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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.

courtesy Colo. Dept. of Transportation

TRANSPORTATION

CDOT to break ground on US 550 – US 160 connection south

Project is the result of local, state and federal support

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation will begin construction of the US 550—US 160 Connection South this month. The project will complete the US Highway 160 interchange by connecting the existing bridge over US 160 to US 550 to the south. CDOT will construct this project using the design-build process, partnering with a contracted team led by Lawrence Construction Company and RS&H, Inc. The interchange is scheduled for completion by the spring of 2023.

“I want to congratulate our team in Southwest Colorado (Region 5) on reaching a tremendous milestone,” CDOT Executive Director Shoshana Lew said. “This project reflects years of hard work and planning, and I am proud of their accomplishments and successful partnerships that made it a reality.”

Director Lew also praised the collaboration and innovation among the partners involved with the planning and development of the project, which has garnered tremendous support from local, state and federal governments.

“The list of local agencies investing in this project is quite impressive,” Lew said. “The City of Durango, La Plata County and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have all stepped forward to make a commitment to the project’s success. Colorado’s Transportation Commission and Department of Local Affairs have also provided funding. And most significant is the successful \$12.3 million federal FAST-LANE grant award sought after by La Plata County.”

The total cost of the project is \$98.6 million (this includes the total of both CDOT project management and the contractor award).

“Director Lew referred to the innovations in regard to funding. The design and construction of this project will also be built with innovation as a key component,” CDOT Region 5 Transportation Director Mike McVaugh said. “The construction team (Lawrence Construction Company and RS&H, Inc.) was chosen and awarded this contract because of their ideas and innovation on minimizing impacts to the environment, residents and businesses in the area, while maximizing the project scope.”

SIGNIFICANT ADDITIONS, SAVINGS

The initial scope of the project would have constructed a new 1.1-mile, four-lane section of US 550 north of La Plata County Road 220 to connect the major highway with the existing US 160 interchange. By using the design-build process the contractor was able to stretch funding, which allowed for the widening of an additional 3.3-mile section of US 550 south of CR 220 to four lanes, tying into the existing four-lane highway at the CR 302 intersection.

The design-build process is a two-step project delivery method where the design and build phases are combined into one contract. It represents a risk-sharing approach that assigns the inherent risks to the party that is best suited to mitigate, transfer or absorb those risks that are a part of any construction project. Design-build encourages innovation and efficiency to leverage the project budget, extend cost savings and add value to the contract.

The work will involve the following key construction steps, which include several notable innovations designed by the contractor team to dramatically reduce construction impacts for the traveling public. With regard to the design-build process, some elements of these key steps are likely to evolve as the work progresses.

The project construction team will:

- Build a construction access road north of CR 220.
- Enables equipment to get to/from the work sites with limited impacts the county roads and US highways or people traveling on these roadways.
- Construct a 600-foot bridge over Gulch A (see graphic).
- Construct a 250-foot bridge over Gulch B.
- Begin excavation of what will amount to 1.2 million cubic yards of material along the new alignment, enabling construction of a roundabout connecting to the existing interchange bridge over US 160.
- Approximately 200 trucks a day will transport the material along a temporary construction access bridge to an on-site location (greatly limiting construction travel on county road

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courtesy Edward Box III

The project tagged #BeadYourState is an online challenge launched by Kooteen Creations. Once all selections are finalized, the individual pieces of beadwork will be merged together to create a colorful and unique beaded image of the United States and Canada.

ART & CULTURE

Box gives beading project a personal touch

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Kooteen Creations recently launched a beadwork challenge on their Facebook page, calling for artists to bead their State or Province. Southern Ute artist Edward Box III accepted the challenge.

“My cousin Hilda Burch tagged me on the posting, she said ‘I know someone who could bead this,’” Box explained. Once he was put on the spot, he had no intentions of backing down.

Their project is tagged #BeadYourState, and final selections are made through an online voting process.

“It took me a week and half to do that, between working and beading in the evenings,” Box explained. “I used a much larger size of bead to put it together for the deadline, which was the first of August. I beaded our state.”

“I was actually the only male beader as well,” Box added.

courtesy Edward Box III

Southern Ute artist, Edward Box III beaded the State of Colorado, while also incorporating Ute symbolism into his design, for the #BeadYourState challenge. Voting takes place online on the Kooteen Creations Facebook page.


There are two other submissions for the State of Colorado listed on the Kooteen Creations Facebook page. People vote for their favorite design; Tuesday, Aug. 18 is the last day to vote. Once all selections are finalized, the individual pieces of beadwork will be merged together to create a colorful and unique beaded image of the United States and Canada.

“It will be featured on t-shirts and posters I believe,” Box said.

“I’ve been incorporating traditional design, and personal family photos into my beadwork,” Box explained. “I incorporated the Ute culture into this beadwork, the feather in the C symbolized our connection to the Creator; and the flower in the C depicts the Ute. The Utes took the rose from the Spanish, and that was another

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2019 Annual Reports available!



SOUTHERN UTE

Indian Tribe

The 2019 Annual Reports are available to Southern Ute tribal members and Tribal Departments.

The membership can request to have a physical copy mailed to them through Tribal Information Services, 970-563-0100 or pick up a copy in person at the TIS office during their modified business hours.

The Annual Report can also be viewed online and downloaded via the Tribal Member Portal, the pdf is on members.southernute-nsn.gov Resources > Tribal Member Downloads > PDFs

EDUCATION

Open letter to Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy parents, guardians, and families

Dear SUIMA families,

First, and most importantly, I hope you remain in good health and spirits. Thank you for your understanding and patience while the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council (who also serve as the SUIMA School Board) and SUIMA Administration took the utmost caution to make the most informed decision on the upcoming school year. As a reminder the “Stay at Home” Order remains in effect until further notice as does the public health order requiring the use of face coverage.

While the Tribe considers education a necessity, the highest priority is the health of the SUIMA students and staff. In collaboration with the South-

ern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Management Team (IMT) and Tribal Council, we have decided to begin school on August 24, 2020, as scheduled. However, due to the health concerns related to the coronavirus, SUIMA will offer multiple options for students this year.

Students will receive instruction through a Hybrid Learning model, which may include On-Campus Learning, Remote-Learning or a combination of both. More details on the elected instruction options and the correlation to the tribal “Stay at Home” Order will be made available early next week or during the SUIMA orientation.

Parents/Guardians will receive communication from their classroom teach-

er beginning on Monday, Aug. 17, to confirm an available time for an in-person orientation explaining how SUIMA will deliver academic lessons to students. During the week of Aug. 24-28, SUIMA will host classroom orientation for families to have the opportunity to meet teachers, observe the precautions set in place, and check out a Chromebook if needed. Families will be scheduled in a staggered manner to maintain COVID safety precautions.

Throughout the Hybrid-Learning time, students will be assessed on their academic performance every 30 days. If students require additional

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ENVIRONMENT

Dakota Access Pipeline operating illegally, following shut down order

Staff report
EARTHJUSTICE

On the day that had been initially set as a deadline for shutting down the Dakota Access Pipeline, a federal appeals court today issued an order that effectively allows oil to continue flowing for now. At the same time, the appeals court dissolved an administrative stay, vacating the permit for the pipeline to cross underneath Lake Oahe, which leaves the pipeline operating illegally. It falls to the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to decide whether to exercise its authority to shut down the pipeline, and the issue will go back to the district court for more proceedings if they don't.

"We've been in this legal battle for four years,

and we aren't giving up this fight," said Standing Rock Sioux Tribe Chairman Mike Faith. "As the environmental review process gets underway in the months ahead, we look forward to showing why the Dakota Access Pipeline is too dangerous to operate."

"Dakota Access is an affront to Tribal sovereignty and a threat to public health and clean water. Everyone would be safer if operations were halted," said Earthjustice attorney Jan Hasselman. "The pipeline is now operating illegally: we are confident that it will be shut down eventually."

Today's decision found that the government and DAPL were not likely to prevail on the merits of their appeal that the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

must conduct a full environmental review on the pipeline. A final decision on whether to re-issue permits for the Dakota Access Pipeline is unlikely until after the 2020 presidential election, which sets up the possibility of permanent closure. In March, a district judge invalidated a pipeline permit issued four years ago by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers because it violated the National Environmental Policy Act, by failing to look carefully at the dangers posed to the Tribe.

Controlled by a Dallas billionaire, Energy Transfer moved quickly to overturn a federal district judge's July 6 decision ordering the line shuttered

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PAYCHECK PROTECTION

Bennet introduces legislation to ensure tribes, tribal businesses have full access to PPP loans

Staff report
OFFICE OF SENATOR BENNET

Today, Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet introduced the Tribal Business Access to PPP Act, common-sense legislation to ensure tribal businesses across the country have full access to Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) loans in order to weather the economic crisis precipitated by the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic. The new legislation would ensure that tribal businesses that up to date have received less federal relief than they are due will no longer be disqualified from receiving PPP loans because they share an employer identification number (EIN) with another business.

"Our tribal businesses have unique structures and needs that should be recognized in the way we provide assistance. Right now, many have struggled to gain access to their fair share of PPP funding, and we cannot

afford to let these businesses fall by the wayside," said Bennet. "We must make sure that rules around programs like PPP allow for support to reach tribal businesses, and the Tribal Business Access to PPP Act would do just that."

The Southern Ute Tribe issued the following statement of support for the bill: "We thank Senator Bennet for the action he has taken to address the unfair treatment of tribal businesses when seeking a loan under the Paycheck Protection Program. Tribes and tribal businesses have been particularly hard hit by the coronavirus pandemic. However, like a lot of tribal businesses that have been denied an SBA loan simply because they operate under a single Employer Identification Number, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and its many businesses have been similarly impacted. This ignores that Tribes, because they have limited taxing authority, by necessity op-

erate tribal businesses to raise revenue. We appreciate Sen. Bennet's efforts to address this disparity to make sure that tribal businesses receive the same treatment as non-Indian businesses during this economic crisis."

Many tribal businesses have not received their fair share of funding through the PPP because multiple separate businesses are often aggregated under one employer identification number (EIN). By specifying that a tribal business cannot be disqualified for the sole reason that it has the same EIN as another PPP loan applicant, Bennet's legislation provides a simple PPP-fix that enables tribal businesses to use the full federal relief funding at their disposal to survive the economic fallout of COVID-19.

The Tribal Business Access to PPP Act is cosponsored by U.S. Senators Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) and Richard Blumenthal (D-Conn.).

Many Moons Ago

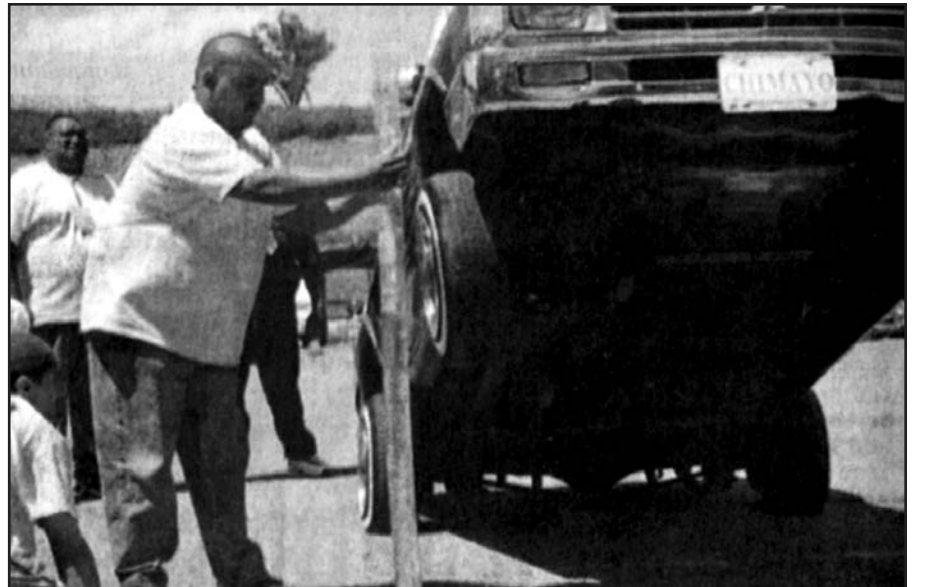


Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Approximately twenty archers and their families enjoyed Lake Capote on August 7 and 8 during the annual Archery Challenge. Archers line up for a picture in front of the practice range. Front row: James Mars, Adam House, Elissa Mars, Dylan Doskoell, Badger Yellowbird, Dru Martinez, Maya Espinosa and Andrew Morgan, Second row: Hunter Frost, Krista Richards, Ashlee Albrecht and Lainey Espinosa, Third Row: Alex Lopez, Jack Frost III, John House and Kruz Pardo, Back Row: Don Folsom and Jack Frost Jr.

This photo was published in the August 13, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

20 years ago

During the Rollin' Deep Car Show, cars, bikes and trikes were on display and a concert featuring NBK was held on the Tribal Campus in Ignacio on Aug. 5. Rollin' Deep president Manuel Myore (far left) and Vice-president Fred Cotton (holding measuring stick) judge the car-hopping contest. This truck cleared 36inches to win the competition.

This photo was published in the August 11, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Four members of the Committee of Elders enjoyed the Senior Jamboree held at the Sky Ute Convention Center on August 7. Pictured left to right: Nettie UncaSam, Emily Taylor, Sunshine Smith and Floy Valdez. Among others in attendance but not pictured were, Euterpe Taylor and Ellen Mirabel.

This photo was published in the August 17, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

The 1980 Durango, Colorado Centennial Celebration was conducted on August 13, at the La Plata County Fairgrounds. A few of the Southern Ute participants at the celebration are shown here. The bell shown, at left, was rung by young members of the three ethnic communities, Anglo, Spanish and Indian. Charlie Cloud, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Cloud was the Indian representative.

This photo was published in the August 15, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

A FREE CLINIC


Advance Care Planning

Topics include: Living Will, Medical Power of Attorney, CPR Directive, etc.

Tues., August 18th via Zoom
5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

Website: zoom.us/join
Phone: 312-626-6799
Meeting ID: 817 7120 0015
Password: CLS2020

You can join by computer or phone but you must use the Meeting ID and Password. If you have questions on how to attend or would like more info, please call 247-0266.

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ART & CULTURE

PIVOT: Skateboard Deck Art exhibit opens at Center of Southwest Studies

Staff report
CENTER OF SOUTHWEST STUDIES

We're BAAAACK! On campus that is - and ready to take your visiting appointment! Also, we're so excited to open PIVOT: Skateboard Deck Art with a sneak preview for members and crowdfunders, and offering of extended hours! Members and crowdfunders were allowed to preview the exhibit with early access and extended hours the week of August 10. The week of Aug. 17

the exhibit will open to the general public with extended hours.

For the remainder of the fall, the exhibits will be open Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. We are also adding Saturday hours from noon - 4 p.m. on the 3rd Saturday of the month.

Use the designated buttons online to schedule your visit! **Note the Quantity tab next to the PIVOT image will let you designate the number of people in your party.

The Delaney Library and Archives are now

open for appointments as well! Call 970-247-7456 or email archives@fortlewis.edu or email library@fortlewis.edu

In compliance with the guidelines laid out by Fort Lewis College and recommendations for the CDC and other state and local entities all access to the exhibit will be by appointment only with visitation capped to eight people per a 45-minute time slot. Visitors will be required to wear masks and maintain six feet between other visiting parties.

STORYTELLING

Native Lens invites Native, Indigenous storytellers to share their stories

Staff report
ROCKY MOUNTAIN PBS

In this new initiative called Native Lens, you are the director and make the choice of where to focus your lens. The goal is that by distributing firsthand Native perspectives through the media, the visibility of tribal communities will increase as Native voices are amplified.

Native Lens invites Native and Indigenous storytellers to share their stories

You are invited to take part in a new collaborative storytelling project with Rocky Mountain Public Media and KSUT Tribal Radio: Native Lens. A new series featuring personal stories told by Native and/or Indigenous people, Native Lens will draw audiences around the region to hear about what matters to you.

The topic is yours to choose as we welcome submissions from Native and/or Indigenous storytellers of all ages for your stories of love, grief, laughter, tradition, art, inspiration, inequity, how your life has changed because of COVID-19, or something else entirely.

Two to five-minute mini-documentaries are what we are primarily looking for, but poetry, a song, an image – anything is fine, as long as it tells your story on video.

We hope to share your vision on our public media platforms to ensure that you are seen and heard. We also look forward to the possibility of some stories being broadcast on Rocky Mountain PBS.



courtesy Native lens

Participating is easy:

- Read the call for stories and content guidelines.
- Grab your phone or camera and record your story.
- Complete the submission form and upload your work

Questions? Contact project coordinator Debbie Higgs at debbiehiggs@rm-pbs.org or call 970-235-8707 if you have questions or need filming or uploading support.

PARTNERS

Rocky Mountain PBS

Native Lens is led by Rocky Mountain PBS' (RMPBS) Regional Innovation Center in Durango, Colo., based in the Ballantine Media Center at Fort Lewis College. The project supports RMPBS' mission to ensure all Coloradans' stories are seen and heard.

KSUT Tribal Radio

KSUT Tribal Radio was started in 1976 as a communication tool for the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council to provide information to tribal members.

Today it's a source of Native music, news, cultural programming and local tribal information. KSUT is an NPR affiliate station.

SPONSORS

The Colorado Health Foundation

The Colorado Health Foundation believes health is a basic human right. We know that stories can help illustrate the far-reaching impact of health disparities and storytelling can play a unique role in advancing conversations about health equity. Learn more at coloradohealth.org

Fort Lewis College

Because of its unique origins as a military fort turned Indian boarding school turned state public school, Fort Lewis College and the State of Colorado provide a tuition waiver for qualified Native American students. Over 170 Native American tribes and Alaska Native villages are represented among FLC's Indigenous students.

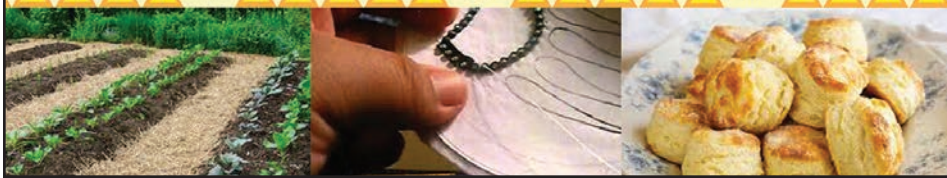
Calling all Elders

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

Record yourself or call Cultural Preservation Department
for assistance

We are looking for activities that the community can do at home
Elders sharing their knowledge is the best way

For more information, please call 970-563-2984



100TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL FAIR CONTEST POWWOW

September 18th-20th 2020

SKY UTE FAIRGROUNDS & EVENT CENTER
Ignacio, CO

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DANCE CATEGORIES

Men & Women's Golden Age (65+)

Men & Women's Senior Age (46-64)

Men's (18-45) Fancy, Grass,

Old Style Grass,

No. & So. Traditional, Chicken

Women's (18-45) Fancy Shawl,

Jingle, Old Style Jingle,

No. & So. Cloth,

No. & So. Buckskin

Teen Boys (13-17)

Teen Girls (13-17)

Junior Boys (6-12)

Junior Girls (6-12)

SPECIALS

All Around Men's & Women's

Men's War Bonnet

Women's Red Dress

1st place \$16,000 and drum

2nd place \$13,000 and prize

The 2020 Southern Ute Tribal Fair, Contest Powwow, Rodeo, Softball Tourney and all other events and activities associated with the 2020 Southern Ute Tribal Fair have been cancelled.

Additional info, contact the Special Events Coordinator Vigil at 970-563-2985 or via email, tvigil@southernute-nsn.gov

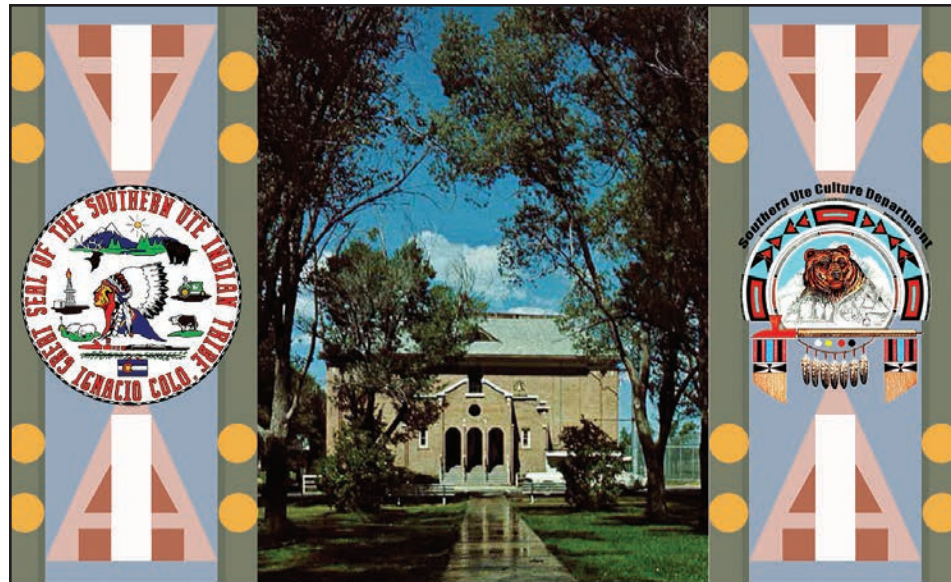
Where to listen to KSUT Tribal Radio

- KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM (Ignacio)
- KUUT 89.7 FM (Farmington/n.w. N.M.)
- KZNM 100.9 FM (Towaoc)
- www.KSUT.org (Streaming live)



See what's new at KSUT

Take the virtual tour of the newly built KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center at <https://www.ksut.org/post/>



Head Start Building Survey

Tribal Council requests tribal member input on Ute history!

The Head Start building is considered to be one of the last salvageable Indian Boarding School era structures in the State of Colorado. The building contains a mural, by artist Sam Ray, which depicts traditional Ute life. Tribal Council and the Cultural Preservation Department encourage enrolled Southern Ute tribal members to complete the survey which will assist in determining whether to rehabilitate and repurpose the Head Start building or if the building should be demolished. Your feedback is important.

The survey can be completed in the following ways:

Tribal Members can complete the survey by going to the Tribal Member Portal to find the Survey Monkey link, hard copies can be delivered to the drop box placed at the entrance of the Southern Ute Museum round-a-bout, or by calling the Tribal Council Comment Line at 970.563.4705, extension 7902.

Created & Published by Lindsay J. Box

Survey Deadline has been extended until Thursday, August 27, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.



HEALTHY RECIPES

Buffalo tacos

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

Try this updated version of a family favorite.

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

Buffalo Tacos

- Ingredients:**
- 1 small zucchini
 - 1 small carrot
 - 1 15 oz can black beans
 - 1 15 oz. can crushed or diced tomatoes (can use tomato with green chili instead)
 - Non-stick cooking spray
 - 1 Lb. ground buffalo
 - 1 tablespoon chili powder
 - 1 teaspoon oregano
 - 1 teaspoon garlic powder
 - 1 teaspoon cumin (optional)
 - 1 teaspoon turmeric (optional)
 - Salt and pepper to taste
 - 16 taco shells, hard or soft

Serves 8, Per serving: Calories 397, Fat 9g, Protein 26g, Carbohydrates 53g, Dietary Fiber 10g



DoctorOz.com

- Directions:**
1. Shred zucchini and carrots into a large bowl.
 2. Rinse and drain pinto beans, add to veggies.
 3. Add crushed tomatoes to veggies.
 4. Spray skillet with cooking spray and heat to medium-high.
 5. Brown ground buffalo about 5 minutes.
 6. Add zucchini, carrots, beans and tomatoes, stir to combine.
 7. Add chili powder, garlic, oregano, cumin, turmeric, salt and pepper.
 8. Cook for 15 to 20 minutes.
 9. Heat taco shells.
 10. Fill each shell with buffalo veggie mixture and top with cheese, lettuce, tomato and onion.

HEALTH

The importance of vaccines

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

On-time vaccinations throughout childhood is essential to provide immunity from potentially deadly disease before the child is even exposed. Most parents follow these guidelines from the Center for Disease Control (CDC), and vaccinate their children on the recommended schedule. With the current COVID-19 pandemic, some children have fallen behind schedule on their vaccinations.

Childhood immunizations are essential even during the COVID-19 pandemic and it is very important to keep up with your child's recommended schedule. If children were to fall behind on their schedules and as a result there was an outbreak of a preventable disease, the results could be devastating. Hospital systems could become so overwhelmed with

both Covid-19 and the preventable disease that quality care could not be provided to everyone.

We are fortunate that today in 2020, we can effectively prevent 14 serious childhood diseases due to vaccinations. Vaccinations have been proven time and time again to be a safe and effective way to prevent serious or even deadly diseases in our population. Multiple current studies have shown no link between childhood vaccinations and Autism. Every vaccine is thoroughly studied for multiple years before they can be given to the public.

Vaccinations save lives! With high vaccinations levels we achieve community immunity, and diseases that once killed thousands of people have completely disappeared. An example of this is Polio. Polio has completely disappeared in the United States. In the United States alone 42,000 of the 4.1 million children born

every year would die early deaths from diseases that could have been prevented.

Immunizing our children is vital to the health and well-being of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. I urge you as parents and guardians to keep your children up to date on their vaccination schedule, even during times of uncertainty during the Covid-19 pandemic. The Southern Ute Health Center has gone through multiple steps to ensure the safety of patients coming to the clinic for care. The Southern Ute Health Center will be holding an immunization clinic on Wednesday, August 19 and Thursday, August 20. If interested in scheduling an appointment, please call the health center. We hope to see you there.



BEHAVIORIAL HEALTH

BEE Heard: Mental health and our families

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Now that we're a few months into this pandemic, I'm sure we are starting to notice some changes in the behaviors of our family and friends and maybe even within ourselves. With the uncertainty of this pandemic and the current political and racial climates, it can be hard at times to look at the brighter side of things. Besides the outside influences, we also must cope with household issues and circumstances. Maybe you are taking care of an elderly family member. Maybe you have a child or children at home or a young adult whose school life is uncertain right now. Maybe you are having to go into work every day to keep providing for your family. Maybe you are struggling with taking care of yourself and others. This pandemic has made it even harder for us to not only take care of our family but also ourselves, while also recognizing our feelings of sadness, despair, anxiety, and stress.

All these circumstances can have a toll on us mentally, physically, and emotionally. If we as adults are feeling the pressure, the uncertainty, and the anxiety of the unknown, how do you think our children feel? Here are some tips to help your children through this time and hopefully provide you with some ease and relief as well.

TIPS FOR HELPING OUR YOUTH

It's important to create a positive environment at home for our family. Take

this time to build up your connection and relationship with your family members and encourage them to do the same with others.

Tip #1 – Make a family meal together and do this often. Make sure to be clear about chores or who is responsible for what, so that everyone feels like they have a part in the preparation, cooking, and clean-up of the meal.

Tip #2 – Let everyone in the household have a special day now and then. One way to do this is to have everyone write down their names or nicknames and write what they want to do with the family. Of course, basic guidelines would have to be set or you might just be skydiving with your youngest child! Some examples of what family members might want: having a family movie night and watching one of their favorite movies or going on a family bike ride. It might be fun to let the family set the guidelines, with your guidance of course.

Tip #3 – Schedule and follow through with family calls to out-of-town family or friends. This is especially important with your children and their friends. They might not show it, but it does mean something to them if their parent shows interest in who they talk to. Ask them how their friends are doing and it's even better if you know their names! Encourage them to have regular conversations on the phone with their friends, grandma, grandpa, aunts and uncles, sisters and brothers. Real conversations, with a voice and maybe video, but no texting. Texting does not count.

Tip #4 – Schedule one-on-one time with each of your household members, especially the children. Ask them questions and let them talk and express themselves however they want. Practice your listening skills and sound advice-giving. If you're not sure how to answer a question or give advice, let them know. It's okay to show your vulnerabilities and that you might not have all the answers. But let them know that you will help them and you both will figure it out together.

Tip #5 – Don't forget the "I love you" or "I care about you." Sometimes we don't say these words enough. It's heartfelt when we say these words at moments no one is expecting it. Try looking for those moments and let your family know that you love them very much.

If you notice that you or someone in your family is struggling with isolation, anxiety, depression, stress, or even suicidal thoughts, please reach out and talk to someone. We all need help now and then and NOW is the time that many are reaching out. It's okay. It is perfectly fine to speak up and reach out if something is affecting your mental health.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

Looking for community members and youth to join the Prevention Coalition tasked to reduce youth substance usage, eliminate mental health stigma and start the discussion around suicide and prevention.

Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meetings

Until further notice no meetings are being scheduled. Contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

Upcoming Trainings

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

Please contact Precious Collins at 970-306-8131 or email prcollins@southern-ute-nsn.gov to sign up.

Contact us at Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division 970-563-4581.



Breastfeeding Awareness Walk

Join Shining Mountain Health and Wellness in celebrating Breastfeeding Awareness Month!

Support breastfeeding by participating in our 1st ever virtual walk. Walk 1 mile on your own and send us a photo!

1 mile=1 year

AUGUST 17-21

FOLLOW LOCAL HEALTH RESTRICTIONS

1 MILE WALK ANYWHERE YOU ARE LEGALLY PERMITTED

Send us a photo after your walk

FREE masks to the first 50 to register for event, including gift bag

Contact if you have any questions

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(970)-759-5504

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.



TRIBAL HEALTH

Southern Ute Dental: FAQs

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

The dental clinic is working toward restoring routine dentistry as soon and safely as possible. The community may be interested in what we are doing. Below are some FAQs that will provide answers to some of the most common questions:

Why are private dental practices open around town, but the Southern Ute Dental Clinic is only seeing emergencies?

The ADA has put the responsibility of providing a safe environment on the dental practice, we are responding by making some substantial changes at the dental clinic.

The ADA/CDC recommend enclosing the dental operatories and having a negative pressure room when creating aerosols (using a dental handpiece, air water syringe, and/or cavi-

tron) – a negative pressure room neutralizes and vents air in the dental exam space to the outside environment. The air is perfectly safe once neutralized.

What emergency dental treatment is the dental clinic providing?

Please call the dental clinic if you are having severe dental pain and/or facial swelling. A limited exam with x-ray will be completed and triaged if a true dental emergency. The dental clinic is only doing simple extractions at this time. The dental clinic can refer patients for emergency root canals or surgical extractions to specialists in our area who have their offices safely set up for dental treatment.

Why is dental only doing emergency treatment during COVID?

Keep patient’s pain and infection under control. Decrease the spread of COVID.

Our number one goal is to keep our patients, staff and families safe and healthy.

What is the dental clinic doing so routine dentistry can start back up?

Enclosing all dental rooms (so the aerosol molecules do not leave the room). Changing the dental clinic’s ventilation system in each dental operatory so enough air is changed over in each period of time to keep the air clean and COVID free. Adding HEPA filters to each dental operatory to filter out COVID.

What can patients do during this time?

Continue being a patient with the dental clinic. Understand our goal is to keep all patients and staff as safe and healthy as possible. Be extra good with home care - brush and floss twice a day. If a dental emergency (severe toothache and/or facial swelling) does occur, please call the clinic at 970-563-4719.

TRIBAL HEALTH

A message from your CMO

By Keller, Richard
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

Hello!
My name is Richard Keller and for those of you who don’t know me, I’m a family doctor and have been working at your health center for just over two years. Before this, I practiced for five years at Mercy Family Medicine in Durango and Bayfield. For the last year here, I’ve been splitting time between seeing patients and doing administrative work as your chief medical officer. Though it’s been only a short while, I’d like to share a few things I’ve noticed along the way.

First, we owe many of you an apology. A relationship of trust between provider and patient is the most fundamental piece to the healing relationships we hope to grow at the health center. In years past, that has been almost impossible for many of you to establish due to the large amount of staff turnover. Helping to build and maintain a stable, competent, and dedicated provider team is currently my number


one goal. In addition to myself, many of you have met Nenette McNamara and Stacy Concelman who have been here for four and two years, respectively. They are both excellent nurse practitioners: smart, compassionate, and dedicated. In addition, later this month we welcome Dr. Ryan Duvall and Dr. Erin Nealon as full-time physicians. Both are local and have spent many years practicing in Durango before deciding to join us.


Second, I believe the health center is an excellent place to receive primary care and one I would bring my family to if I had the option. I have never worked in a facility with so many bright, enthusiastic, and hard-working people. Though I have never dreaded going to work, this job is the first I’m excited to drive to in the morning and miss even when I’m on vacation. While being surrounded by so many great people makes work enjoyable, more importantly it enables us all to do a better job paying attention to what matters: you. In addition, having a pharmacy, lab, and x-ray machine

all on-site means we can make sure you get services and prescriptions you need without time wasted with insurance companies and telephone calls.

Lastly, I want to encourage all of you to find and establish a medical relationship with someone you trust. For those of you who already come to the health center, thank you! We understand the huge amount of trust you place in us; I speak for all of us when I say it is a privilege to help take care of you. For those of you who have found a good match elsewhere, that’s also great! But for those of you who don’t have a regular provider, or haven’t been in a long while, please consider making an appointment. Getting preventive care and addressing short and long-term medical conditions is so much easier than dealing with the potential downstream consequences of neglect. That’s all I have for now, if you have a question, concern, or suggestion please feel free to reach out to me at rkeller@southernute-nsn.gov

CORONAVIRUS DISEASE 2019 (COVID-19)



 cdc.gov/coronavirus

Parents, you may have questions about how your child will return to school this fall during the COVID-19 pandemic. A new decision-making tool is available to help keep your family safe and prepare for the upcoming school year. Learn more at <https://bit.ly/3f3Q1EA>.

Colorado Contract Applications

Division of Social Services will not be accepting or processing application for the Colorado contract.

Applications will resume
August 31, 2020

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.

- OPTOMETRY***: Mondays and Wednesdays, 1 – 5 p.m., by appointment only. Call 970-563-2374 for all inquiries.
- DENTAL**: Open from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- HEALTH CENTER**: Open from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m. 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**: 7:30 a.m. – 1 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) by telemedicine or at the outised provider’s location.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

** Recently updated information.*



Recovery Virtual Talking Circle

FREE TO ALL IGNACIO COMMUNITY MEMBERS 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

12-1 PM	TRIGGERS Aug. 20, 2020	<
>	SELF-CARE Aug. 27, 2020	12-1 PM
12-1 PM	GRIEF & LOSS Sept. 3, 2020	<
>	LIFESTYLE BALANCE Sept. 10, 2020	12-1 PM
12-1 PM	GOALS Sept. 17, 2020	<

CONTACT MARVINA OLGUIN FOR ZOOM INFORMATION.

Mission Statement

It is my mission to inspire and empower other sisters and brothers in treatment and help those in recovery live a life of integrity, honesty and resiliency. Knowing that honesty is the foundation of change, if we live our lives one moment at a time and rationalize every thought before it becomes an action, WE WILL CHANGE.

You don't have to do it alone, we can do this together.

-Marvina Olguin | Peer Recovery Coach

HEALTHY MINDS. HEALTHY CHOICES.
HEALTHY NUCHU. SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPT.

TO SIGN UP OR FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT MARVINA OLGUIN, PEER RECOVERY COACH @ 970-563-2359 OR MAROLGUIN@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV



SUIMA PARENTS • FROM PAGE 1

support, SUIMA will contact the Parent/Guardian to develop a plan for academic success, which may include a deviation of the Hybrid Learning model. This may also include scheduled times in which Remote-Learners will come in to take their STAR test. If families find the elected instruction option does not work for the family or the student, please contact SUIMA Administration at 970-563-2711. Also, every 30 days, families will be contacted regarding mental and physical health of students.

Meals will be made available to all students – Remote-Learners as well as On-Campus Learners.

SUIMA will use either Google Classroom or Montessori Records Express to deliver Remote Learning lessons. Academic online programs such as Freckle and Lexia will still be accessed for K-6 graders. A demonstration of these programs will be provided during the scheduled orientation throughout the week of Aug. 24-28. Teachers will cover log-in instructions,

navigation through the program, and answer any questions that may arise. Parents/Guardians may also contact the classroom teacher or SUIMA Administration for questions on the online programs throughout the Hybrid Learning model.

Attendance will be taken daily with both Remote-Learning and On-Campus Learning. SUIMA is currently working to develop a schedule for households with multiple students who have limited number of devices available at the same time. As a friendly reminder, SUIMA students who are also enrolled Southern Ute tribal members can access the Computer Purchase Cost Share program. For more information on the program, please contact Mrs. Ellen Baker at 970-563-0235 or via email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov.

The school advises that you stay informed with accurate information by going to the CDC website at <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html> or CDPHE website at <https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/>

cdphe/2019-novel-coronavirus. Please also follow the Southern Ute Indian Tribe on social media and regularly view the Tribe's websites to observe the most updated tribal information.

Please remember that hand-washing for 20 seconds is our number one defense. Eat right, eat healthy, drink plenty of water, exercise and get plenty of rest. Continue to stay home, practice social distancing, and stay connected with your loved ones, friends, and SUIMA educators.

Additional details will be sent out as SUIMA makes necessary adjustments to the Hybrid-Learning model and to maintain safety and success of SUIMA students and families.

Please take care and best wishes for this upcoming school year! For questions, please contact Mrs. Mari Jo Owens, SUIMA Principal at 970-563-2711 or via email at mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov.

*Warmest Regards,
Mari Jo Owens,
SUIMA Principal*



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Chairman Christine Sage, presented both Melanie Taylor and Dr. Pokorney with a Pendleton blanket with the Southern Ute Tribal Seal and their names, and years of service embroidered on the blanket. pictured right to left, Dr. Kathy Pokorney, Vice-chairman Cheryl Frost, Chairman Christine Sage, and Melanie Taylor.

EDUCATION

Taylor and Pokorney retire from Ignacio School District

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Wednesday, Aug. 5, the Southern Ute Education Department and Southern Ute Tribal Council recognized two retirees from the Ignacio School District, Melanie Taylor and Dr. Kathy Pokorney.

Southern Education Director, LaTitia Taylor, introduced both retirees to Southern Ute Tribal Council, Vice-Chairman Cheryl Frost and Chairman Christine Sage at Ute Park during a small ceremony.

LaTitia Taylor said, "we want to thank you for being there for our children and our children's children. Melanie Taylor has been working for the Ignacio School District since 1986, and Dr. Pokorney since 2001. Together they have 54 years of combined experience within the Ignacio School District.

Chairman Sage first thanked Melanie Taylor, for being there for her children and all the children in the community and wished her well in her retirement.

"I want to thank you for educating our Native children, for that makes my heart feel good," Sage said.

Melanie Taylor thanked Chairman Sage and expressed how it's been her privilege to be in this cul-

ture. "That has taught our kids tolerance," Melanie Taylor said.

Vice-chairman Frost spoke of the level of experience and the commitment Melanie Taylor has brought to the community, "I know a lot of the kids will miss you," Frost said. "You have left a footprint and handprint of yourself in this community, and everyone is better for knowing you," added Frost.

"Miss T" as she's known by her students throughout her 34 years in the Ignacio schools, Melanie Taylor has been a teacher, a varsity volleyball coach, a coach for junior high track, Athletic Director, assistant Principal, and Principal at the Ignacio High School.

"I had plans to travel, since Covid hit, it shut everything down, but I had plans to lobby against sex-trafficking in the schools," Melanie Taylor said. "I want to advocate for the kids on that platform, to be a positive role model to the kids," Melanie Taylor added.

Chairman Sage said Dr. Pokorney has always been compassionate and considerate of the Native students, and wished her well on her retirement with her family and her husband.

Vice-chairman Frost spoke of Dr. Pokorney's

time in the Ignacio School system, "I know you to be passionate, and you truly had found your calling, and wish you well in the next phase of your life," Frost said.

Dr. Pokorney thanked Frost and Sage, "Ignacio has always been a special place to me," Pokorney said.

"I am going to enjoy being retired, we are going to Arizona," Pokorney said. "We have lot of options, and her husband said, 'just give it some time.'" Pokorney added.

Dr. Pokorney served as the Intermediate Principal for 14 years and stepped into the role of acting Superintendent while the District's Superintendent Rocco Fuschetto was out on sick leave.

Chairman Christine Sage, presented both Melanie Taylor and Dr. Pokorney with a Pendleton blanket embroidered with the Southern Ute Tribal Seal, the teacher's names, and years of service.

As the Southern Ute Tribe is under a Stay at Home order and social distancing is still being enforced – family, friends, co-workers and those in attendance viewed the ceremony from their vehicles and honked and cheered as the two retirees were recognized.

In the words of Melanie Taylor, "Every day is a great day to be a Bobcat!"

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT Return to School Snapshot 2020-21

The school plan stresses safety and encourages flexibility through cooperation with staff, parents/guardians, and students. The goal will continue to be high academic growth for students in a safe and supportive environment. Please register online at ignacioschools.org by Aug. 7, 2020. This will enable the schools to plan and schedule students in the safest and most appropriate way possible. Each student will have two options when registering. Please refer to the District Plan for Opening Schools on the website if you need more information or detail.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Ignacio High School: 970-563-0515 Ignacio District Office: 970-563-0500
Ignacio Middle School: 970-563-0600 Website: ignacioschools.org
Ignacio Elementary School: 970-563-0650

JOHNSON-O'MALLEY (JOM) SCHOOL SUPPLY DISTRIBUTION

For both School Districts: Ignacio and Bayfield

**Aug. 20 & 21, 2020 – from 9 a.m. – 3 p.m.
at the Southern Ute Education parking lot**



Approved IMT Procedures to follow due to COVID-19;

(Masks are required for everyone)

- Remain in your vehicle; a staff or Committee member will be taking down names as you park in the Education parking lot.
 - Your name will be called, only one (1) adult will go to the table, fill out survey form.
 - If more than 2 bagged supplies are given, someone will be available to assist to carry.
- To better expedite the procedure, call ahead so your child(ren) bagged supplies will be ready, Ellen Baker at the Education Dept. 970-563-0235

**To add your child(ren) to JOM list, call ahead with the following information:
Student(s) name, Grade level and 5th Grade Ignacio Teacher's name**

Additional info, call Ellen Baker at So. Ute Education Dept. 970-563-0235

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 www.southernute-nsn.gov/education/.

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

PUEBLO COMMUNITY COLLEGE Remote Advising & Enrollment Support

In response to the COVID-19 outbreak, PCC is limiting the number of people on campus by providing college services remotely so students and prospective students can receive assistance from home. Unless otherwise stated, 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon-Fri will be the usual office hours.

Students can use these three contact methods to receive more help and information:

- Virtual Student Services Studio: On-demand support and virtual appointments
- Chat: PCC's Live Chat tool is available Mon-Fri 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Text: 719-549-3200

<https://www.pueblocc.edu/Remote/>

This information is subject to change. Please check the website for updates and additional services.

SELF-CARE FOR KIDS

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COMMUNITY WORK.
THEY FEEL LIKE THEY
BELONG

HELP YOUR CHILD
FOCUS ON THE
CURRENT MOMENT

TALK ABOUT
YOUR OWN
FEELINGS

HELP THEM
ACKNOWLEDGE THEIR
FEELINGS

ENCOURAGE
JOURNALING
DEDICATE SOME ALONE
TIME FOR YOUR CHILD

ESTABLISH
SELF-CARE
ROUTINES



Donations received



photos Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

W.J. “Buck” Richardson Jr., Minority Program Coordinator for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (right) was on site at the Sky Ute Casino Resort delivering donations to the Tribe. The new and used, “Stand Down” gear, comprised of camping equipment and clothing items, provided by the Veterans Affairs: Western Colorado Health Care System out of Colorado Springs.

Tyson Thompson helped to unload the VA donations, working on behalf of the Tribe’s Incident Management Team. The donated gear was originally used by the Dept. of Defense and is made available to those in need. Members of the Veterans Affairs Western Colorado Health Care System were on site helping to administer the COVID-19 viral tests, during the Tribe’s two-day drive-thru testing event.



DAKOTA ACCESS PIPELINE • FROM PAGE 1

and emptied of oil while federal regulators conduct an in-depth analysis determining whether it is safe to operate. Backed by Trump, who expedited completion of the pipeline with a 2017 executive order, DAPL crosses beneath the Missouri River at Lake Oahe just half a mile from the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe reservation in North Dakota, on unceded ancestral lands. An oil spill would poison the Tribe’s drinking water and the drinking water supply for some 17 million people downriver. When Tribes and allies came together in 2016 for a spontaneous gathering to halt pipeline construction, DAPL attracted international attention and sparked an ongoing conversation about Indigenous rights and the federal government’s longstanding pattern of steamrolling ahead with dangerous fossil fuel projects while ignoring Tribal concerns. Visit Earthjustice.org for ongoing updates on the lawsuit against the Dakota Access Pipeline.



Traditionally, Native American people have cared for their children through extended families. It’s common for relatives to care for one another’s children in time of need. Becoming a foster parent is another way to carry on this tradition by keeping tribal history and values alive for future generations.

“Our children are sacred, foster parents change lives, be one!”

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Division of Social Services

For more information call: 970-563-0209 – Lisa Burch, Foster Care Coordinator

Mental Health Is Health Resources

Southern Ute Health Center (Ignacio) 970-563-4581
Southern Ute Division of Social Services (Ignacio) 970-563-2331
24/7 Axis Crisis Line (SW Colorado) 970-247-5245
Colorado Crisis Line (State) 844-493-8255
Man Therapy (National) ManTherapy.org
New Mexico Crisis Line (State) 855-662-7474
The Trevor Project (National) 866-488-7386

Apps:

Unity Wellness Warrior
SAMHSA They Hear You
SAMHSA Suicide Safe

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Southern Ute Division of Social Services

Our Children Are Sacred

TIP SHEET FOR PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS FOR KEEPING FAMILIES STRONG.

1. Nurturing and Attachment– Take time at the end of each day to connect with your children, with a hug, a smile, a song, a few minutes of listening and talking.
2. Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development: Taking a parenting class or explore parenting questions with your family doctor, your child’s teacher, family or friends.
3. Parental Resilience: Surround yourself with people who support you and make you feel good as a parent. Take time to reenergize, do some physical exercise for a health mind. Share your feelings with someone you trust.
4. Social Connections: Engage in traditional ceremonies, bear dance, pow-wows. Get involved with community activities and classes.
5. Concrete Support for Parents: Make a list of people or places to call for support. Dial 2-1-1 to find out about organizations that support families in your area.
6. Social and Emotional Competence of Children: Provide regular routines, especially for young children. Talk with your children about how important feelings are.

MAKING HEALTH CONNECTIONS WITH YOUR FAMILY

Good health starts with eating the right foods and getting plenty of exercise. A healthy lifestyle can help your family in many ways:

1. Less stress, depression, and anxiety
2. Better sleep and more energy.
3. Less sickness, doctor visits, and grumpy family members.

Healthy habits don’t have to take time away from your family. Do it together and make it fun!



SOUTHERN UTE DIVISION OF SOCIAL SERVICES

Angelina Whitehorse
Family Preservation
Therapist
970-563-2335

For all other Inquires
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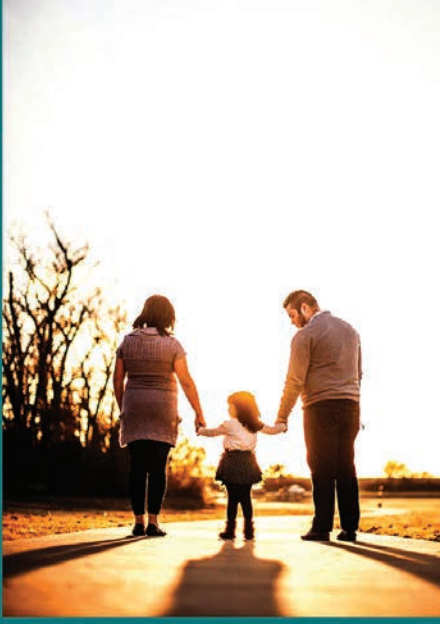
Connected Parenting with Rachel Turiel

How to listen so kids will talk

When our kid says that thing that infuriates us we often focus on how we feel about the statement rather than what our child is trying to communicate with us. We try to fix, teach, or correct, when simply hearing and reflecting what’s important to our kids would serve relationships better. When we cultivate skills of empathy we can meet all behavior and expression—even that which presents as blame—in a way that gets under the words and actions, bringing clarity to what’s really driving our children.

How to talk so kids will listen

Did you know that kids can smell a parent with an agenda a mile away, no matter how you present yourself? If your children tune out when you talk or get suspicious when you begin sharing your perspective, come learn new ways of expressing vulnerably without blame or shame. In this class we’ll learn ways of understanding our inner landscape, and then communicating what’s up for us without judgment, while still delivering our truth. When we can speak truth with care we’re much more likely to be met by our children with willingness to listen and collaborate.



TWO PART ONLINE PARENTING COURSE

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&
Thursday, July 30th 3:00-4:30 PM

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Artisan Skateparks workers begin building forms for the vertical wall that will be a main feature of the skatepark located within the SunUte Park east of the community center.



Workers weld the grinding rails, which will soon see plenty of action, positioned on the rim of the skatepark's large bowl feature.



Working on the bowl, one of the bigger features within the skatepark. The bowl takes shape with rebar and forms being set for the concrete — which will be poured and formed by hand in the next few weeks.

Skatepark takes shape

The skatepark has come a long way since the official groundbreaking back in June. Forms are being built and erected, as well as rebar being set for concrete work to begin in a few weeks. The skatepark is still on schedule for a Thanksgiving completion date in November. Artisan Skateparks out of Kittyhawk, N.C., are sub-contracted under Weeminuche Construction. All crewmembers of Artisan are skateboarders themselves, and are skilled in all areas of the construction of custom skateparks from New Hampshire to Texas, to Barbados and Sweden, and skateparks in-between.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Contact Information

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council Members are working remotely while under the tribal “Stay at Home” Order. While tribal members are unable to stop in to the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building and Tribal Council Affairs, Council is still available for questions via phone and email.

Christine Sage, Chairman 970-563-2320 csage@southernute-nsn.gov	Cheryl A. Frost, Vice Chairman 970-563-2403 cafrost@southernute-nsn.gov
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Wednesday
Friday**
8am – 12 PM

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**PLEASE BE COURTEOUS AND ALLOW THE POST
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AVAILABLE**
AVAILABLE BY EMAIL/VOICEMAIL
**Monday-Friday
8am-5pm**

*TIS is not responsible for the content of distributed information.

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

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COUNCIL CONNECT SCHEDULE

COUNCIL CONNECT HAS BEEN POSTPONED DUE TO COVID-19 & TRIBAL “STAY AT HOME” ORDER

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

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON	FRIDAY MORNING
Tribal Council Updates will be posted to social media platforms.	Chairman Sage will provide updates on KSUT Tribal Radio every Friday at 9:00 A.M.
TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG	



Tribe conducts 2nd mass testing



Southern Ute Councilwoman, Marge Barry, volunteers as a greeter during the testing event on Wednesday, Aug. 12.



Portrait of a health care worker with International MedicalRelief; dozens of volunteers and trained health care professionals made this event possible on the Southern Ute Reservation.



Robin Duffy-Wirth checks in on volunteers throughout the two-day testing event, making sure everyone's needs were met on site.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, in collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment and the Grand Junction Veterans Affairs Health Care System set up in the Sky Ute Casino Resort parking lot for the Tribe's second voluntary Drive-through Viral Testing Event on Wednesday, Aug. 12, and continued the testing through Thursday, Aug. 13. The free COVID-19 testing was open to Southern Ute tribal elders, tribal members, tribal employees and the Ignacio community, all were encouraged to participate.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Samantha Maez, Tribal Information Services, helps volunteers fills out a questioner prior to testing.

How **YOU** can help **STOP** the spread of the COVID-19 Virus

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

STAY HOME

By staying home and removing exposure for yourself and to the public, the virus is denied the ability to spread.

WASH HANDS

The virus can live on surfaces for varying amounts of time. **PROPERLY WASHING HANDS FOR 20 FULL SECONDS WITH SOAP AND WATER** helps to protect you and those around you.

KEEP DISTANCE

Keeping at least a 6 FOOT DISTANCE from all people reduces the risk of transmission.

COVER NOSE AND MOUTH

SURGICAL MASKS TO BE SAVED FOR USE ONLY BY HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS AND THE SICK
If you **MUST** go out, a homemade cloth mask combined with a 6 foot distance can further reduce the risk of transmission to and from you. Ensure you **SAFELY** place and remove the mask and **WASH IMMEDIATELY AFTER EACH USE.**

It is possible to carry and transmit the virus without knowing and without having any symptoms. By consistently engaging in the behaviors above, you will help to prevent the virus from being transmitted to you, as well as preventing the virus from being transmitted from you to other family and community members.

Credit: Raj Chaudhuri



Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Stay at Home Order

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY HOME

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

If you are sick, call ahead to your healthcare provider. Tribal Members & Southern Ute Health Center patients can call the Health Center at 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center is available daily from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by dialing 970.563.0124.

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

COVID-19 Call Center

Hours of Operation
Daily from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
970.563.0214

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY HOME

STAY IN TOUCH

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

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

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Welcome! Wear a mask



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Town of Ignacio hoisted a Mask Advisory banner on each end of main street, Goddard Avenue in Ignacio. Wednesday, Aug. 5. The State of Colorado is still under a mask advisory as mandated by Governor Polis and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is under the same mask advisory, as well as a stay-at-order, until further notice. The Ignacio School district has allowed the opening of all public schools on Aug. 24, and will follow state mandates regarding the wearing of masks and shields. Visit the Ignacio School District website, www.ignacioschools.org



Gary Montoya and Colten Smithson, employees of the town of Ignacio, use a cherry-picker to secure the mask advisory banners. The banners read as follows; "Welcome to Ignacio! Please wear a face covering at all indoor public spaces and practice 6-foot social distancing. These practices help keep our community healthy and businesses safe."

TRANSPORTATION

Today CDOT gets revved up for Sturgis Rally DUI enforcement

73 motorcycle deaths in Colorado in 2020

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

As motorcyclists from across the country make their way to South Dakota for the 80th Annual Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and 86 local law enforcement agencies will be working together on a heightened DUI enforcement period. Starting today and continuing until Aug. 20, law enforcement agencies will take part in The Heat Is On campaign to prevent impaired driving on Colorado roads.

During the 2019 Sturgis Rally DUI enforcement period, 399 impaired motorists were arrested. Regardless of whether Sturgis is the final destination for motorists, CDOT and its partners are using this heightened enforcement to remind drivers and riders to plan before getting behind the wheel – or handlebars.

"Our job is to improve the safety of Colorado's roadways, but we can't do it alone," said Shoshana Lew, CDOT Executive Director. "Especially during the weeks of increased motorcycle traffic surrounding the Sturgis Rally, increased impaired driving enforcement with our partners across the state can help protect all motorists. Please do your part to drive safely."

In 2020, there have been 73 motorcycle-related fatalities on Colorado's roadways, a 10 percent increase from this time last year. The goal of this enforcement period and the overall Heat Is On campaign supports CDOT's Whole System – Whole Safety initiative, creating increased awareness

on the risks of impaired driving and riding.

"Motorcyclists are already at a higher safety risk when they hit the road and riding impaired only increases that risk while also putting other motorists in danger," said Colonel Matthew Packard, CSP chief. "While motorcyclists will be able to celebrate the 80th Annual Sturgis Rally as planned, we encourage anyone who consumes alcohol or marijuana to refrain from riding impaired."

Over the recent Summer Strikeout DUI enforcement period, which ran from July 17-27, 276 impaired motorists were arrested – a decrease from the 490 arrests made during the same period last year. A total of 83 agencies participated in the 10-day enforcement period, with the Colorado Springs Police Department (54 arrests) and the El Paso County Sheriff's Office (37 arrests) recording the highest number of arrests. CSP recorded 24 arrests. Results for all law enforcement agencies across the state can be found at <https://www.codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal>.

As part of this year's The Heat Is On campaign, CDOT has partnered again with BACtrack, a leading personal and professional breathalyzer company, to urge Coloradans to check their blood-alcohol content (BAC) to confirm they are sober before they drive. Through the partner-

ship, BACtrack Mobile Pro, Trace Pro, C8, and C6 breathalyzers will be offered at a 50 percent discount for Colorado residents until Sept. 15, or while supplies last. Residents can visit codot.bactrack.com to place an order. For more information about previous CDOT and BACtrack breathalyzer campaigns, visit heatisoncolorado.com.

More than 1,000 Colorado residents have purchased BACtrack breathalyzers since the 50 percent discount became available in early-July. Last year, more than 1,400 Coloradans purchased breathalyzers through the entire campaign from July-October. Coloradans can visit codot.bactrack.com to place an order. For more information about previous CDOT and BACtrack breathalyzer campaigns, visit heatisoncolorado.com.

This summer, Coloradans can expect to see CDOT's latest DUI prevention campaign, Take Some Time, across the state on billboards, buildings, social media, and in liquor stores. The campaign aims to educate and raise awareness of the time it takes for a person's BAC to return to zero after consuming alcohol.

For more information on CDOT's efforts this summer, including impaired driving enforcement plans, arrest totals and safety tips, visit <https://www.codot.gov/safety>.



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Stay up to date about COVID-19 and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe

For up-to-date COVID-19 information from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, visit the Tribe's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov or the tribe's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/southernute

2020 Census

Virtual Town Hall

**Wednesday, August 26, 2020
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.**

**Web-Ex Event Registration Link:
<http://bit.ly/33PXfW>**

This event is open to the public, no password is required.



How to Safely Wear and Take Off a Cloth Face Covering

Accessible: <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/diy-cloth-face-coverings.html>

WEAR YOUR FACE COVERING CORRECTLY

- Wash your hands before putting on your face covering
- Put it over your nose and mouth and secure it under your chin
- Try to fit it snugly against the sides of your face
- Make sure you can breathe easily
- Do not place a mask on a child younger than 2



USE THE FACE COVERING TO HELP PROTECT OTHERS

- Wear a face covering to help protect others in case you're infected but don't have symptoms
- Keep the covering on your face the entire time you're in public
- Don't put the covering around your neck or up on your forehead
- Don't touch the face covering, and, if you do, clean your hands



FOLLOW EVERYDAY HEALTH HABITS

- Stay at least 6 feet away from others
- Avoid contact with people who are sick
- Wash your hands often, with soap and water, for at least 20 seconds each time
- Use hand sanitizer if soap and water are not available



TAKE OFF YOUR CLOTH FACE COVERING CAREFULLY, WHEN YOU'RE HOME

- Untie the strings behind your head or stretch the ear loops
- Handle only by the ear loops or ties
- Fold outside corners together
- Place covering in the washing machine
- Wash your hands with soap and water



Cloth face coverings are not surgical masks or N-95 respirators, both of which should be saved for health care workers and other medical first responders.

For instructions on making a cloth face covering, see:

[cdc.gov/coronavirus](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus)



TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 "TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19" CHALLENGE

Effective Friday, July 17, 2020 at 11:59 p.m., the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will require the use of face coverings indoors at all times and outdoors when social distancing measures are not possible. The tribal "Stay at Home" Order remains in effect until further notice. Together, we can fight COVID-19 and keep our community and future safe!

WE WANT TO SHARE YOUR PHOTOS!

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



SOUTHERN UTE COVID-19 CALL CENTER - 970.563.0214, MONDAY THRU FRIDAY 8:00 A.M. UNTIL 5:00 P.M.

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CDOT TO BREAK GROUND • FROM PAGE 1

and highways.)

- Approximately 800,000 cubic yards of the excavated material will be reused for road-base material.
- Due to the proposed design, the amount of material to be excavated during this project has been reduced by 1 million cubic yards (from CDOT's conceptual design.)
- Construct a two-lane roundabout connecting to the existing interchange bridge over US 160.
- Construct an 800-foot long, 20-foot high soil-nail retaining wall adjacent to what will be the new US 550 northbound alignment.
- Construct the new four-lane alignment between CR 220 and the existing interchange bridge over US 160.
- Construct up to 32 small mammal crossings (Four-foot diameter average) under US 550.
- Construct two large mammal crossings (32-feet wide by 14-feet tall) under what will become the new US 550 alignment south of CR 220.
- Will greatly reduce the incidence of animal-vehicle collisions, which have accounted for 56 percent of all crashes on this three-mile stretch in the past five years.
- One of the animal underpasses, constructed one-half mile south of CR 220, will be used by construction haul trucks to access work sites along US 550, resulting in limited impacts to highway traffic.
- Construct 3.3 miles of US 550 south of CR 220, resulting in a divided four-lane highway.
- This segment will connect the new alignment north of CR 220 with the existing four-lane section at CR 302.
- Includes acceleration/deceleration lanes and a reconstructed intersection with CR 220 to increase highway safety.
- Greatly reduces travel impacts through construction phasing: the two new northbound lanes will be constructed first, to the east of the existing US 550 alignment; then, two-way traffic will be shifted onto the new northbound lanes while construction continues on the southbound lanes.
- Construct new access roads and/or driveways – all with deer guards – into residences and businesses.
- Construct approximately 8 miles (4 miles on each side US 550) of 8-foot-tall wildlife fencing, including wildlife escape ramps (earthen ramps constructed within a cut in the fencing that allow large animals to exit the highway right of way).
- Remove and revegetate the old US 550 alignment down Farmington Hill.

By realigning US 550 to connect with the US 160 interchange in Grandview, the project will greatly enhance safety for passenger and commercial vehicles, as well as cyclists. The new connection will eliminate the steep, curved grade of the current US 550. This realignment will greatly improve safety by creating a full-service, continuous-flow interchange that eliminates signalization and at-grade intersections (including that at the base of Farmington Hill) where crashes can occur. Safety will also be improved through the widening of US 550 to four lanes, with widened shoulders and auxiliary lanes for safer merges onto and off of the highway. Finally, the project will increase safety through wildlife underpass crossings and deer fencing, which will reduce animal-vehicle collisions.

Lawrence Construction is a family-owned and operated Colorado construction company with a 96-year history of building highway and infrastructure projects across the state. Lawrence's history working on design-build projects makes them uniquely qualified to complete the US 550-US 160 Connection South. As a local, Colorado contractor, Lawrence is fully vested in ensuring this project is built at the highest quality for generations of Durango residents and visitors.

TRAVEL IMPACTS

A construction access road will be built first (on the future new highway alignment), enabling crews, equipment and haul trucks to enter and exit the work site. This access road will limit traffic impacts and interruptions for motorists on US 550 and CR 220. The access road will also allow crews to reach and begin building the first of two new highway bridge structures necessary to span over deep gulches. The site to the second bridge is expected to be pioneered in October from the north, at the high bridge which currently exists over US 160 at Grandview.

Initially, work hours will be from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., Monday through Saturday (most weeks). Travelers may be stopped briefly, as necessary, to accommodate construction equipment, directed by flaggers through single-lane, alternating traffic on US 550 or CR 220.

PROJECT CONTACT INFORMATION

Community/Travelers Encouraged To Sign Up For Weekly Project Updates Via Website

- Project phone line: 970-880-2800
- Project email: us550.us160connectionsouth@gmail.com
- Project web site (visit to sign up for construction progress updates): www.codot.gov/projects/us550-us160-connectionsouth

For general travel impact updates for this and other CDOT projects: www.COTrip.org

TRANSPORTATION

Drivers urged to watch for mowing operations across the region

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The Colorado Department of Transportation is urging motorists to watch out for the crews performing the perennial task of mowing. For much of the summer and into the coming fall maintenance crews will be working on the sides of highways with large mowing equipment to manage the vegetation along the rights-of-way of highways.

This week and into the coming weeks, Durango maintenance patrols will be working on US Highway 550 south of Durango and on other US and state highways in southwest and south-central Colorado.

"US 550 is a very busy highway corridor, with heavy volumes of traffic traveling to and from New Mexico," said CDOT Maintenance Foreman, Philip Bergt. "Motorists need to be alert to the activity of our maintenance crews and their heavy equipment. Please slow down when you see work crews on the sides of the highway."

Mowing operations help to maintain a safe driving environment on rural highways. Mowing ensures roads signs are visible and clear of vegetation, controls noxious weeds, and reduces fire hazards.

"Clean shoulders help maintain clear sight distances for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians. A mowed shoulder also helps motorists to see potential wildlife movements across the highway," added Bergt.



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LAKE CAPOTE & SCOTT'S POND REMAIN CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

Both venues are open to enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and their immediate family. When visiting Lake Capote, all visitors must check-in at the bait shop window for permitting.

Please continue to practice social distancing and maintain a 6 foot distance from others when visiting both Lake Capote and Scott's Pond.

Lake Capote Modified Schedule Until Further Notice
Thursday through Sunday
Bait Shop Service Hours: Sunrise to Sunset

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS, PLEASE CALL THE LAKE MANAGER AT 970.893.2273 OR THE SOUTHERN UTE WILDLIFE DIVISION AT 970.563.0130

ALL TRIBAL PLAYGROUNDS & PARKS REMAIN CLOSED

To prevent the spread of COVID-19 and for the health & safety of the tribal membership, by authority of the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council, all playgrounds and parks will remain closed. Playground and park equipment use is strictly prohibited. Tribal Members are allowed to engage in exercises such as walking. Groups larger than 5 are prohibited in all areas. Lake Capote and Scott's Pond are closed to the public, but open to the membership.

Violation of this notice may result in citation for trespassing. Southern Ute Criminal Code Title 5: 5-2-104 Trespassing penalty of \$150.00 fine and/or up to 30 days in jail.

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

DIVISION OF WILDLIFE

Big Game Hunting Season

Big Game permits will be available beginning Monday, August 17th, 2020. Please call (970) 563-0130 to make arrangements for pick-up. Due to Covid-19 we are also encouraging tribal members to have them mailed, if possible.

Big Game Season Dates:

SUIT Reservation	
Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey	
Early Archery	Aug. 29 – Sept. 11
General	Sept. 12 – Dec. 31
Brunot Area	
Deer, Elk & Fall Turkey	
	Sept. 2nd – Nov. 22nd

did you know?!

Elk ivories are remnants of tusks that have evolved over time.

Source: <http://ftp.mt.gov/mtoutdoors/HTML/articles/2012/ivories.htm>

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.



IGNACIO SPORTS

CHSAA sets football, volleyball target dates

IHS' primary fall sports benched until '21

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Four seasons exist in a normal calendar year. Three, however, normally cycle through each Colorado High School Activities Association year ... until this year.

Due to the ongoing worldwide COVID-19 pandemic, CHSAA recently decided at long last to allow Fall 2020 sports to proceed – even if several will temporarily become springtime spectacles.

Postponed until Spring '21 and possibly creating predicaments regarding athlete availability for one sport versus another, Ignacio High's Season 'A' sports of football and girls' volleyball will eventually begin play in late-February to early-March during Season 'C,' with alterations being made to each activity's appearance.

With first practices now set to commence Feb. 22 and first games allowed to begin March 4, prep football statewide – the Bobcats included – will now play a seven-game regular-season schedule, with only eight per classification advancing to the postseason (and determined/seeded according to CHSAA Seeding Index factors such as MaxPreps ranking, CHSAANow.com Coaches' Poll ranking, and



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen enjoying a joke following a preseason 2018 practice, now-senior Lawrence Toledo and the rest of the 2020 Bobcat Football warriors will have to wait until Spring 2021 before resuming official practices prior to the coronavirus-postponed season.

RPI standing).

Class 1A 8-man, 1A 11-man – including Ignacio, part of the Southern Peaks Conference – and 2A crews will play their regularly-scheduled Week 4-10 contests, which would seemingly mean that in most cases non-conference games against out-of-state and/or geographically-distant in-state foes won't be slated.

Girls' Volleyball, meanwhile, will begin practices March 1 with competition also allowed to begin on the 4th. Teams' seasons will be shortened to a maximum of 16 regular-season dates, with a minimum of 12 (coincidentally, the exact number of Ignacio's matches against 2A/1A San Juan Basin League opponents in '19) required for postseason

qualification unless a waiver for COVID-19 reasons is obtained from the CHSAA Volleyball Committee.

Whether varsity, JV or C-team, all rosters will be capped at 12 players per level for both regular- and postseason play.

The season length itself will be shortened from 14 weeks (through the State Championships) to just ten (State included), with all postseason regionals reduced to 24 teams per classification. League champions will still be guaranteed entrance and the remaining teams will be determined by RPI standing.

Only the eight regional champs per classification will then qualify for State

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BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

IHS harriers get green light from CHSAA

Cross-country a 'go,' boys now in tow

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

With just one final right-hand turn approaching, D'Vondra Garcia's stride lengthened and – most importantly – smile widened as she neared the end of Dolores High's inaugural Bogg Draw Bear Chase last August.

"I didn't want to finish; I'd wanted to stop," she recalled Monday evening, Aug. 10, noting the jaunt was her very first athletic foray. "But I was like, 'If I stop, I'm not going to get anywhere.' You know? So I just pushed myself."

"I'd never done sports before, never ran, so I didn't know what to expect," she continued. "It was hard, and I was excited to see the finish line – then see that I'd finished!"

Her first attempt at cross-country, and she caught on. She fell in love with it," Ignacio head coach Daniel Holley had said, at the Lady Bobcats' end-of-season banquet while presenting Garcia with her initial athletic letter and XC-specific pin.

"It's a huge accomplishment, something that she put a lot of time and effort into," he stated. "D'Vondra came in, I think ... after her first race, and just hung her head like, 'Coach, I just don't know.' And by the end of season – before she got injured – she had taken about ten minutes off that time for a PR of 30 minutes, 58 seconds for a 5K." Unluckily set to begin the



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Seen running out in Colorado Springs during the 2019 CHSAA State Cross-Country Championships' Class 2A Girls' grand finale, now-senior Charlyze Valdez should be one of the Lady Bobcats' top returnees in 2020.

coronavirus-altered 2020 season recovering from an expected 8/12 surgery on her left foot, the now-junior popularly dubbed 'Diggy' may not be available when IHS' harriers take the starter's horn at the upcoming BDBC the evening of Aug. 21.

"Dolores wasn't really a hard course If I went back I feel like I could do a lot better," she said of the forested route. "And I was supposed to have surgery a while ago, but because of COVID it got pushed back." And if there's one thing

cross-country has taught Garcia, it's to remain goal-oriented – particularly now with an expected influx of teammates reportedly ready for the campaign's first practice.

"Not going to sugar-coat it: It's not easy at all," she said. "But ... keep reaching for goals you want; last year Holley had us run three miles without trying to stop, and I was surprised I actually did it! If you set your mind to it, you can do it."

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COLORADO SPORTS

CHSAA announces 2020-21 athletics and activities calendar

Staff report
COLO. HIGH SCHOOL
ACTIVITIES ASSOCIATION

The Colorado High School Activities Association has announced its 2020-2021 interscholastic athletics and activities calendar, following months of collaboration with Gov. Jared Polis, the CHSAA Resocialization Task Force, the Sports Medicine Advisory Committee, the state's COVID-19 Response team, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment, and the CHSAA Board of Directors and administrative staff.

"The health and safety of our student participants, coaches, officials and essential personnel, including volunteers is a primary concern for the return of interscholastic athletics and activities," said CHSAA Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green. "We are very grateful for the state, health and educational leaders for their shared commitment of a return to these highly beneficial education programs when it is deemed safe for all school communities."

Note that the resumption of all activities and athletics are subject to change based upon any changes to national, state or local guidelines.

The 2020-21 season will be played with a modified sport schedule due to the on-going global pandemic, creating four separate sports seasons during the school year.

Following a phone call with Gov. Jared Polis on

Tuesday, Blanford-Green and CHSAA received a final response on the plan it submitted to the state's COVID response team. This includes the clearance for cross country to begin this fall.

Due to the restrictive nature of the current state guidelines, and the ability to follow Colorado Department of Education requirements, all contact sports have been moved to a season which will commence later in the calendar, and allow for playoffs and culminating events without creating new conflicts.

"We would like to thank our member schools and our school communities for their patience as we worked through the many challenges to get to where we are today," Blanford-Green said.

The modified calendar splits sports into four seasons, concluding in late June: A, B, C and D. Dates and plans for non-athletic activities continue to be formulated.

Each season is approximately seven weeks from start to finish. Sports will have their regular season competition limits reduced. The postseason for each sport will also be shortened, including the number of state qualifiers.

The following 2020 fall sports will begin as originally scheduled: boys golf began practice on Aug. 3, softball and boys tennis is set to begin on Aug. 10, and cross country on Aug. 12. According to the modified calendar, this is Season A.

The remaining tradi-

tional fall sports are unable to be played under current state health guidelines. These sports are field hockey, football, gymnastics, boys soccer, spirit, unified bowling and girls volleyball.

The sports played this fall will all be concluded by October 17.

In anticipation of data from the state which shows a likely resurgence of COVID-19 cases in late fall, there will be a participation moratorium from Oct. 18, 2020 to Jan. 3, 2021.

Sports in Season B will begin on Jan. 4, conclude by March 6. These sports include: basketball, ice hockey, skiing, spirit, girls swimming and wrestling.

Season C, which begins on March 1 and concludes with championships by May 1, includes the following sports: field hockey, football, gymnastics, boy's soccer, unified bowling and girl's volleyball.

"I am very happy we will be having a season," said Sterling volleyball coach Lisa Schumacher. "Even though it will be delayed, we will look forward to our season in the spring."

Due to the specific equipment and safety rules around football, that sport will begin practice on Feb. 22, and conclude on May 8.

"I like that the creation of the seasons doesn't disrupt any of the traditional season, no create new conflicts between sports," said West Grand football coach Chris Brown, the state's all-time winningest football coach.

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CHSAA 2020-21 ACTIVITIES CALENDAR Colorado High School Sports/Activities

The resumption of all activities and athletics are subject to change based upon any changes to national, state or local guidelines related to COVID-19. Sport-specific details will be communicated by Thursday, Aug. 6.

SEASON SPORT	FIRST PRACTICE	CHAMPIONSHIP COMPETITION	MAX (TENTATIVE)	CONTESTS
SEASON A:				
Cross Country	8/12	8/15	10/17	7
Boys Golf	8/3	8/6	10/5 & 10/6	198 holes
Boys Tennis	8/10	8/13	9/25-9/26	See bulletin
Softball	8/10	8/13	10/10	16
SEASON B:				
Basketball	1/4	1/7	3/6	16 (4A/5A)
3 (1A-3A)				
Ice Hockey	1/4	1/7	TBD	13
Skiing	1/4	1/7	2/26	See bulletin
Competitive Spirit	1/4	1/7	TBD	N/A
Sideline Spirit	1/4	N/A	N/A	N/A
Girls Swimming	1/4	1/7	TBD	7 + league
Wrestling	1/4	1/7	3/6	7 duals + 7 days
SEASON C:				
Field Hockey	3/1	3/4	TBD	10
Football	2/22	3/4	5/8	7
Gymnastics	3/1	3/4	TBD	8
Boys Soccer	3/1	3/4	TBD	10
Unified Bowling	3/1	3/4	TBD	6
Girls Volleyball	3/1	3/4	5/1	16
SEASON D:				
Baseball	4/26	4/29	6/26	16 (2A-5A);
13 (1A)				
Girls Golf	4/26	4/29	TBD	198 holes
Boys Lacrosse	4/26	4/29	TBD	10
Girls Lacrosse	4/26	4/29	6/23	10
Girls Soccer	4/26	4/29	TBD	10
Boys Swimming	4/26	4/29	TBD	7 + league
Girls Tennis	4/26	4/29	6/11-12	See bulletin
Track and Field	4/26	4/29	TBD	8
Boys Volleyball	4/26	4/29	6/19	16
ACTIVITIES:				
Student Leadership	Following a typical schedule.			
Music	Following a typical schedule.			
Speech – Festival	10/1			1/30
Speech – Tournament	11/1			3/20



Sharing the harvest



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Misty Wilson assists Southern Ute tribal elder Phillip Martinez pack his string beans and squash from the Ute Mountain Ute Farm and Ranch, Monday, Aug. 10 in the Southern Ute Agriculture Building. Produce from the UMU Farm and Ranch deliveries can be picked every Friday in August at the Southern Ute Agriculture Building at 655 CR 517 in Ignacio. The Southern Ute Tribe is still under a mask advisory and social distancing is required when picking up your produce.

The beans and squash are picked up by the Southern Ute Agriculture Division crewmembers and delivered back to Ignacio for distribution, in keeping with Covid-19 safety protocol. Pumpkins and corn will be delivered in the upcoming months.



INDIAN COUNTRY

Native American casino owners reflect on COVID crisis and share strategies for reopening

Staff report
SEATTLE ENTERTAINMENT GROUP

Troy Wyatt, founder of Seattle Entertainment Group, recently conducted a survey to understand how Native American casino owners are handling reopening during COVID-19. Troy contacted over 457 tribal chairmen-women and over 230 CEOs from native-owned casinos nationwide and compiled the most compelling results of his Native casino COVID-19 survey on his website. Below are some highlights:

- 6% of native-owned casinos are still closed
- 92% of casinos say they have the procedures in place to reopen safely
- 97% of casino owners surveyed said that the \$8 billion in COVID relief funds is not enough

to mitigate the economic impact caused by the crisis

- 3% of casinos are confident they can resume normal operations by the end of the year

On a normal day pre-COVID, there is a shortage of safe drinking water, healthy food, power, stores, and housing in remote tribal reservations. During COVID, those kinds of problems are amplified and cause a ripple effect. That very ripple could lead to a mass dissolution of the tribal governments who are in charge of governing their tribal-state(s).

“It’s uncomfortable admitting your struggles, and failures or frailty to another person. I was honored to hear the empowered voices from tribal leadership across Indian Country and I’ll never forget what

they’ve told me during the survey,” says Wyatt. Troy has heard stories his whole life from family and elders, but these stories were different according to Mr. Wyatt.

“When we share our stories, we have the powerful ability to inspire, motivate, and be challenged. It’s reassuring to see more and more tribes working together to share stories, product pricing, and collective ideas” proclaimed Mr. Wyatt. Meanwhile, casino CEOs and tribal leadership, admit they have been working overtime and then some.

One thing is clear, casinos and tribal governments are all doing their absolute best to maintain a safe balance within their communities. The casino reopening strategies vary slightly from tribe to tribe, and sadly, not one solution fits all scenarios 100 percent of the time” stated Troy.



UMU Farm & Ranch Produce Delivery

For enrolled Ute Mountain Ute & Southern Ute tribal members



Pickup every Friday in August

- >>< 8:00 - 10:00 a.m. UMU Membership
- >>< 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. SU Membership



UMU Farm & Ranch will deliver green beans and yellow crooked squash to UMU tribal members who reside on the Southern Ute Reservation from 8:00 - 10:00 a.m., remaining produce will be available to Southern Ute tribal members from 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Produce can be picked up at the Southern Ute Ag Division building at 655 CR 517, Ignacio, CO - 970.563.0220

COVID-19 Safety precautions will be in place. Masks are required, please do not exit your vehicle, call upon your arrival by dialing 970.563.0220.

Southern Ute & Ute Mountain Ute tribal members can assist with community picking at UMU Farm & Ranch Tuesday through Friday from 8:00 - 11:00 a.m. Pickers will be allowed to take a limited amount of produce home. Interested individuals should contact Mr. Eric Whyte at 970.560.7241 to arrange participation. COVID safety precautions are in place.

TEMPORARY CLOSURE UPDATE

Sky Ute Casino Resort remains temporarily closed in response to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are planning our reopening with an abundance of caution and look forward to welcoming guests back as soon as it is safe.

We look forward to greeting you all again soon.

Updated Tero Lawn Service Hours

The TERO Division started lawn maintenance services for Tribal Elders. Lawn Service will have 2 workers, Office Support will have 1 worker.

TERO Office Number: 970-563-2291

The modified hours for TERO Lawn Maintenance Service will be:

Mon. – Fri., 7 a.m. – 12 p.m. (noon)

The modified hours for the TERO Office will be:

Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. – 12 p.m., (noon)

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM TO RESUME PRINTING NEWSPAPER

Due to COVID-19, the print edition of the newspaper was temporarily suspended due to closures and circumstances surrounding public safety, and the welfare of our staff.

The Southern Ute Incident Management Team has approved The Southern Ute Drum to print the newspaper, look for the Aug. 28 issue in your mailbox!

Please contact jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov to update your mailing address.

The Southern Ute Drum will continue to 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!

The newspaper will continue to be published electronically, and is available as an e-Edition PDF at www.sudrum.com/eEditions/

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
PO Box 737 #18, 149 CR 517, Ignacio, CO • 970-563-0240

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Victor C. Monte, Deceased
Case No.: 2020-0096-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **AUGUST 31, 2020 at 2:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 7th of August, 2020
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-0081-CV-PR
Leona Pinnecoose, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 at 4:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 27th of July, 2020.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2020-0080-CV-PR
Jeremy John Cuthair, Deceased

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **SEPTEMBER 8, 2020 at 3:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 23rd of July, 2020.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

Drum Deadline

Next issue
Aug. 28

Deadline
Aug. 24

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

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Election Board vacancy

Closing 8/28/20 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Full-Time Regular Board Member. The closing date is Friday, August 28, 2020 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and Shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your Letter of intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe - Election Board, P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO, 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin Street. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-2303 or 2305 or via email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION TRIBAL CHAIRMAN AND TWO (2) COUNCIL MEMBER SEATS

The Election Board has determined these are the dates
for the upcoming 2020 General Election according to
the Constitution and Election Code.

GENERAL ELECTION –

Friday, November 06, 2020 – 7:00 A.M. – 7:00 P.M.

GENERAL ELECTION RESIDENCY DEADLINE –

Saturday, August 08, 2020

STATEMENT OF INTENTION DEADLINE –

Monday, September 07, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

ELECTION BOARD DECISION REGARDING ELIGIBILITY DEADLINE –

Tuesday, September 22, 2020

NOTICE OF ELECTION –

Wednesday, October 07, 2020

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE –

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE –

Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT DEADLINE –

Thursday, November 05, 2020 by 5:00 P.M.

THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD

AT 285 LAKIN STREET, IGNACIO, CO

Contact the Election Board at

(970) 563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305

Off-Reservation Tribal members phone

1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

Email is election@southernute-nsn.gov

NOTICE OF DRAFT

Title V Operating Permit And Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given that four Title V operating permit renewal applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program for the following sources of air pollution:

• **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**

Facility: Arkansas Loop and Simpson Treating Plants. Section 1, T32N R9W, 9.3 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production field facility

• **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**

Facility: Jaques Compressor Station. Section 26, T33N R8W, 4.1 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas production and compression facility

• **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**

Facility: Sambrito Compressor Station. Section 3, T32N R6W, 9.1 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a natural gas compression facility

• **Applicant: Red Willow Production Co.**

Facility: Jaques Compressor Station. Section 26, T33N R8W, 4.1 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colo. This source is a produced water gathering and injection facility

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/public-comments/>, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov. Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (July 17, 2020).

Notice: Southen Ute Construction Services Work Station Hours

Construction Services staff will be monitoring phones
from office work stations.

- Mondays – Danny Abeyta: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Tuesdays – Polly Blankenship: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Wednesdays – Walter Reynolds: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Thursdays – Tanya Vigil: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.
- Fridays – Polly Blankenship: 8 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Staff will adhere to the Safe Distance Policy, when working in a tribal member home they will wear PPE and ask the tribal member to stay in another room and away from the work area. Emergency cases will take priority when assessing the request. If you have any questions, call Danny Abeyta, Construction Services Division Head at 970-563-0260.

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS Southern Ute Agency

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. Have any questions or concerns?

Contact the 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: 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 Tribal Members Needed For Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancies

The Tribe is seeking enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members to fill TWO seats on the Tribal Member Wildlife Advisory Board. The 8-member Board works closely with the Wildlife Division on planning and recommending actions related to tribal hunting and fishing programs. Board members not already employed by the Tribe receive \$20 per hour of meeting attendance. Meetings are held roughly on a quarterly basis throughout the year, and a commitment to attend and participate in all meetings is expected. Interested Tribal Members must submit a brief letter of interest that includes a description of the applicant's knowledge and experience with wildlife, hunting, or fishing, on and off of the Southern Ute Reservation. In addition, as a condition of appointment to the Board, applicants must submit a standard job application through the Tribe's Human Resources Department, as well as agree to a State of Colorado background check. Please submit letters to the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at P.O. Box 737, Ignacio CO 81137. For more information, please contact the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130. Letters of interest will be accepted through Friday, August 14, 2020.

SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD

OFFICE HOURS FOR JULY

MONDAYS, WEDNESDAYS, and FRIDAYS

1:00 P.M.—5:00 P.M.

NORMAL BUSINESS HOURS WILL RESUME IN AUGUST

Due to COVID-19 the Election Board Office is limiting office personnel contact. We are asking that you please call **970-563-2303** or **970-563-2305** ahead of time should you need any of the following:

STATEMENT OF INTENTION PACKET

ABSENTEE BALLOT

NEW VOTER RESGISTRATION

Upon arrival please call the office and we will bring out your requested document. For the safety of all, we will wear gloves and a mask when we bring the document out to you. We kindly ask that you wear a mask as well. The Election Board appreciates your understanding in our efforts to keep everyone safe.

Please continue to be safe and healthy.

Southern Ute Election Board

P.O. Box 737, MS #32 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO 81137

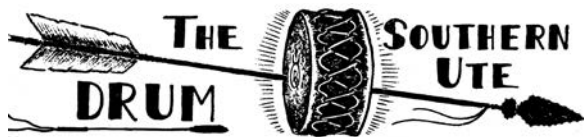
EMAIL: election@southernute-nsn.gov

House for sale by owner

3500 sq. ft., 4 bedrooms, 3 bath, 2 car garage and out-building on 8.82 acres of assigned land 970-317-1029.

FLC TRIO Talent Search Programs

The Fort Lewis College TRIO Talent Search Programs is seeking applicants for the following position: **Academic Advisor for Ignacio and Pagosa Springs Schools**. For detailed job information including minimum qualifications, preferred qualifications, required competencies, conditions of employment, and the online application process, please visit www.fortlewis.edu/jobs and go to the Employment Opportunities page, then click on Administrative Professional, then the appropriate job link. Fort Lewis College is an AA/EEO employer.



Visit the Drum online at www.sudrum.com
eEditions at www.sudrum.com/eEditions



Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Chief Financial Officer – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 8/17/20 – Directing the day-to-day financial activities of RWPC, including the financial, administrative, and risk management operations of the company. Oversees financial reporting, budgeting, and audits. Works closely with the RWPC Financial Manager and Controller to provide accurate financial records and to advise management on financial and budgeting issues. Works with Red Willow staff, partners, Growth Fund Directors, financial institutions, and government agencies to ensure that projects have maximum value to Red Willow in line with corporate strategies. Oversees the management of product sales and transportation and treating contracts; works with Growth Fund staff and others to manage financing and tax issues; works with executive management to provide strategic objectives. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's Degree in Accounting, Finance, Business, or relevant discipline is required. Must have fifteen years work experience in oil and gas specific accounting, finance, marketing, planning, and oil and gas opportunity evaluation. Upstream sector experience strongly preferred. Must have ten years senior management work experience in the oil and gas industry with a company having greater than \$500 million in book asset value during tenure with company. Upstream sector experience strongly preferred. Must have ten years supervisory experience. Must have a working knowledge of generally accepted accounting principles, internal controls, financial and management reporting as well as commodity hedging. Must have experience with evaluating upstream energy project economics. Must have working knowledge of joint venture partnerships and associated joint interest billing, revenue accounting, and royalty payments. Must have proven ability dealing with capital providers, lending institutions, and other financial issues concerning project funding for oil and gas companies. Must have experience working with senior management in strategic planning. Must have strong computer-based data management and analysis skills. Must be willing to assist others, learn new skills, and participate in a productive team-oriented environment. Must have valid driver's license for state of residency and be insurable under Red Willow's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test.

Assistant Controller – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 8/21/20 – Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow's accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required. Supervises the joint interest billing function in the accounting department. Minimum Qualifications: Bachelor's degree in Accounting, Finance or similar discipline plus seven years relevant full-time work experience in the oil and gas industry including progressively responsible and varied assignments and five years in accounting. Must have experience with basic accounting tasks including processing of accounts payable and accounts receivable, management of AFEs, reconciliation of general ledger accounts, bank reconciliation and cash management, development of financial statements, and management and regulatory reporting. Must have basic understanding of oil and gas industry business concepts and processes, including, but not limited to: joint interest owner accounting, royalty payments, depreciation and depletion methods, asset impairments and asset retirement obligations. Must have five years of experience in a leadership role including project leadership or training and mentoring junior staff. Must have demonstrated strong attention to detail and accuracy in the workplace. Must have demonstrated ability to reconcile issues and solve problems in accounting or finance data records and computations. Must have proven ability to work with others in a team oriented environment to develop processes and solve problems. Must have solid computer experience including strong working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Must have valid drivers' license and be insurable under RWPC's vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Hay For Sale to Tribal Members

The Southern Ute Tribe's Agriculture Division recently harvested the second cutting of hay that is being produced on a parcel of Tribal land managed by the Agriculture Division. This hay for sale to Tribal members only.
The hay is about 50% alfalfa mixed with grass. This is the second cutting for 2020 and is in large square bales weighing approximately 1250 pounds each.

The price is \$125 per bale.

There is an initial limit of 8 large bales per customer. The limit will be removed if second cutting hay has not been sold by Sept. 1. Delivery is available to locations within a 15-mile radius of Ignacio. This hay is available to Tribal members only and on a first come first served basis.

Contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE TRIBAL COURT

Notice: The Southern Ute Tribal Court will begin accepting credit card payments

- **For online payments for Criminal/Traffic cases only:** At *Citepayusa.com* Processing fee may apply.
- **At the Tribal Court window or by phone for all cases:** All major credit cards and debit cards will be accepted. Processing fee may apply.
- **By mail for all cases:** Money order or cashier's check made payable to: Restitution Party* or Southern Ute Tribal Court*
P.O. Box 737 #18, Ignacio, CO 81137

If you have any questions about these new procedures, need assistance with online payments, or if you would like to set up a payment plan, please feel free to call the Court at 970-563-0240.

**Victim Restitution are made payable by Money Order to the victim, should be noted with case and name of the victim.*

**Fine, Fee and Public Defender are made payable to Southern Ute Tribal Court*

Notice: The Southern Ute Tribal Court will begin accepting email filing

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.

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

Animal Control Officer

Closes 8/26/20 – Under the general supervision of the Animal Control Senior officer, assures compliance of the Tribal Animal Control Code through enforcement and education. Pay grade 16; \$15.65/hour.

Dental Assistant

Closes 8/17/20 – Under dentist supervision, Perio-Dental Assistant is responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Detention Cook

Closes 8/17/20 – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour

Early Childhood Teacher

Closes 8/21/20 – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicating effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Position is paid on the Education Scale.

Gaming Investigator I

Closes 8/21/20 – An entry level position located under the Southern Ute Division of Gaming (DOG). Under general supervision of the Investigator III, incumbent works in coordination with other DOG Investigators to learn and perform Law Enforcement / Regulatory duties for the enforcement of Class II and Class III gaming on the Southern Ute Reservation. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Medical Assistant (Temporary)

Closes 8/25/20 – Providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Tribal Ranger

Closes 8/25/20 – Under the general supervision of Wildlife Captain, assures compliance of all Tribal Natural Resource Codes, Laws, Ordinances, Regulations and Policies. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

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

Community Health Representative

Open Until Filled – Providing assistance and the coordination and development of activities for elderly and physically or mentally disabled Tribal Members. Performs community health duties 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.

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. Pay grade 24.

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.

Education Counselor

Open Until Filled – A professional level position responsible for providing counseling services to students and their families at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy. Responsible for the effective development and delivery of counseling, therapeutic and educational services that help students and families overcome issues that may impede students' educational success. Works with children birth-13 years old in the context of family, school, peer, and community systems, using a family systems orientation. Pay grade 18; \$39,434/year.

Elementary Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori

Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Position is paid on the Education Scale.

Family Court Caseworker

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

Grounds Maintenance Worker

Open Until Filled – Performs daily grounds maintenance and repair of the Tribal grounds and buildings. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

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 – Responsible for 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.

Patrol Officer

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

Physical Education Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Responsible to communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. This position is paid on the Education Scale.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Security Officer

Will provide security for throughout Tribal Campus. Duties will include patrolling and observing the activities of persons in and around the Moache Capote building. Work involves assessing problem situations and exercising tact and judgment in bringing about their resolution. Pay grade 15; \$14.22/hour.

Social Services Division Head

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.

TEAM Worker – Southern Ute tribal member

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

TERO Worker

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

160/550 Construction Project Employment/Training

Open Until Filled – Lawrence Construction is currently looking for a **CONSTRUCTION TRAINEE** to work throughout the project. This person must have attention to detail, be willing to learn and take direction, pass pre-employment and random drug testing. Must have reliable transportation. Applicant must be able to meet the physical demands required for this position. This position will follow TERO preference. Depending on experience, pay range varies from \$15.30-\$25.50 per hour plus benefits. Possibility of enrollment in carpenter apprenticeship training program available. Contact Laura Sanchez at TERO 970-563-2294 or lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov for more information and an application.



IHS HARRIERS GET GREEN LIGHT • FROM PAGE 1

“Our team has really grown this year,” Holley said, referring to the girls’ squad, expected to feature senior Charliz Valdez, a first-time Class 2A State Championships qualifier last fall, and junior Avalee Nanaeto, already a two-time State veteran. “I will be adding about five freshmen, along with some upperclassman newcomers.”

“We will also be piloting a men’s team this year!”

You read correctly, fans: after a decades-long absence, Ignacio Boys’ Cross-Country is returning.

Names and further details were unavailable at press time, but the skipper hinted that in the wake of successes enjoyed by since-graduated IHS talents Elco Garcia, Jr., and Jonas Nanaeto – the duo which spent the past couple years running for, and qualifying for State in 3A with Bayfield – as well as the CHSAA-mandated postponement of the other fall sports fielded at IHS (football, volleyball) the timing probably couldn’t be better for a rebirth.

“I’ve been pitching the idea to other fall-sport athletes that running cross-country is one of the best ways to get in shape for their respective sports,” said Holley. “Also, a varsity meet will only allow six runners per gender per team – I think this will lead to some fast times and competition within teams.”

“I think we will see ‘iron sharpens iron’ happen right before our eyes.”

“We can have ... the boys’ team push the girls, and the girls’ team can push the boys – we can just all be there and support each other,” agreed Garcia. “I think it’ll be a lot more fun with more people instead of just three of us, you know? We



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Concluding her first-ever athletic venture, D’Vondra Garcia, right, receives her first athletic letter and accompanying sport-specific pin from head coach Daniel Holley during last year’s end-of-season awards banquet inside IHS Auditorium. A preseason surgery this year will likely keep the eager junior out of the 2020 cross-country season’s early goings.

can interact more.”

Or, in the immediate future, at least much as CHSAA’s pandemic-prevention protocols will permit.

“CHSAA has given all ... coaches some parameters to practice within,” explained Holley. “A few examples are keeping athletes apart from each other – no physical contact – and separate water bottles. I think you’ll see the biggest change in the meets with the finish line. It is my understanding that the finish line will be separated by school and runners will run to their school’s finish line instead of one chute.”

Other notable changes the Association approved included: Reducing a school’s maximum number of regular-season meets entered from 11 to seven; allowing no more than 50 runners per gender at regular-season meets, and starting them in waves numbering no more than 25; and allowing no junior-varsity or ‘open’ entrants to compete in varsity races (schools can, however, host separately a JV or open meet).

In 2A varsity competition, each team can enter a

maximum of six runners for score-4 purposes, though in the postseason only five entrants will be permitted. 75 athletes per gender will be allowed to run at each regional, with 100 athletes per gender, per classification, earning the right to run at State.

Modified procedural quirks aside, it’s pretty safe to assume that Ignacio Cross-Country will be proud to simply carry the school’s proverbial ‘banner’ into the unusual 2020-21 athletic year, with other team sports presently unable to do so.

“You know, most of the time it’s football,” Garcia conceded. “That’ll be really cool that we get to represent.”

“I was relieved when I heard we’d be able to have a season!” exclaimed Holley. “I’m aware that returning to school will be unlike anything we’ve ever seen so I’m happy to have that cross-country ‘piece’ as something familiar to work with.”

While Ignacio’s 2020 schedule was still being finalized as of press time, Holley did mention varsity races at the Bear Chase are set to begin at 5 p.m.

CHSAA SETS TARGET DATES • FROM PAGE 12

– meaning no wild-card/at-large hopefuls – which itself will be a compressed two-day, single-elimination tournament.

Season ‘C’ sports are scheduled to be concluded by May 1, with ‘D’ sports including IHS’ springtime staples of track-and-field, baseball and girls’ soccer eyeing an April 26 start date for practices and a final State Championship day of June 26.

CHSAA’s decision to rearrange its fall/winter/spring athletic itineraries into the modified A-D arrangements will unfortunately include a participation moratorium from Oct. 18, 2020, through Jan. 3, 2021, due to an anticipated late-fall spike in



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IHS Volleycats Laci Brunson, Grace Gonzales and Harmony Reynolds show off their first volleyball letters at last year’s end-of-season awards banquet inside IHS Auditorium. All three were probable candidates to re-earn varsity positions this fall, but due to ongoing coronavirus concerns CHSAA elected to postpone play until Spring 2021.

COVID-19 cases based on data offered the Association by state officials.

Resumption of all athletic

activities is still subject to change should any national, state or local guidelines do likewise.

CHSAA ANNOUNCES CALENDAR • FROM PAGE 1

“And by knowing there is a season out there, it should help keep student-athlete academically engaged throughout the year.”

Said Ryan Goddard, the football coach at Pueblo South who is the football chair for the Colorado High School Coaches Association, “Certainly not the decision that we were hoping for, but we are really looking forward to providing student-athletes with opportunities to compete in educational based activities in an unprecedented time. Allow-

ing our kids to compete is what’s important, the date on the calendar is secondary.”

Said Dave Logan, the football coach at Cherry Creek who is set to be inducted in the NFHS Hall of Fame: “While I am disappointed we cannot play this fall, I appreciate the fact, given the parameters of engagement, that CHSAA has done everything they can do to allow all of our students in all of our extracurricular activities to have a season in the 2020-21 school year.”

The 2020-21 calendar will conclude with Season D. Sports include: baseball, girls golf, boys and girl’s lacrosse, girl’s soccer, girl’s tennis, boys swimming, track and field and boy’s volleyball. This season will begin with practice on April 26, and it concludes with the final championship on June 26.

Specific sport modifications, practice requirements, game requirements and procedures will be communicated by CHSAA, including in bulletins that can be found on CHSAANow.com.

BOX BEADING PROJECT • FROM PAGE 1

[example of] symbolism, it was associated with Ute. Originally our beadwork, before the Spaniards, was geometric designs, which I added to the border of the state; I incorporated it into the design.”

Box did not grow up creating his own beadwork, but he found his talent for it later in life, soon after moving back to his home in Ignacio.

“I actually started bead-

ing about five years ago,” Box said. “I never really learned until Culture started having beading classes. Joycelyn Dutchie taught me a lot, she held those classes. She would critic it, she was my mentor in my beadwork. She also taught me a lot about what beadwork meant to her.”

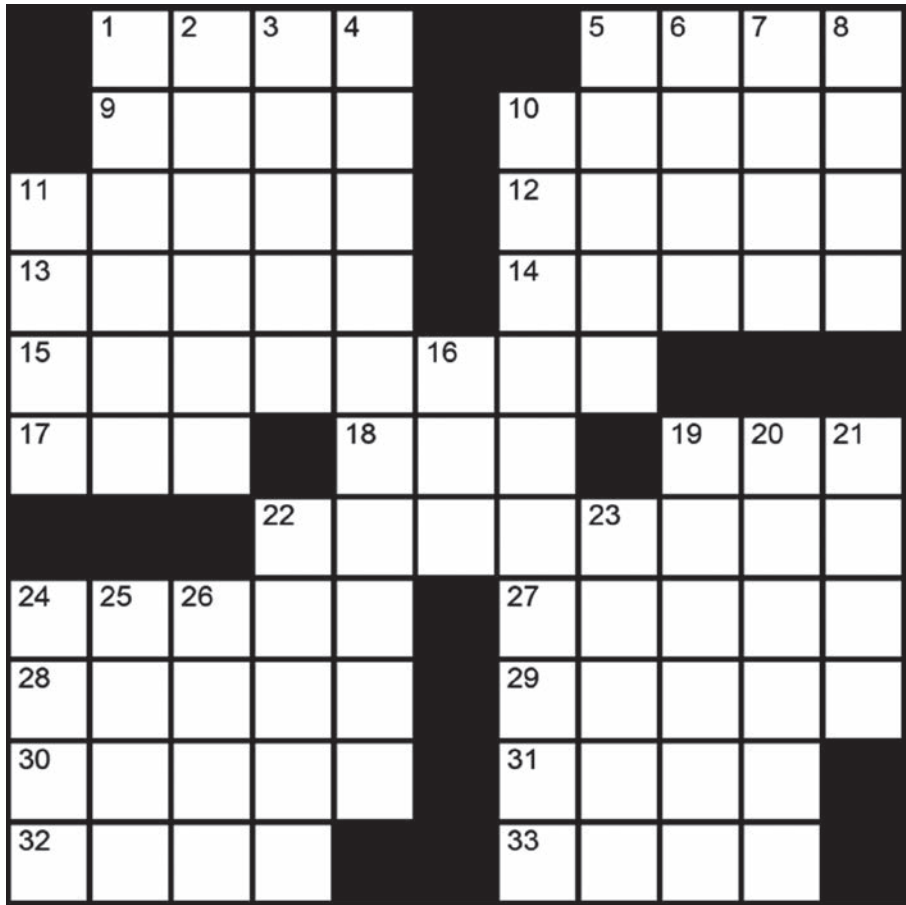
“She told me when I progressed in beading, I would get my own method of bead-

ing,” Box stated.

Once the beadwork challenge announces its selections, Edward Box III plans to make a circular medallion of his Colorado piece, and loan the beadwork to History Colorado in Denver for display in their current Ute cultural exhibit: Written on the Land.

“There’s only a few days left, be sure to vote on the Facebook page!” Box says.

The Southern Ute Drum’s Crossword Puzzle



Across

- 1 Ghost-busting flower
- 5 Computer film file
- 9 “The Benevolent & Protective Order of ---”
- 10 Long-time Southern Ute Chairman
- 11 Opened the door, in a way
- 12 Hawaiian “hello”
- 13 “--- the gin joints in all the towns ...”
- 14 Transplant, perhaps
- 15 Dissolves saucepan residue with liquid and heat
- 17 Before, poetically
- 18 An older Bobbsey twin
- 19 By way of
- 22 Hook, Cook and others
- 24 Mythical matchmaker
- 27 Mary, Queen of ---
- 28 Talk pompously
- 29 Athenian lawgiver
- 30 Buenos ---, Argentina
- 31 The Emerald Isle
- 32 Some digital displays
- 33 Mrs. Charles Lindbergh

Down

- 1 Joint
- 2 Senescence
- 3 --- Valley Band of Goshute Indians of Utah
- 4 Crazy Adele spans shore-front walkways
- 5 Ouray packed them when young
- 6 Support
- 7 Reflected sound
- 8 Steps leading down to a river, in India
- 10 Arctic water
- 11 Valuable deposit
- 16 Destroy
- 19 Fiddle
- 20 Chant
- 21 First A in NASCAR, briefly
- 22 Adduces
- 23 Oak nut
- 24 Red Cedar Gathering Co. collects methane from --- seams
- 25 Acid linked to gout
- 26 Cowpoke’s pal

Answers for this crossword will appear in August 28 issue of the Drum.

Answers for July 31, 2020 Crossword Puzzle:

Across: 1 Ahab, 5 Arab, 9 Male, 10 Kapota, 13 Plop, 14 Cyprus, 15 Laura, 17 Raft, 18 Eldest, 20 Otto, 21 Scalp, 23 Zane, 26 Corpse, 30 Upon, 31 Sioux, 32 Netted, 35 Asst, 36 Ideals, 37 Tear, 38 Stet, 39 Edna.
Down: 1 Ample, 2 Halal, 3 Aloud, 4 Be present at, 5 AKC, 6 Ray, 7 Appropriate, 8 Borat, 11 Tuft, 12 Asto, 16 ASC, 19 Tac, 22 Los, 23 Zuni, 24 Aped, 25 Notes, 27 Posed, 28 Susan, 29 Extra, 33 ELE, 34 DST.

Air Quality in real time!

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

The link to the Tribe’s Air Quality Stations:

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



LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, August 14



92°F mostly sunny

Light and variable afternoon winds

Saturday, August 15



94°F sunny

Light and variable afternoon winds

Sunday, August 16



94°F sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

