently. The rainbow measured 24-inches long, 13-inches around the girth and weighed approximately 5 to 6 pounds. He used a fly to hook up with this tank! His favorite saying is, “Let It Fly!”

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In the Legal Name Change of,
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Nataya Lovato, Civil Subject
Notice is hereby given that Daniel and Angelina Lovato on behalf of Nataya Lovato filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Nataya Precious Valencia. As of May 12, 2020 no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Nataya Lovato name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Nataya Precious Valencia.

Dated this 14th day of May, 2020.
Scott Moore, Southern Ute Tribal Judge

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Dated this 1st of May, 2020
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

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Correction

In the may 5, 2020 issue of The Southern Ute Drum, the cutline for SUIMA’s From the Eagle’s Nest photo should have read. “Academy student, Amonn Johnson works on a Craft Time project from home. Students are encouraged to stay motivated and creative in their various learning activities as the school year comes to a close during the COVID-19 closures.”

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For Email Filing:

I am pleased to announce to all clients, Southern Ute practicing attorneys and to the general public Tribal Court will now have the option to file documents with the Court by using the following email address tribalcourt@southernute-nsn.gov.

This will include all documents related to an open case. Petitions can be filed but will be held until payment is received before the case is opened, or a motion to waive fees accompanies the petition for the assigned judge to waive the fee.

This email address will be used to file all documents in an open current case. New petitions for a new case can be filed at this email address. New petitions will be held until payment is received. If no payment has been received within 10 days the petition will be returned to the sender. If filing a motion to waive the filing fee it must accompany the petition and be approved by the judge before it is accepted into the record. No filing fee is needed to file a Petition to Probate.

Documents for open current cases and new cases can still be filed by faxing to 970-563-9570. New petitions will be held until payment is received. If no payment has been received within 10 days the petition will be returned to the sender. If filing a motion to waive the filing fee, it must accompany the petition and be approved by the judge before it is accepted into the record.

REQUEST FOR BIDS Southern Ute Powwow Committee

The Southern Ute Powwow Committee are accepting bids for the upcoming 2020 Southern Ute Tribal Fair Powwow. If you have any questions please feel free to contact Dona Frost at 970-553-9291 or at donalfrost331@gmail.com

Tribal Fair weekend: September 18 – 20, 2020
Porta Pots • Security staff • Cleaning staff • Sound system

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Historic Mural and Building Documentation

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to perform high-resolution photography to digitally capture and preserve culturally significant murals, develop options and costs for their physical preservation, and perform 3-dimensional laser mapping of the interior and exterior of historical buildings. For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Alexandra Ratcliff, General Assistance Program Manager, aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov Proposals will be received through **June 5, 2020**. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

Summary of the Proposed Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act section 401 Certification Procedures

On March 28, 2018, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency approved the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's application to be treated in a similar manner as a state for purposes of the Clean Water Act's water quality standards and section 401 water quality certification programs. At the direction and with the support of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, the Environmental Programs Division ("Division") has developed water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 water quality certification procedures for tribal waters. What follows is a summary of the Division's proposed water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures.

PROPOSED WATER QUALITY STANDARDS

Water quality standards form a legal basis for controlling pollutants entering tribal waters. Water quality standards describe the desired condition of a water body and the means by which that condition will be protected or achieved. Water bodies can be used for purposes such as recreation (e.g. swimming, fishing, boating), protection of aquatic life, agricultural, public water supply, industrial, navigation, and other purposes. The Division has developed proposed water quality standards to protect public health and welfare, enhance the quality of water, and serve the purposes of the Clean Water Act. To ensure that the standards are approvable by EPA, the Division has included the elements required under the Clean Water Act and EPA's implementing regulations: (1) designated uses for tribal waters, (2) numeric and narrative water quality criteria designed to protect each designated use, (3) anti-degradation policies and procedures to ensure attainment and maintenance of the designated uses, and (4) general policies to protect water quality. The proposed water quality standards serve the primary functions of (1) establishing water quality goals for water bodies on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation over which the Tribe has authority to set water quality standards and (2) providing the legal basis for regulatory pollution controls. Establishing criteria and designated uses that protect aquatic and wildlife species, recreational use, potable water, and agricultural uses is also an important objective of these standards. More specifically, the standards should serve, and will be implemented to achieve, these purposes:

- 1) **Assessment.** Provide a point of reference for the assessment of surface water quality. The standards represent the water quality goals of the Tribe for surface waters and will be used in assessing potential impacts to that quality.
- 2) **Regulatory Controls.** Both point and non-point source regulatory pollution controls to be established by the Tribe or the United States will be developed to ensure a level of water quality that will satisfy the water quality standards. Regulatory pollution controls established for point source discharges will also be consistent with applicable sections of the Clean Water Act. Tribal programs to control nonpoint sources, whether regulatory or voluntary, will be designed to meet the water quality standards.
- 3) **Protection of Aquatic and Wildlife Species.** The Tribe intends that the designated uses and criteria assigned to tribal waters will provide a level of water quality fully protective of aquatic and wildlife species dependent on it, including threatened or endangered species listed under the Endangered Species Act.

CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 401 CERTIFICATION PROCEDURES

Under Clean Water Act section 401, a federal agency cannot issue a permit or license for an activity that may cause a discharge to waters of

the United States until the state or tribe where the discharge would originate has granted or waived Clean Water Act section 401 certification. With this authority, the Tribe can deny, certify, waive, or condition permits, or licenses based in part on the proposed project's compliance with the Tribe's EPA-approved water quality standards. Clean Water Act section 401 certification authority, therefore, is an important tool for protecting water quality, although it is limited in scope and application to situations involving federally permitted or licensed activities that may cause a discharge to a water of the United States.

The Tribe's proposed 401 water quality certification procedures:

- 1) delegate authority to the Environmental Programs Division to act on behalf of the Tribe in exercising the Tribe's Clean Water Act section 401 certification authority;
- 2) establish an application process through the Environmental Programs Division that requires the applicant to reimburse the Tribe for the costs of application review;
- 3) establish a process for applications to be reviewed both internally within the tribal organization (through a proposed project notification (PPN) process) and through a public review and comment process;
- 4) set forth the factors that will be considered in reviewing applications (e.g., compliance with WQS);
- 5) describe the decision-making process and the possible decisions (e.g., grant, grant with conditions, deny, or waive);
- 6) list the general requirements that will apply to all of the Tribe's Clean Water Act section 401 certifications;
- 7) describe how the Tribe's certifications may be modified, suspended, or revoked, and how civil penalties may be assessed for violation of terms of a tribal certification; and
- 8) provide for judicial review in the Tribal Court of any Clean Water Act section 401 certification decisions by the Environmental Programs Division.

NOTICE AND REQUEST FOR TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENTS

Comments will be accepted until June 23, 2020. You may submit comments related to the water quality standards or 401 certification procedures through the Tribal Member Portal or any of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** wqs@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Mail:** Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.
- **Hand delivery:** Environmental Programs Division, Justice & Regulatory Administration Building, Ignacio, Colorado, 81137.
- **Phone:** 970-563-4705; select the _____ option to comment on the water quality standards and 401 certification procedures.

All comments received will be reviewed and included within the final standards or 401 certification procedures as applicable. Once completed, the proposed water quality standards and 401 certification procedures will be available for an additional public review for a 45-day period.

If you have any questions, please call Peter Diethrich at 970-563-2269 or Jeff Seebach at 970-563-2272. If you prefer to have a hard copy of the proposed water quality standards or 401 certification procedures mailed to you, please contact Kelly Herrera in the Environmental Programs Division at 970-563-0135. You can also pick up hard copies of the proposed documents from the Tribal Council Affairs office and the Environmental Programs Division.

SEEKING TRIBAL MEMBER COMMENT

30-day Tribal Member Comment Period on the Environmental Programs Division's proposed Tribal Water Quality Standards & 401 Certification Procedures

The Environmental Programs Division is developing water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures in order to protect the quality of tribal waters and is seeking input from the tribal membership. Tribal members can view the proposed water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures and related materials and can submit comments via the Tribal Member Portal. Here's how:

1. Log in to your Tribal Member Portal at <https://members.southernute-nsn.gov>
2. Access the materials by clicking on the links on the bottom of the page
3. Submit your comments by June 23

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House for Sale • Asking \$174,000

3 bedroom, 2 bathroom, Cedar Point, Sagebrush Ave., Ignacio, CO. Living room has laminate wood floor, carpet in bedrooms, back yard fenced, one shed with electric hook up, sprinkler system works for front yard.

Serious inquires only, leave message 970-563-3161.



SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

March 25, 2020



ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY,
THE TRANSFER STATION HOURS ARE
MONDAY – FRIDAY
8 AM TO NOON
CLOSED SATURDAY & SUNDAY**

Note: This notice is for use of the Transfer Station located at the Utilities Division. Those tribal members who utilize Transit Waste trash services, will continue to have their trash picked up according to their normal trash schedule. Please have your polycarts out by **6 AM** on your designated pick up day.

In response to COVID-19 prevention efforts:

- Utilities Staff appreciates your understanding of the necessity to modify hours of operation.
- It is our highest priority to provide and maintain critical services to the Southern Ute Tribal membership and community during this pandemic.
- Safety is our number one priority for our employees and our customers.

Questions? Call the Utilities Division Office at (970) 563-5500.

Be Safe – The Utilities Division Staff



Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

Visit the the tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/jobs for complete job descriptions.

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

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

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

Air Quality Analyst

Closes 5/27/20 – 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. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Patrol Officer

Closes 5/29/20 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

Open until filled – A senior level position that provides Clinical Supervision to staff Case-workers providing a full range of intake and/or ongoing social casework services for a variety of program areas such as child abuse and neglect cases, youth-in-conflict cases, and adults unable to protect their own interests. Provides clinical supervision and oversees Family Preservation and the Foster Care Program Coordinator. Pay grade 22; \$61.872/hour.

Community Health Representative

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

Court Information Analyst

Open until filled – Works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring the effectiveness of current court programs, researching methods to improve effectiveness, and writing grant proposals to support improvements and funding. Position is partially grant funded. Continued full-time employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the grant. Pay grade 21; \$55.006/year.

Detention Division Head

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Justice and Regulatory Department Director, plans, organizes, directs, and reviews the administrative activities of the Southern Ute Detention Program and Facility.

Detention Officer

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

Family Court Caseworker

Open until filled – Providing guardian ad litem, special advocacy, parent coordination, and mediation services as assigned through Court appointment and clinical supervisor. Psycho-social educational classes for youth as assigned by clinical supervisor. Case management activities and/or counseling services involving assigned adults and juveniles. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full-time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

Licensed Behavioral Health Therapist – Native Connections

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Program Director, provides behavioral health treatment in the Native Connections grant program. Will work exclusively with

youth up to age 24, and their families, as part of the Native Connections grant project. Will include mental health and dual diagnosis services provided within the Southern Ute Health Center, patient homes, schools, and the community as needed to address patient needs. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 22; \$61.872/year.

Lifeguard (Full-Time)

Open until filled – Lifeguard activities at the Community Recreation Center swimming pool, in accordance with the guidelines established and approved by Fitness Director and/or Community Center Director. Pay grade 12; \$10.91/hour.

Physical Therapist (PT w/ benefits)

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

Public Ed. Elementary Teacher

Open until filled – A professional teaching position with the Southern Ute Indian public Education Department. Teaches/tutors Southern Ute students or Johnson O'Malley Program students in the Ignacio Elementary School and develops an afterschool program to strengthen academic skills throughout the school year. Designs and implements summer enrichment programs, performing student instruction and supervision, managing the programs and reviewing their success. Will support established curriculum/management and is expected to work in different subject areas and classrooms as determined by the Director and building principal. The intent is to assist students in the educational process thereby increasing their potential for success. Position is based on a regular work year (261 days) with approved leaves and vacations available during periods of the year that do not require student contact.

Social Services Division Head

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

Speech & Language Therapist (PT w/benefits)

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

TEAM Worker

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

TERO Worker

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.

Sky Ute Casino Resort • Job announcements

Visit our website at 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.

Assistant General Manager – Trainee Southern Ute Tribal member only

JOB SUMMARY: Under the direction of the General Manager (GM), this is a training position that will result in a tribal member having the opportunity to train for the position of General Manager. The Assistant General Manager – TM (AGM-TM) will participate in the Career Development Program (CDP) and associated curriculum requirements to the extent necessary, depending on their background, education and experience. As the AGM-TM gains education and experience, their level of authority and responsibility for various components of the business will increase. The AGM-TM will participate in both the gaming, as well as the non-gaming areas of the business.

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES: The duties and responsibilities associated with this position will be defined and established in accordance with the CDP policies. Will work closely with the GM and/or AGM to understand the duties and responsibilities associated with a Casino Executive Management position. Will attend identified and relevant conferences, workshops or educational seminars related to the executive management of a casino/resort property.

MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS AND QUALIFICATIONS: Must be an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Must have an established work history demonstrating a reliable work ethic and progressively greater areas of responsibility. Must have at least 5 years' experience in a management and leadership role OR a Bachelor's Degree in Business or related field. Must have excellent verbal and written communication skills. Must be available to work on weekends, holidays and/or rotating shifts. Must be able to work long hours, scheduled or unscheduled, which is likely to include nights, weekends, and when emergencies arise. Must be able to obtain and maintain a SUIT Division of Gaming Key License. Must have a high level of Emotional Intelligence and have strong interpersonal skills with an emphasis on experience interacting with a wide range of people from senior leadership to line personnel.

LANGUAGE SKILLS: Must be able to communicate complex concepts and information to employees, other departmental staff, and customers. Must speak clearly and persuasively in positive or negative situations, respond well to questions, demonstrate group presentation skills, and actively participate in meetings. Must write clearly and informatively and be able to read and interpret written information.

REASONING AND MANAGEMENT ABILITY: Problem Solving - Identifies and resolves problems in a timely manner; Gathers and analyzes information skillfully; Develops alternative solutions. Customer Service - Manages difficult or emotional customer situations. Team Work - Contributes to building a positive team spirit; Able to build morale and group commitments to goals and objectives; Supports everyone's efforts to succeed. Develops workable implementation plans; Communicates changes effectively; Prepares and supports those affected by change. Leadership - Inspires and motivates others to perform well. Takes responsibility for subordinates' activities; Makes self available to staff; Provides regular performance feedback; Develops subordinates' skills and encourages growth. Looks for ways to improve and promote quality. Understands business implications of decisions; Displays orientation to profitability; Demonstrates knowledge of market and competition; Aligns work with strategic goals. Works within approved budget; Develops and implements cost saving measures; Contributes to profits and revenue. Shows respect and sensitivity for cultural differences; promotes a harassment-free environment.

160/550 Construction Project Employment/Training

Closing June 2, 2020, 5 p.m. – Lawrence Construction is currently looking for an ADMINISTRATIVE TRAINEE to work throughout the project. This person must have attention to detail, be willing to learn and take direction, valid driver's license for state of residency, pass pre-employment and random drug testing as well as a background check. This position will follow TERO preference. Contact Laura Sanchez at TERO 970-563-2294 or lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov for more information and an application.

ANNOUNCEMENT!

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR INDIAN MINERAL OWNERS



ONRR would like to let the mineral owners know that we are still operating, processing 2014's and payments, as well as processing distributions. Our outreach group is also answering phones, so if you have any questions or concerns, please call us. The contact number for our office is below.

Office of Natural Resources Revenue (ONRR)
Denver Office 1-800-982-3226

SAVE THE DATE! JUNE 29, 2020, 2:00 P.M.

The US 550-US 160 Connection South project team is planning a groundbreaking event for this highly anticipated, regionally significant design-build project in southwest Colorado (CDOT Region 5). The project re-routes US 550 to connect with the US 160 interchange in the Grandview/Three Springs area in Durango, improving safety and mobility along both major corridors. While we are planning an on-site event, we are also preparing a live, online alternative in the event it is deemed unsafe or inadvisable to gather together. Please mark your calendars and stay tuned for details to come.

QUESTIONS? Call 970-880-2800 / us550.us160connectionsouth@gmail.com

Bureau of Indian Affairs Southern Ute Agency – Business as Usual

The Southern Ute Agency offices are closed to the public, however work is continuing to operate as "business as usual" with staggered staff schedules. The offices can be reached by email or calling the numbers posted. The Office of Natural Resource Revenue (ONRR) is still operating, processing 2014's and payments, including processing distributions. If you have any questions or concerns you can contact their offices below:

- For official business related to the Southern Ute BIA Office, please call 970-759-1257 for assistance
- For Realty matters, please call 218-750-4411
- For Irrigation business, please call 970-563-9484 for assistance
- For Fire matters, please call 970-749-3558 or 911
- Southwest Regional Office, Regional Director or 505-563-3103 for assistance.

For lease income you can contact the following numbers:

- TOLL FREE: ONRR 800-982-3226
- OST Call Center 888-678-6836
- OST Farmington, NM 505-326-7983

SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES DIVISION IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

March 30, 2020

ATTENTION TRIBAL MEMBERS:

**EFFECTIVE IMMEDIATELY
& UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE
THE PAYMENT WINDOW IS CLOSED
AT THE UTILITIES OFFICE.**

Utilities will continue to bill customers and expect payment, however, there will be NO SHUT-OFF's or LATE FEES during billing periods of April & May 2020.

Please pay utility bills using one of the following methods:

1. Pay over the phone with a credit card, call (970) 563-5500. 8AM—Noon.
2. Mail check, money order, or cashier's check made payable to *Southern Ute Utilities Division* to PO Box 1137, Ignacio CO 81137
3. Tribal Finance Automatic Deduction. Call Utilities Office to have an application mailed to you.
4. Wells Fargo Bank—Ignacio Branch (Drive-up only). Have your account number and/or utility bill readily available.

Thank you for understanding the priority and protection our customers and front-office employees during the coronavirus pandemic.

Questions? Call the Utilities Division Office at (970) 563-5500.

Stay Healthy and Safe — The Utilities Division Staff



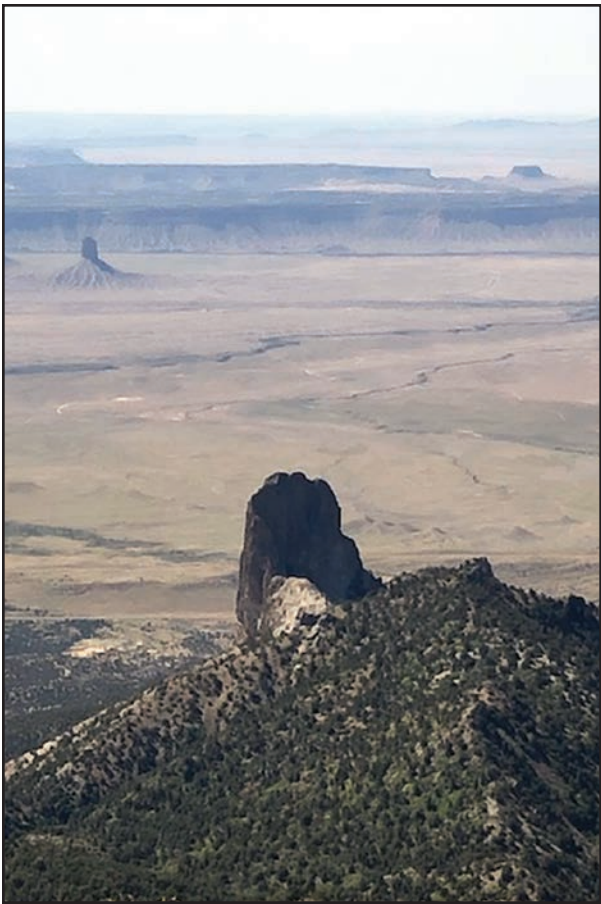
TRIBAL RADIO ON UTE MOUNTAIN • FROM PAGE 1

A special thank you to Rob Rawls, KSUT Four Corners Station Manager, for his tireless work in helping make this dream a reality!

KSUT Tribal Radio can be heard on 91.3FM serving Ignacio, Southern Ute and Jicarilla Apache tribal lands, 89.7FM serving Farmington, northwest New Mexico and Navajo tribal lands, and now 100.9FM serving Cortez, Dolores, Towaoc, White Mesa and Ute Mountain Ute tribal lands.



courtesy Tami Graham/KSUT



courtesy Tami Graham/KSUT

An amazing view from atop Hermano Peak looking south. The transmitters on Ute Mountain will now broadcast the KSUT Tribal Radio's signal at 100.9 FM.

Phone and Internet Discounts Available to CenturyLink Customers

CenturyLink participates in a government benefit program (Lifeline) to make residential telephone or qualifying broadband service more affordable to eligible low-income individuals and families. Eligible customers are those that meet eligibility standards as defined by the FCC and state commissions. Residents who live on federally recognized Tribal Lands may qualify for additional Tribal benefits (up to an additional \$25 of enhanced Lifeline support monthly and a credit of up to \$100 on their initial installation charges) if they participate in certain additional federal eligibility programs. The Lifeline discount is available for only one telephone or qualifying broadband service per household, which can be on either a wireline or wireless service. Broadband speeds must be 20 Mbps download and 3 Mbps upload or faster to qualify.

A household is defined for the purposes of the Lifeline program as any individual or group of individuals who live together at the same address and share income and expenses. Lifeline service is not transferable, and only eligible consumers may enroll in the program. Consumers who willfully make false statements in order to obtain a Lifeline discount can be punished by fine or imprisonment and can be barred from the program.

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1.855.954.6546 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER
Your weekend forecast!

Friday, May 22



73°F increasing clouds
Light, variable afternoon winds

Saturday, May 23



72°F sunny
Light, variable morning winds

Sunday, May 24



70°F mostly sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov



PAC-12 PACT: HERRERA • FROM PAGE 12

to go – being a ... walk-on, I don't get any money my first year – but through the contacts between me and him, I think I'm really going to enjoy the program."

"I see myself really doing well at shot put and hammer throw," she continued. "Hammer's going to be something new to me ... so I'm excited to learn how. But I think shot's going to be my best throw."

"Morgan came out as a junior and was the fastest girl on our team in the 100 and 200, and also our best thrower in shot and disc," Voorhees stated. "In the open sprints [her] athleticism shined and it also showed up in the throws."

"Over the course of the year, she improved steadily at about a 1-foot PR every two weeks with no plateau in sight."

"I think shot and hammer are going to be great fits for her – and possibly discus, too," he declared. "She will find success and improve her marks there, hopefully moving into a scholarship position."

While weighing all her options, Herrera said chats with oldest brother and former Fort Lewis College basketball star center Alex proved calming and invaluable.

"All the time I'd ask him if I could call and ask questions," she stated. "Es-

pecially, like, when I was going to have a conversation with another coach, I always asked (Alex) what would be good to ask, to get to know the college – and ... he was just really thrilled whenever I told him about University of Washington. Then I decided to commit to them, and he was over-the-moon excited for me."

"They were all really excited," she added, referring to her immediate and extended family, "and you could just see it the whole time during the recruiting process, no matter where I went they'd be proud."

"I want to thank all the coaches that pushed me to be the best that I can be – all the ones at Ignacio and all the ones up here in Washington."

"She is extremely coachable and isn't afraid of hard work ... very athletic too. Those all point to success," said Voorhees. "The finer points of throwing are her coach's responsibility, but I have faith in them. If you think of how many hours she has put in the gym playing volleyball and basketball, and convert a portion of that energy and competitive spirit to track, she will be just fine."

"La Conner is a small school ... blessed with many multisport athletes, so when I heard about Morgan and that she was interested in track I

was immediately excited," he recalled. "Then I watched her play volleyball for the first time and was blown away by how she competes."

With her final prep-sports season scrubbed, and a scheduled June 11 graduation ceremony also tentative (the cancelled NCAA Div. I Outdoor T&F Championships had been set, coincidentally, for June 10-13 in Austin, Tex.) due to the ongoing coronavirus/COVID-19 pandemic, Herrera said she's actually appreciated the time to reflect on her situation.

"Especially nowadays because we have nothing else to do!" she laughed. "But I really enjoy looking back, seeing where I started, and where I'm at now. And it amazes me."

"My first year at La Conner, I joined the track team ... to meet new people. And as it turned out, the first two weeks of track, I loved the sport; it reminded me so much of my past – my mom and dad used to be track coaches – and I just loved being out there all the time. I'd forgotten about it in Ignacio."

"I was full-basketball when I lived in Ignacio," she continued, "but now I'm like, 'Hey, I'm good at other sports too!' I started exploring that and it's just changed my whole world."

The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle

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1 Free TV spots	1 --- Alto, CA
5 People whose creator is Tawa	2 Small bread-like sweet cake
9 Banking abbreviation	3 National Historic Landmark 60 miles west of Albuquerque
10 Excepting	4 Keeper of the celestial keys
13 Aerial maneuver	5 Something to kick
14 1967 Nigerian separatist state	6 Handling the job
15 By virtue of worthiness	7 Smartphone predecessor
17 Zodiac's meat eater	8 Having clout
18 --- Joe's (classic sign)	11 Utah's Family City U S A
19 Arithmetic	12 Pueblo which is home to the Red Willow people
20 "--- o' My Heart"	16 "Maple Leaf ---"
21 Hue changer	19 Sane spy sabotaged transmission site
22 "The Sign of ---" (Sherlock Holmes mystery)	21 Non-exploding bomb
24 Branch of 25 Down	22 Greek cheese
26 Day before a big event	23 Model train layout, perhaps
27 People also known as the Minnetaree	24 Web locales
29 iPad, for example	25 Five-pillared religion
31 Aspirin unit	27 Online giggle
32 "Where Have --- Flowers Gone?"	28 El ---, Mouache leader killed on the Arkansas River in 1809
33 Former Swedish carmaker	30 Old full size Ford
34 Horace and Pindar wrote a lot	
35 Sailors' patron saint	

Answers for this crossword will appear in June 5 issue of the Drum.

Answers for May 8, 2020 crossword puzzle:
Across: 1 Aswan, 6 Past, 10 See to, 11 Vito, 12 Inset, 13 Crow, 14 Attach, 16 Scab, 18 Ethos, 20 Koi, 21 NPR, 23 Era, 24 BCC, 25 Eon, 26 Demur, 28 Zuma, 30 Bodice, 33 Roll, 35 Sadly, 36 Onto, 37 Algae, 38 Noon, 39 Sleds.
Down: 1 Asia, 2 Sent, 3 Western Mono, 4 Ate at, 5 Notched, 6 PVC, 7 Airs, 8 Stockbridge, 9 Towaoc, 15 Horeb, 17 Bic, 19 Samosas, 21 Nez, 22 Pour on, 27 Udall, 29 Alto, 31 Clad, 32 Eyes, 34 Lon.