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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.

POLICE ACADEMY

Indian cadets graduate in historic ceremony

First class to complete training under Covid-19

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Office of Justice Services and the Bureau of Indian Affairs held a graduating ceremony for Class 172 at the U.S. Indian Police Academy in Artesia, N.M. on Thursday, Oct. 1

The ceremony was historically significant as this is the first complete Basic Indian Police Class to graduate, in the 53 years of existence, from the Indian Police Academy under strict Covid-19 restrictions. No families or guests were allowed to be in attendance, only police academy staff and dignitaries, were allowed in person, to witness the graduates receive their certificates and awards.

The 41 graduates trained in real-life scenarios during the 13-week training; preparing the cadets to go to work in law enforcement.

Normally, cadets would be given liberties on weekends, allowed to travel off campus, visit family, etc.,

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courtesy SUPD

Shawn Wiley, Indian Police Academy Graduate Class 172, will be working for the Southern Ute Police Dept. Wiley will receive additional training in Ute culture, communications, geography and SUPD policies and procedures.

CCIA

Tribal and State leaders conduct quarterly CCIA meeting, virtually

By Lindsay Box
SOUTHERN UTE COUNCIL AFFAIRS

On Friday, September 25, the Southern Ute Tribal Council participated in the virtual Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs (CCIA) Quarterly Meeting, along with Ute Mountain Ute and State leadership. The meeting began with a reintroduction of the new CCIA Executive Director, Kathryn Redhorse.

Redhorse provided a brief summary of her background and positions held prior to taking the helm at CCIA. She has hit the ground running and has already attended a multitude of meetings at the state, local, and community level, gathering information, building important relationships

and bridges to effectively work on behalf of Colorado’s two resident tribes and the Native American population throughout the state.

Next, Lieutenant Governor Dianne Primavera updated the virtual attendees on the cascading effects of the COVID-19 pandemic within the State. The State officials and tribal leaders maintained a reoccurring meeting varying from weekly to bi-weekly to update on the pandemic, while also requesting assistance and coordinating deliveries of vital supplies.

The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe presented various topics including a COVID-19 update and the Tribes “Safer at Home” color coding sys-

tem and bridges to effectively work on behalf of Colorado’s two resident tribes and the Native American population throughout the state.



We are proud to announce Kathryn Redhorse (Lakota/Navajo) as Executive Director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs. She is a passionate advocate for children and families and has years of experience working within the State and non-governmental sectors to positively impact Tribes and Native communities.

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Skate park rolls to completion



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The skate park, located east of the SunUte Community and adjacent to the SunUte Park is rolling towards the Thanksgiving completion date. The Artisan Skateparks construction crew have been working on the skate park, building forms, assembling rebar and pouring concrete; and various sections of the skate park are nearly complete. See more skate park photos on page 10 of this issue.



courtesy Ralf RKLFoto

The wolf has been a part of the natural and cultural heritage of this region for thousands of years, and absent for only about the last 80 years following extermination by the federal government.

WILDLIFE

Wolf reintroduction reaches state ballot

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Headed to the ballot box in Colorado this November is Proposition 114, which would require Colorado Parks and Wildlife to develop a plan to reintroduce and manage gray wolves on designated public lands west of the Continental Divide in Colorado by the end of 2023.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council recently approved a resolution opposing the reintroduction of the wolf, a native apex predator which once roamed freely throughout the Rocky Mountains.

The resolution was drafted by the Tribe’s Wildlife Advisory Board, who does not favor the species reintroduction to Southwest Colorado. The board is comprised of Southern Ute tribal members, appointed to advise on the Tribe’s hunting and fishing related interests, on both the Reservation and in the Brunot Treaty area where the Tribe retains hunting rights. The board sees the wolves as highly efficient predators, which they feel could be detrimental to wildlife populations and livestock both on and off the Reservation.

We had sent out a survey to the membership, asking for their opinion on wolf reintroduction,” stated Wildlife Advisory Board Chairman, Jube Baker. “It was mailed out and distributed at the General Meeting, available for pickup with the Wildlife Department when you got your tags and also [available] online.”

“We started a resolution about two years ago,” stated Wildlife Advisory Board member Lance Taylor. “It looked at impact of livelihoods, livestock on the reservation as well and wildlife, [such as] elk and deer. We feel the Shiras moose and the elk populations would be most affected.”

“We’ve done a lot of investigating, called a lot of other Indian tribes,” Taylor said. “All of our tribes around here, Northern Utes, Jicarilla Apache have a resolution against the wolves. Navajo Nation has



courtesy Gary Kramer/USFWS

The gray wolf (Canis lupus) is a native species to the Rocky Mountains, with important spiritual and cultural significance in many Native American cultures.

a resolution, I don’t think that Ute Mountain Ute has one yet. We don’t hate the wolves, but the downside is it’s really going to hurt this reservation – they should let them migrate in naturally, and not reintroduce.”

While the board’s stance is not in favor of the wolves’ reintroduction, many tribal members favor reintroduction – for reasons of their own.

Others see the wolf as an important animal relating to Ute cultural values, and a connection to a time when humans were less prevalent across the natural landscape.

“We know from our ancestors that each animal that co-existed with us had their purpose too, which came down through stories and some of the legends,” explained Southern Ute elder Pearl Casias. “The wolves and the cougars and other meat-eating creatures helped sustain the ecosystem. They each had their purpose, as did all creatures that were created to roam this earth beside the two-legged people. [For the] two-legged, it was innate to take what you need, to not do trophy hunting, and things of that nature.”

“The animals were created for a specific reason and they are a part of our ecosystem, and we balance each other,” Casias continued. “The wolves sustained themselves by living off the weaker four-legged creatures, that’s how they lived. They helped control the immense herds of buffalos. The wolves have their part, the buffalo, even the winged creatures – they all have their purpose on the planet.”

“Everything has a purpose, it all ties together,” Casias emphasized. “If we don’t help the creatures that roam the earth: the fish people, the bugs, the winged people – God kicks in.”

This heated debate has sparked controversy across the state of Colorado, and rather than being a decision made solely by the State’s Parks and Wildlife Division, it has been introduced as a ballot initiative for November’s election. Voters across the state will decide the future of wolves in Colorado’s wilderness.

The reintroduction of Canis lupus is not entirely new, and has seen success in other regions of the Ameri-

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FINANCIAL LITERACY

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“Money Talks”

Introducing Treasurer, Marjorie Barry

By Marge Barry, Treasurer
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Mique Nuchu,
This is Marge Barry, Tribal Council member and newly appointed Treasurer. It is an honor to serve in this capacity for the benefit of the tribal membership.

I will strive to not only protect the Tribe’s financial interests, but also to be a liaison with tribal members. Ensuring that tribal members are fully aware of the Tribe’s financial condition.

I recognize the present-day success of our tribe is built upon the hard work of our past and present leaders, and I will do all I can to continue this, and to provide the best possible service we can to the tribal membership. 2020 has been a year like no other, a “new normal” for our tribe, yet we have adapted and will continue to do so until we return to safer days.

I would like to continue financial literacy resources to tribal members. With that in mind, what follows is an article on fraud detection written by Anne Flanagan – Treasury and Cash Management Analyst in the Permanent Fund’s Finance Department. There has been increased fraudulent activity and we need to stay vigilant. Please be mindful that not everyone has your best interests at heart. I hope you find this information useful.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 970-553-0255.

Please stay healthy and safe!

Toghoyagh,
Marge Barry

The COVID-19 Pandemic has put a lot of strain on all of us with pressure coming from many directions. Confusion and concern are running rampant, and people are often looking for a “quick fix” or solution. Unfortunately, some will take advantage of the situation if we let them.

A “scam” is defined as, “a fraudulent or deceptive act or operation.” Seniors and older adults are often the most targeted group by



Marge Barry
Treasurer
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

scammers because they are perceived as isolated, less tech-savvy, more financially stable, and more trusting of people in general. Because of their increased risk of serious consequences, if infected with COVID-19, they may be more likely to believe ads either over the phone, through the mail, or over social media claiming to have a cure or vaccine. Currently, there are no FDA approved vaccines or treatments that have been proven to effectively treat or cure the virus.

We discussed predatory lenders in the Feb. 25, 2019, Money Talks column. To recap, here’s how to recognize a predatory lender:

1. They offer loans without taking into account a borrower’s ability to repay the loan.
2. They charge unusually high-interest rates for a loan.
3. They give loans with excessive or hidden fees.
4. They tack on unnecessary costs, such as prepaid single premium life insurance.
5. They target their services at the elderly, minorities, or low to moderate-income communities.
6. They might place a lien on your vehicle, home, or use another form of collateral that far exceeds the value of the loan.

Predatory lenders take many forms, but can often be found at payday lending stores, storefront finance companies, rent-to-own

stores, and title loan companies. Think twice about taking a loan from one of these businesses, and make sure you understand the interest rate, fees, and loan terms before taking out a loan.

We have an abundance of pawnshops in the area, and most of them are honorable businesses with appropriate business practices. While they can be a good place to make a purchase, they may not be a good source for fast cash. Pawnshops buy, sell and trade items as well as make “pawn loans” where they pay the customer a percent of the estimated value, often 40-60%, and make a loan with the item as collateral. If the loan is not repaid, along with any fees and interest, within the agreed-upon time frame, the item becomes the property of the pawnshop and available for sale to the public. The thing to keep in mind is that the pawnshop owner is looking to make money on the transaction, either in fees and interest or the ultimate sale of the item.

We have all heard the term “retail therapy” and most of us have probably indulged in some of this, but we need to remember that what is purchased on credit must be repaid. Credit Cards have notoriously high-interest rates, and while the minimum payments may be reasonable, your interest cost will be extremely high. Consider carefully before you make the purchase. It may be helpful to ask yourself if the purchase of an item satisfies a “need” or a “want”. If the purchase falls into the “want” category and is not needed for basic living, consider not making the purchase, especially if you have to make the purchase with debt (credit cards, loans, etc.).

Remember the saying—if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is? Think carefully before making any financial decisions, and never give your personal information – social security number, bank information, passwords, and usernames to anyone over the phone or through electronic media.

Many Moons Ago



Ace Stryker/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The chairmen of the three Ute tribes sign off on Tri-Ute Council bylaws during the council’s meeting on Sept. 23, 2010 in Ignacio. From left to right, Northern Ute Chairman Curtis Cesspooch, Southern Ute Chairman Matthew J. Box, and Ute Mountain Ute Chairman Ernest House Sr. make the council official with the signing of the document, legitimizing its future and past efforts, which have included, among other things authorizing the annual Tri-Ute Games.

This photo was published in the Oct. 8, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Showing their support of Hoop Dancer Joey Summers, Ute Royalty carries the blanket for the Blanket Dance in the arbor at the Council Tree Powwow in Delta, Colo. Shown (left to right) are Miss Southern Ute 1st Alternate Brandi Naranjo, Miss Indian Colorado Marcy Herrera, Miss Ute Mountain Ute Donitta Lobato, and Miss Southern Ute Deanna Frost.

This photo was published in the Oct. 6, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 years ago



curtesy Jeff Jefferson/SU Drum archive

Ignacio High School students, J.R. Jefferson and Sheila Ryder, read Chief Seattle’s 1852 letter to the United States Government during the “Up With People” program in Durango, Colo. on Sept. 22, 1990

This photo was published in the Oct. 12, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Miss Southern Ute Verna Velasquez and Jennifer Dixon dance a special at the Friday Night Powwow after the Ute Mountain Health Center Dedication Oct. 2, 1980 in Towaoc, Colo.

This photo was published in the Oct. 10, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

Elders can experience domestic violence

Staff report
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

Native American Elders:

A Native American is usually considered an elder when they are above the age of 60 to 65, although it varies from tribe to tribe.

In our Native communities, we are taught to respect our elders. We honor them at ceremony, community gatherings, and powwows. Their presence is considered to be an honor. We depend on them for wisdom and guidance gleaned from their years of experience. They are invaluable to us. Yet, they can still be victims of domestic violence.

Abuse can happen to anyone. It is not limited to a specific age, class, religion, gender or sexual orientation. Abuse can happen in relationships where couples are married, living together, dating or have children together. Violent behavior can appear at any time in a relationship, though possessive, controlling and other alarming behavior often reveals itself as the relationship becomes more serious.

Domestic violence happens when an intimate partner uses a repetitive pattern of abuse to maintain power and control over their partner. The abuse can physically harm, intimidate, prevent a person from acting freely, or force them to behave in ways they do not want.

Types of Abuse

What can domestic violence look like in elder relationships? Domestic violence can look similar in elder relationships as it does in their younger counterparts, but some elders may be more vulnerable to the impacts of abuse and less able to get support.

- **Physical abuse** includes inflicting physical pain or injury upon the victim like pushing, holding or pinching. It can also include prohibiting one to get medical help, withholding medicine, or not allowing one time to heal after illness or surgery.
- **Emotional abuse** includes verbal assaults, threats of abuse, and intimidation. It also includes isolation, where the abusive partner will not let the victim visit with their relatives. Isolation can be particularly harmful to elders as they may already have limited mobility or relationships.

Gaslighting is also a form of emotional abuse. This can occur when the abusive partner blames the victim for their behavior in such a way that the victim begins to question their own version of events or reality. In this situation, it can be very difficult for the victim to recognize that abuse is happening.

- **Spiritual and cultural abuse** happens when the abusive partner uses hurtful stereotypes to criticize the victim, uses tribal membership against them, won't allow them to participate in traditions, or restricts them from honoring their beliefs.
- **Sexual abuse** includes grabbing and hurting the sexual parts of the victim's body, pressuring the victim for sex and becoming angry or violent when refused sex.
- **Financial abuse** happens when an abusive partner keeps money, accounts or financial information hidden from the victim. The abusive partner may also give an allowance to the victim or keep the victim's social security or per capita checks. They may also use gaslighting as a tactic of control here. They may say things like, "I've always controlled the money," or "You aren't good with money.," or "You have everything you need, don't you?"

- **Digital abuse** happens when the abusive partner takes away phones, iPads, or computers in a bid to control who the victim can contact.

A Stay Together Era

Elders can be more traditional. They came of age when families stayed together even during abuse. Some elders have endured a lifetime of domestic violence. To understand why elder-survivors of domestic violence stay, consider the following.

- **Love:** They have a long history of loving their partner and believe the abuse will someday end.
- **Family:** They want to maintain harmony

within the family.

- **Normalization:** Elders may feel they have lived through the violence their whole life and there is no need or way to change it now.
- **Community:** They fear having to leave the community in order to escape the abuse or are embarrassed about what other members of the community would think about the abuse.
- **Manipulation and Low Self-Esteem:** They blame themselves for the abuse, or feel hopeless.
- **No Money or Resources:** They don't have the resources to leave their situation, or feel a responsibility to financially support their abusive partner.
- **Denial or Shame:** Denial or shame happens when a survivor is embarrassed and wants to protect themselves, their children and/or families from being associated with the stigma of abuse.

Help is Available

At StrongHearts Native Helpline, we know that Native American elders are humble and it can be difficult for them to ask for help. Native Americans and Alaska Natives experience domestic violence at higher rates than any other ethnic group and that elders still suffer intimate partner violence. Domestic violence and dating violence are not Native American traditions, and neither is ever okay.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a free, culturally appropriate, and anonymous helpline for Native Americans and Alaska Natives impacted by domestic violence and dating violence. We acknowledge and support all victims regardless of age, gender, sexual orientation or relationship status. If you or someone you love is experiencing domestic violence, help is available.

Contact StrongHearts at 1-844-7NATIVE or click on the Chat Now icon to connect one-on-one with and advocate daily from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. CT. As a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (The Hotline) and the National Indigenous Women's Resource Center, after-hour callers can connect with The Hotline by choosing option #1.

SAINT IGNATIUS PARISH on the SOUTHERN UTE Indian Reservation



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HEALTHY RECIPES

It’s okay to say “yes” to potatoes!

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

Potatoes can be a healthy part of a meal. Try this recipe that uses baked yams or sweet potatoes. They are loaded with vitamins and minerals, and are a rich source of beta-carotene, manganese, potassium, copper, fiber and vitamin C. Eating one half of a baked sweet potato or yam, when loaded with the items below, is very satisfying and super healthy!



Tablespoon.com

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

Healthy Loaded Potatoes

- Ingredients:**

 - 3 medium sweet potatoes or yams
 - 1 lb. lean beef, buffalo or turkey
 - 1 teaspoon olive oil
 - 1 small onion, chopped
 - 1 can low-sodium black beans, drained
 - 1 can Rotel tomatoes with green chili
 - 4 oz shredded cheddar
 - 3 green onions, chopped
 - 1/2 cup red cabbage, chopped
 - 2 tablespoons chili powder
 - 1 teaspoon cumin
 - 1/2 teaspoon turmeric (optional)
 - 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
 - 1/2 teaspoon oregano

Serves 6

Per serving without toppings: 240 Calories, 21g Protein, 6g Fat, 26g Carbohydrates, 5.5g Fiber.
- Directions:**

 1. Bake potatoes, cut in half and set aside (Potatoes can be baked in advance and heat up while following the directions below). For those that don't like sweet potatoes yet, try russet.
 2. In a large pan or wok, sauté meat in olive oil over medium, about 5-7 minutes.
 3. Add onions and continue to sauté.
 4. Add black beans, Rotel-tomatoes with green chili, chili powder, cumin, pepper, turmeric and oregano. Stir to combine and continue to cook on low heat until thoroughly cooked and heated through.
 5. Spoon meat mixture evenly over potato halves.
 6. Top with shredded cheddar, green onions and chopped red cabbage

BEHAVIOR HEALTH

BEE Heard: Family Resource Guide and other supplies now available

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Family Resource Guides and Emergency Contact List stickers are now available. So many organizations and programs have taken time to try to compile a list of county, state, and nationwide resources that could benefit families looking for assistance with childcare, mental health services, and even addiction services. Well, the Southern Ute Native Connections Program has come out with a list of resources for this area of Colorado. Our primary audience is families with Native American youth who are struggling finding assistance outside of immediate local services. Having access and information about services that could help with access to childcare, mental health care, addiction services, and food/utility assistance can help ease the stress some families might be experiencing during this pandemic. Access to these services means access to support and hopefully a brighter future for you and your family.



For a copy of the Native Connections Program's Family Resource Guide, stop by the SunUte Community Center. Due to a limited supply, we ask that you only take one Family Resource Guide per family. A digital copy will also be available on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website. We will also include an Emergency Contact dry ease sticker with each Family Resource Guide so that your family has peace of mind when it comes to who to contact in case of an emergency. Big shout out the Southern Ute Risk Management Division for their help and collaboration with the Native Connections Program in making this sticker possible! Family Packets available for pick up at the SunUte Community Center.

Needing some ideas or helpful items to keep you and your family interacting with one another? A great group of different departments and programs have come together to create packets full of ideas and fun activities that the whole family can enjoy!

Current packet includes:

- Buffalo meat recipe;
- Gratitude white board and markers;
- Crayons, pens, stickers;
- and Emergency numbers sticker.

If you're interested, please stop by the SunUte Community Center and ask for one of the family packets. Together we can be here for one another.

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.

TRIBAL HEALTH

So. Ute Indian Health, Denver Indian Health and Family Services partner

Easier enrollment options available

By Anita L. Brock, MSHS, MPH
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

Native Americans living in Colorado have protections and benefits through Connect for Health Colorado. You can sign up for health insurance with comprehensive benefits, Health First Colorado (Colorado's Medicaid Program) or Child Health Plan Plus (CHP+) and continue to receive services from Indian Health Service, tribal health programs, or urban Indian health programs. Members of federally recognized tribes can enroll in health insurance year-round and are eligible for financial help based on income and other factors. Enrolling in insurance has never been so easy! The insurance enrollment spe-

cialists at the SUIT Health Department will be coordinating with enrollment and eligibility staff at Denver Indian Health and Family Services to bring the Southern Ute Tribal Membership and local IHS beneficiaries a much smoother and speedier insurance enrollment process. Enrollment and eligibility staff at Denver Indian Health and Family Services are experts in insurance enrollment and can address the benefits Native Americans are afforded when enrolling in health insurance. The friendly and knowledgeable enrollment specialists at Denver Indian health and Family Services will be coordinating with Tribal Health staff to facilitate your application through the Colorado State enrollment and eligi-

bility system. Applications are available for completion through Tribal Health staff; once completed all applications will be sent to Denver Indian health and Family Services for processing. We are excited about this development and foresee the insurance enrollment process to be much smoother with less turnaround time. On average Denver Indian health and Family Services completes the processing of applications within a 72-hour timeframe. This service is open to all IHS beneficiaries and Southern Ute tribal members in our area; you do not need to be a patient at our clinic to discuss insurance coverage. To discuss insurance options please call Savannah Benally or Elizabeth Gallegos at 970-563-2204 or 970-563-2203.

LOCAL RESOURCES

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

24/7 STATE OR NATIONAL RESOURCES

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

Covid-19 Mental Health Reminder

Get Dressed

Even if it's just into comfort clothes, this will help you feel more productive and less in a rut.

Eat New Healthy Recipes

If you can, eat a variety of food and try different recipes. This will give your day variety and keep your body feeling healthy.

Be Creative

Try doing new activities or bring back old ones. Getting creative is a great way to keep your spirits up and your mind relaxed.

Stay Connected

Even though we can't go visiting, make sure you stay connected. A good way is Video chatting or even just a phone call. This will help you and the people you are talking to feel less isolated.

Do Your Hair/Makeup

Even if you're not going anywhere this can help you feel "normal" in a very chaotic time. People also often feel relaxed when doing hair or makeup and you deserve that.

Get Some Fresh Air

Fresh air will help you not feel so cooped up or "stuck" in your home. Getting outside would be best but even standing at a window will be beneficial.

Unplug

Everyone everywhere is talking about the virus. Turn off your devices and get some well deserved time away.

Reach Out

Mental health is a way important but it is especially important during times like this. Reach out if you need to and remember to check in with your friends and family. We are all in this together.

S.U. Vocational Rehabilitation Program

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

Monday – Friday, 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Phone: 970-563-4730 • Fax: 970-563-4840
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Making Change Work for You!

Southern Ute Social Services

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

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



CORONAVIRUS

COVID-19 modeling report shows increased hospitalizations in Colo.

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC
HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Colorado School of Public Health (ColoradoSPH) today released a new modeling report indicating an increase in hospitalizations and in the estimated number of Coloradans who currently are infectious. If Colorado remains on the current trajectory of its epidemic curve, state epidemiologists predict continued growth in cases and increased demand on hospitals.

Given the rise in cases after both Independence Day and Labor Day, the report evaluates what might happen if people have more social contact than usual beginning the Friday before Thanksgiving and lasting through the new year. With this assumption, an increase in cases during and after the holidays as projected could be substantial. At the higher projections, the state could be at

risk for exceeding its ICU capacity as early as December unless Coloradans continue to take and maintain prevention measures.

However, the impact of increased social contact over the winter holidays depends on the disease spread between now and Thanksgiving. Controlling infections in October and November can help reduce the severity of any holiday bump.

Other key findings from the report: Focal points of increasing COVID-19 hospitalizations include the East Central and Metro local public health agency regions. Other regions continue to see declining or stable hospitalizations.

The estimated effective reproductive number has risen over the last month. The current number is estimated to be between 1.21 and 1.27. This estimate reflects transmission through approximately Sept. 15.

From Sept. 1-15, the estimated level of social distancing was 59%.

An estimated 1 in 850 Coloradans are currently infected.

tious. This is an increase compared to the prior week.

An estimated 5% of Coloradans have been infected with COVID-19 to date.

Colorado's current trajectory indicates continued growth in cases and hospital demand, but epidemiologists do not expect to come close to exceeding hospital or ICU capacity in the next month.

ColoradoSPH assembled the expert group that works with the state on modeling projections. The group includes modeling scientists at ColoradoSPH and the University of Colorado School of Medicine at the CU Anschutz Medical Campus, as well as experts from the University of Colorado Boulder, University of Colorado Denver, and Colorado State University.

All modeling reports are available on the Colorado School of Public Health's COVID-19 website. The state will continue to review data and model findings as the pandemic continues to inform future policy decisions.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Dental Benefits of the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department

By Erika Atencio
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL
HEALTH DEPT.

Greetings Southern Ute Tribal Membership,

The Tribal Health Department would like to continue the effort to help individuals understand the sometimes-complex world of health. This article will cover some, but not all basic information of the dental coverage within the department.

All enrolled Southern Ute tribal members have a dental benefit plan that covers many typical dental expenses. This plan is called the Delta Dental plan and it became effective through Tribal Council approval in April 2014. Under Delta Dental, the covered services are oral exams and cleanings (twice each in a 12-month period), sealants once per tooth in a 36-month period for permanent molars in children through age 14, bitewing X-Rays at two sets in a 12-month period, full mouth X-rays at once in a

60-month period, fluoride once in a 12-month period through age 18, space maintainers once per lifetime in children through age 13. Also covered are fillings once per tooth in a 12-month period, crowns once per tooth in a 60-month period, not under age 12, implants once per tooth in a 60-month period, not under age 16, and dentures/bridges one in a 60-month period only when existing prosthesis cannot be made serviceable.


Each member has a \$3,000 annual maximum that runs on a calendar year basis and a \$1,000.00 lifetime maximum toward orthodontics. It is important to remember that not all dental services are covered under the Delta Dental plan and there may be out-of-pocket expenses associated with certain services that are not reimbursable by the Tribal Health Department.

We encourage you to communicate with your dentist office to request a pre-determination when a treatment

plan is presented to you; this will allow for Delta Dental to review the document and provide coverage to your dentist directly. If you have any questions about your benefits or providers and the Tribal Health Department is unavailable during normal business hours you may also contact the Delta Dental customer service line by dialing 1-800-610-0201 or going to their website at www.deltadentalco.com.

Thank you for your time and please look forward to the next article summarizing your prescription benefits through Silverback RX. The THD Benefits Team is continuing to work through the tribally issues "Stay at Home" Order. Office phones are forwarded to assist the tribal membership between 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. We hope that each and every one of you are continuing to stay safe and follow the public health orders issued to help slow or stop the spread of COVID-19.





SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING

October 14 & 15
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate household members (including those who are not enrolled) and Tribal Caregivers. Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribal Members are also welcome to attend. Individuals are required to wear a face mask.

Tribal Elders and those who identify as high risk have priority from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. both days.

Testing will be open to tribal staff and the community from 12:00 - 5:00 p.m. on the following days:

October 14 - Tribal Staff
October 15 - Community

Due to the high volume of tests, there is a slight delay in processing time. The Southern Ute Health Center or Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center staff will contact all individuals tested to share COVID-19 viral test results as soon as the results arrive.



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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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 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. Respiratory ailment screenings will be conducted in the tent located behind the Health Center beginning at 8 a.m. Lab hours of operation will be Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Physical Therapy appointments will be made from 12:30 to 4:30 p.m. as requested.
- NURSING VISITS** from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. by appointment only. **NO WALK-INS ACCEPTED!**

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

- DENTAL** will see patients Monday – Friday from 7:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.
- PHARMACY** hours will be from 9 a.m. to 4:30 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) all are postponed, call the Health Center for more information.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

Communicating the Benefits of Seasonal Influenza Vaccine during COVID-19

Influenza (flu) severity varies from year to year, but flu always brings serious consequences.¹ The prevention of influenza and its associated consequences is important every year. Although the effectiveness of the flu vaccine can vary, overall the vaccine markedly lowers the risk of influenza-related illness, hospitalization, and death.²

The COVID-19 pandemic means preventing influenza during 2020-21 is more important than ever. Influenza and COVID-19 share many symptoms. Preventing influenza means fewer people will need to seek medical care and testing for possible COVID-19 or influenza. And increasing flu vaccination uptake saves healthcare resources for COVID-19 and other conditions. Begin recommending flu vaccine now, and vaccinate throughout the flu season, providing extra outreach to those at highest risk of severe COVID-19 or severe influenza.

CDC estimates that, from October 1, 2019–April 4, 2020, there were:				
39 million–56 million flu illnesses	18 million–26 million flu medical visits	410,000–740,000 flu hospitalizations	24,000–62,000 flu deaths	

source: CDC, 2020

What are the Benefits of Seasonal Flu Vaccine?

Research shows flu vaccination:

- Reduces Hospitalization and Death**
 - ✓ Pediatric deaths from flu were cut in half for children with underlying high-risk medical conditions and by two-thirds for healthy children^{3a}
 - ✓ Influenza hospitalizations were cut in half for all adults (including those 65+ years of age)^{3b}
 - ✓ Influenza hospitalizations dropped dramatically among people with chronic health conditions – by 79% for people with diabetes^{3c} and 52% for those with chronic lung disease^{3d}
 - ✓ Vaccinating long-term care facility (LTCF) staff reduces hospitalizations and deaths in LTCF residents⁴
- Reduces Severity of illness in Hospitalized Individuals**
 - ✓ Among adults hospitalized with flu, intensive care unit (ICU) admissions decreased by more than half (59%), and fewer days were spent in ICU if vaccinated^{5a}
 - ✓ Children's risk of admission to a pediatric intensive care unit (PICU) for flu-related illness was cut by almost 75%^{5b}
- Reduces Risks for Major Cardiac Events**
 - ✓ Risk of a major cardiac event (e.g., heart attack) among adults with existing cardiovascular disease was reduced by more than one-third⁶
- Protects Pregnant Women and Their Babies**
 - ✓ For pregnant women, flu-associated acute respiratory infections were cut in half⁷, and flu-associated hospitalizations were reduced by 40%⁸
 - ✓ Influenza illnesses and influenza-related hospitalizations in infants under 6 months of age fell by half when their mothers were vaccinated^{9a,9b}

Vaccination rates¹⁰ remain well below optimal levels:

- 63%** children 6 months–17 years
- 45%** adults 18+ years
- 68%** adults 65+ years
- 81%** healthcare personnel
- 54%** pregnant women

¹⁰Estimates from the 2018–19 influenza season. Source: CDC FluView

How to Discuss Tips Vaccine Effectiveness

- Keep it simple: "Flu vaccine helps reduce risk of hospitalization and death."
- Use a presumptive approach: "Today we are giving you your annual flu vaccination."
- Communicate why we vaccinate: "Vaccination prevents flu and severe outcomes of flu."¹¹ "Preventing the flu also means preventing missed work and helps you avoid doctor appointments and unnecessary medications. It also means preventing flu symptoms that can mimic COVID-19, saving healthcare resources needed for COVID-19 care."¹²
- Communicate the variability and unpredictability of flu: "This is why it is best to get an annual flu vaccination."¹³
- Acknowledge that flu vaccination is not always a perfect match with the circulating virus types. But flu- and flu-related severe illnesses are common: outbreaks occur almost every year. "The vaccine is the best way to reduce your risk of flu and its negative outcomes."¹⁴

FOOTNOTES

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EDUCATION

Bureau of Indian Education boosts WiFi access for students

Staff report
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

In late 2019 the Bureau of Indian Education (BIE) launched an innovative school bus internet connectivity project with the goal of using its 25 longest bus routes to keep students connected to learning. Well before COVID-19 hit the United States, the Bureau had begun to transform the designated school bus fleet into extended classrooms so that students remained connected while traveling, in some cases over 200 miles roundtrip per day, on distant bus routes. Once schools resume in-person instruction, the internet-enabled buses will serve 19 BIE-operated and

tribally administered schools in Arizona, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana, Michigan, Minnesota and Washington State. “Connectivity is an Administration priority, as it is in the traditional and cultural sense for tribal communities like my own,” said Assistant Secretary – Indian Affairs Tara Katuk Sweeney “The WiFi Bus pilot project is another opportunity to help bridge the digital divide in Indian Country.” BIE Director Tony Dearman stated, “This innovative project will benefit hundreds of our students who must travel long distances by bus every day to reach their classrooms and return home.” According to the U.S.

Department of Education, about a third of the homes with school-aged children don’t have internet due to financial challenges. BIE’s WiFi Bus project is a step closer to closing the connectivity issue and inequality issues already seen in low-income communities, especially in Indian Country. From the work with the National Tribal Broadband Summit, Indian Affairs is very aware that reliable, affordable broadband access is critical to the health and economic well-being of tribal communities. The completion of the WiFi Bus project moves BIE that much closer to achieving one of Summit’s goals: that of bridging the connectivity gap in Indian Country.

SUIMA

From then Eagle’s Nest

Student’s success in virtual learning

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy’s Parent Advisory Group meeting for October will be held virtually on Tuesday, Oct. 13 from 6 – 7 p.m. The Parent Advisory Group Family Night will be held virtually on Wednesday, Oct. 21. If you would like to join us on the 21st, please provide you and your family with a pumpkin as the theme is “Pumpkin Carving Contest.”SUIMA will provide the tools for the carving (call the SUIMA office to claim a set).

Here are some tips to help your son or daughter be successful in virtual learning, whether it comes from SUIMA or any other school in the area.

“Quarantine” the Devices: It might be tempting to let your child use electronic devices so that you can get to your office work; but consider limiting your child’s cell phone and tablet use until their schoolwork is done satisfactorily. This will help so that the work can be focused on and receive their undivided attention. Provide a learning space: Children will work best in a quiet, comfortable, and dedicated space used just for learning. If a undistracted space can’t be made available, buy a display board so that visual interruptions can be filtered out. Using a large tray or box lid, a mobile desk space can be built. In that space, papers, pencils, reading books and learning materials can be easily contained and transported for any virtual meetings that will take place. Don’t forget recess: Make sure that your child takes plenty of breaks in order to get up and stretch, move, run around the outside of the house or to do some jumps on the trampoline. To help ensure that these breaks happen, set your phone alarm so that your child can get up when it goes off. Have a snack so the energy doesn’t get deplete which can make it hard to concentrate. Socialization: In-person interaction is ideal for kids, but until it’s safe for them to return to school, encourage your child to video chat or text message rather than scrolling through social media. You don’t want your child to feel socially isolated, but at the same time, you want to protect him/her from being on devices all day long. Plan the week: Good planning can relieve stress for both children and parents. Check in with your kids about their plans and help them develop a written schedule not only for the day, but for the week. Help your child prioritize and create goals, tasks, and deadlines, just like adults do when they go to work. Fun! Fun! Fun! When things were normal, it was rare for parents and children to have this much time



courtesy SUIMA
Ms. Valorie Armendariz, SUIMA Infant Guide

together, so turn it into an opportunity for bonding. Learn a new card game, play charades, or get outside for a bike ride or walk together after school. Teacher of the Week Eagle’s Nest teacher of the week is Ms. Valorie Armendariz. Valorie is the oldest of six kids. With her husband Luis, they have one son, Eli, who is attending Fort Lewis College. Not only does Valorie have three dogs, one rabbit, some fish, she also has 25 chickens. Valorie started with SUIMA when the doors first opened and has worked in the infant/toddler level ever since. In her free time, she spends time with her family by camping, playing games, and gardening. With her favorite character being Mickey Mouse, her favorite quote comes from Walt Disney himself, “Growing old is mandatory, but growing up is optional.” Thank you Valorie for being part of SUIMA.

Multi-Purpose Facility Youth Craft Project



This craft project is available to youth 17 and younger. Decorate your pumpkin and send a picture to MPF. Ready to distribute October 12, 2020

Call or e-mail to request your pumpkin. 970-563-2640, or multipurpose@southernute-nsn.gov Pick-up by appointment, delivery or by mail.

Astronaut Perspectives at The Powerhouse

Join The Powerhouse virtually for the second of our nine part space-themed lecture series “Astronaut Perspectives” on Sunday, Oct. 11, from 4:30 to 5:30 p.m.

Wendy Lawrence and Bill Readdy, both veterans on multiple space shuttle missions, will discuss their personal paths that lead them to becoming astronauts and their experiences flying in space. Q&A session following the event.

Tune into @powscenter facebook live stream to watch.

SUIMA Family Nights

UPCOMING SCHEDULE

OCT 21	+	PUMPKIN CARVING
NOV 18	+	INTRO TO MONTESSORI
DEC 16	+	STOCKING DECORATION
JAN 20	+	STORYTELLING
FEB 17	+	STEM

VIRTUAL FAMILY NIGHTS WILL BE HELD FROM 6:00 - 7:00 P.M. VIA ZOOM. THE MEETING INFORMATION WILL BE SENT VIA REMIND TEXT MESSAGING TO SUIMA FAMILIES.

SUIMA PAG Meetings

Back to school

PAG meetings will be held from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. The meeting information is also sent via Remind text messaging to SUIMA Families.

Zoom Meeting Info
Meeting ID: 411 865 4901
Passcode: SUIMAPAG

education is my JAM

MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH FEBRUARY 2021

OCTOBER 13
NOVEMBER 10
DECEMBER 8
JANUARY 12
FEBRUARY 9

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tem. Concerns included request for assistance with the feral horses on the reservation, the current drought impacts to tribal lands, “pot hunters” who are looting sites that have become exposed, and education. “I would like to know how the State can help our tribal students at this time. We want to be sure we are meeting the needs of students to prepare them for the needs of the workforce,” UMU Chairman Manual Heart said. The Ute Mountain Ute tribal community is receiving academic support from the Montezuma-Cortez school district and Fort Lewis College through the partnership with the Colorado Department of Education (CDE) helping with tutoring services, access to Chromebooks and hotspots. Heart also shared the Tribe is applying for grant funding to increase broadband internet access and are now in the request for proposal (RFP) stage to build fiber optic in the community.

Southern Ute Chairman Christine Sage and members of Tribal Council also began with updates on the pandemic and the Tribe’s

‘Stay at Home’ Order which remains in effect. Tribal leadership also shared the upcoming health events organized by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Management Team which include the Tribal Member Flu Vaccine Clinic and the October Voluntary Drive-thru Viral Testing Event in conjunction with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). Other tribal announcements include the upcoming tribal elections, possible changes for representation for CCIA, and a brief recap of the meeting held with the Secretary of State and the possibility of a tribal liaison for the upcoming local, state, and national elections. “We are looking forward to this collaboration with the Secretary of State because voting is important,” shared Chairman Christine Sage.

The remainder of the meeting included updates from the numerous State of Colorado offices to include: Department of Natural Resources, History Colorado, Attorney General, CDE, CDPHE, Colorado

Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado Office of Economic Development and International Trade, Colorado Department of Human Services, and Colorado Parks and Wildlife. Staff from the Department of Natural Resources shared the impacts of the recent and current state fires that are impacting water quality and quantity; History Colorado is continuing to work on various reburials that have had to be postponed due to COVID-19. CDE announced funding would be made available to both Tribes for education support for tribal students, working on academic achievement and providing support for families.

The Colorado Parks and Wildlife spent the remainder of the meeting presenting the new State park, Fishers Peak, located near Trinidad Colorado in Las Animas County. The new park will protect rare and threatened species, and a newly discovered type of moss. The land was purchased by multiple entities from a private seller.

The next meeting will be held in December of 2020.

NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Partnership with ‘Forward Together’ Campaign


Nothing has a bigger impact on young people than strong, positive relationships. Forward Together is a community of parents and other adults who are trying to build better connections with the young people in their lives. You can have a big impact too when you commit to connecting. From building resilience to healthier kids in general, find out all the reasons why quality relationships matter. <https://parents.forwardtogetherco.com/explore-topics/quality-relationships-matter/>

If you would like more information and support on creating positive relationships with the young people in your life, please contact the Southern Ute Native Connections Program at 970-563-4581.

And if you have a youth (8-24 years of age) who would like to participate in the Southern Ute Native Connections Program, they will be eligible for a gift card to Subway or The Rose Cafe.



Suicide Attempt Survivors’ Support Group



The La Plata County Suicide Prevention Collaborative is sponsoring an 8-week support group for Suicide Attempt Survivors utilizing curriculum designed by *Didi Hirsch’s* Suicide Prevention Center. This group will provide a safe, non-demanding atmosphere where participants can be among others who understand their experience and take small steps toward healing as they choose.

The group will meet weekly via Zoom and is free of charge. To be eligible, each participant must have made one or more suicide attempts and participants are required to complete an intake interview with the facilitator prior to attending.

The curriculum is designed to:

- Maintain participants’ safety and manage risk
- Reduce internalized/ perceived stigma and increase coping skills as they relate to suicidal thoughts
- Increase comfort with and ability to speak about the thoughts and feelings that led to their suicide attempt and learn how to recognize and cope with these feelings if they return in order to decrease the likelihood of reattempts
- Increase knowledge about, and the likelihood of using, safety planning tools
- Increase connectedness, including access to peers who can support each other in times of crisis
- Increase hopefulness

DATE: Tuesday, 5:30-7:00pm beginning October 27, 2020
LOCATION: On-line via Zoom
FACILITATORS: Megan McCartney, LCSW & Emma Harmon

Please contact Megan McCartney at mccartneycounseling@gmail.com if you have a client or know someone who would be interested in participating. The group is closed to additional participants once the eight-week cycle begins.

CREATE YOUR FUTURE

Become a CNA

PCC Southwest in Bayfield will offer a **four-week Certified Nurse Aide** certificate program.

Program begins October 19
Classes held **Monday through Friday** from **4-9 pm** at the **Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.**

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



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



Southern Ute Utilities Division

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UPDATED ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION 2020

MODIFIED HOLIDAY HOURS

JAN. 20TH MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY - OPEN
FEB. 17TH PRESIDENT’S DAY - OPEN
MAY 25TH MEMORIAL DAY - CLOSED
JULY 3RD FOURTH OF JULY HOLIDAY - OPEN
JULY 4TH FOURTH OF JULY - CLOSED
SEPT. 7TH LABOR DAY - OPEN
NOV. 11TH VETERAN’S DAY - OPEN
NOV. 26TH THANKSGIVING DAY - CLOSED
NOV. 27TH THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY - OPEN
DEC. 10TH LEONARD C. BURCH DAY - CLOSED
DEC. 11TH LEONARD C. BURCH HOLIDAY - OPEN
DEC. 24TH CHRISTMAS EVE - OPEN
DEC. 25TH CHRISTMAS DAY - CLOSED
DEC. 31ST NEW YEAR’S EVE - OPEN
JAN. 1ST NEW YEAR’S DAY - CLOSED

MODIFIED HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY—SATURDAY, 8 AM TO NOON

Due to COVID-19, Modified Hours of Operation

Utilities Office
8AM to Noon, Mon– Fri

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Transfer Station:
8AM to Noon, Mon-Sat

PAYMENT REMINDERS:

Pay your Utility Account


→ **NEW!** Online at: www.suitutil.com
Choose “Pay My Bill” tab.

→ Wells Fargo (Ignacio Branch) Drive-Thru

→ Automatic deductions at Tribal Distribution (call Utilities office for application).

→ Mail payment made payable to “Southern Ute Utilities Division” PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137

PO Box 1137 16360 Hwy. 172 Ignacio, CO 81137 (970) 563-5500 www.suitutil.com



RECOVERY TALKING CIRCLE

FREE TO ALL IGNACIO COMMUNITY MEMBERS 18 YEARS OR OLDER.

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIPS	12-1 PM	SEPT. 24, 2020
BOUNDARIES	12-1 PM	OCT. 1, 2020
STAGES OF CHANGE	12-1 PM	OCT. 8, 2020
PATH OF RECOVERY	12-1 PM	OCT. 15, 2020
RIPPLE EFFECTS	12-1 PM	OCT. 22, 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 UTE.

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

SOUTHERN UTE BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DEPT.



ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS

La Plata County, Tribe partner on weather radar site

Staff Report
LA PLATA COUNTY PUBLIC AFFAIRS OFFICE

La Plata County and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have partnered to identify a site that will host a permanent weather radar station in La Plata County. The site, on tribal trust lands along U.S. Highway 550 near Bondad, is the current location of the Tribe’s ambient air monitoring station that tracks air quality and meteorological conditions. The air monitoring station has been in operation for more than 25 years and collocating a radar station with the monitoring equipment will both improve weather forecasting and enhance climate change studies.

“We are so appreciative of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s partnership with La Plata County in providing a site for this critical project,” said Clyde Church, chair of the Board of County Commissioners. “Bringing a permanent weather radar station to Southwest Colorado will boost preparedness and awareness throughout the Four Corners.”



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

La Plata County and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe have partnered to identify a site that will host the permanent weather radar station planned for installation in 2021. EPD Division Head Mark Hutson (left) Chuck Stevens, County Manager with La Plata County Board of County Commissioners and EPD Environmental Programs Manager Alex Ratcliff assess the proposed location adjacent to the Ute3 air monitoring site south of Durango, Colo., Friday, Oct. 2.

The weather radar station, which will be funded by a \$1.7 million grant from the Colorado Department of Local Affairs, fills a gap in monitoring for the region. Radars in Grand Junction, Albuquerque and Flagstaff have poor visibility below 25,000 feet, missing many of the storms that impact La Plata County.

“The weather radar station is a collaborative relation with the County. Where we keep the communication

continuing so that works for both the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and La Plata County. Here we are having that share with each other for the betterment of the Tribe and the county,” said Southern Ute Indian Tribe Chairman Christine Sage.

La Plata County and Southern Ute Indian Tribe staff will work together to move the weather radar station project forward, with the goal of completion by the end of 2021.

INDIAN CADETS GRADUATE • FROM PAGE 1

however due to Covid-19 restrictions the class of 172 was restricted to the academy for the duration, cutting the normally 16-week training to 13 weeks.

Lt. Lane Adams was the emcee for the one and half hour ceremony, that could be viewed live online through the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center’s website.

Director of the U.S. Department of the Interior and Bureau of Indian Affairs, Charles Attington said to the graduates, “You are protectors of the first peoples of this land. To protect your people in Indian Country.”

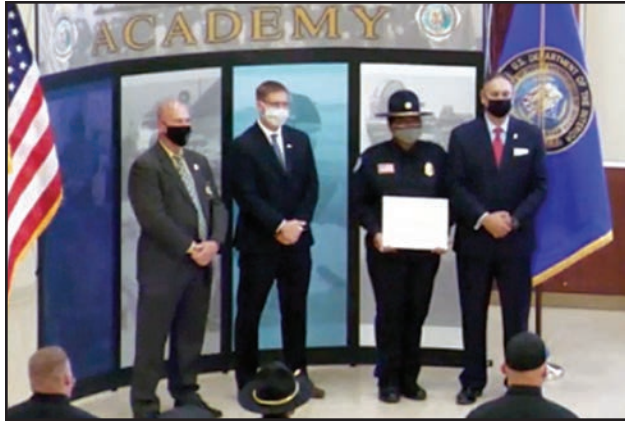
Director Attington is an enrolled member of Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma and spoke to the graduates during the ceremony.

Cadets were recognized and received special awards from Primary Instructor, Lt. Allen Anderson, who is an enrolled member of the Hopi tribe.

Among those awarded were Shawn Wiley, an enrolled member of the Navajo Nation who will be working for the Southern Ute Police Department (SUPD) in Ignacio, Colo.

Wiley was one of four cadets recognized as a Squad Leader for insuring class cadets completed weekly missions. Wiley is also a Marine Corps. Veteran and had been employed by the Southern Ute Detention Center before being hired by SUPD.

Other awards were given for Highest Academic Average, Fitness Achievement



courtesy U.S. Indian Police Academy

Class 172 Cadet, Laneese Wopsock (holding certificate), graduated from the Indian Police Academy in Artesia, N.M., on Thursday, Oct. 1. Wopsock will be working with the BIA Uintah & Ouray office in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

Award, Guidon Bearer, Distinguished Firearms and Excellence in Driving Award. Ute Mountain Ute tribal member, Leneese Wopsock was one of 16 who received the Excellence in Driving Award, as did Shawn Wiley.

Wopsock, of the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Uintah and Ouray Agency (U&O) in Fort Duchesne, Utah, is the daughter of Sal Wopsock, an enrolled member of the Northern Ute Tribe and Stephanie Price an enrolled member of the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe. Wopsock also served in the Marine Corps after graduating high school in 2015.

Other graduates that will be working for Ute Tribes are Adrian Lewis, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ute Mountain Ute Agency in Towaoc, Colo., and Avril Logan, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Uintah and Ouray Agency in Fort Duchesne, Utah.

Soon to be Director of the Office of Law Enforcement and Security at the Depart-

ment of the Interior, Robert MacLean was the Keynote Speaker and said in closing of the graduation ceremony, “You [cadets] came in as individuals, but you will leave here unified in vision. Unified in the core values, honor, integrity and service – you will leave as a team.”

“So watch your six, always watch your back, and watch your 12 – always watch what’s ahead of you,” MacLean said.

Full-time law enforcement officers, instructors design and deliver training specific for 201 Indian Country Justice Services needs for police officers, criminal investigators, correctional officers, command staff, and telecommunication equipment operators.

The Indian Police Academy offers significant training opportunities in partnership with the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center (FLETC) in Artesia, N.M., and Glyncro, Georgia.



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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Photo Credit | Jeremy Wade Shockley, Southern Ute Drum

SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT

SUBMIT A TIP




Anonymous Tip Submissions

Do you have information about a crime?

Please call the Southern Ute Police Department Anonymous Tip Line - (970) 563-4999. This “Tip Line” was designed to allow you the ability to provide law enforcement with information, anonymously if need be, regarding criminal, drug, or suspicious activity. The “Tip Line” is monitored around the clock by SUPD Investigators, but it **DOES NOT** replace 9-1-1 or the non-emergency police number (970) 563-4401.

If you prefer, you may also submit an anonymous tip online by visiting:
<https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/supd>



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

Tribal Member Portal Account Set Up

The Southern Ute Tribal Member Portal is a resource available to only enrolled members of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Any request for access to the Tribal Member Portal will be verified. For access to the Tribal Member Portal please follow these steps:


- Go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s website.
- In the header, click on “Members”
- Under login, click on the blue highlighted link “Register New Account”
- Complete all forms. Staff are working quickly to verify and approve new accounts while working remotely from home and while working under the tribal ‘Stay at Home’ Order.
- Use the login information found in your email to access the Tribal Member Portal.
- Once you gain access you can change your password to your profile.

For assistance, please contact Ms. Lindsay Box at 970.563.2313 or via email lbox@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/>



Finance Department



DROP-BOX

The Finance Department has installed mail drop-box to accommodate tribal membership needs for delivery of Finance-related documents or payments to the Finance Department. The drop-box is located at 365 Ouray Drive, on the west side of the Leonard C. Burch Administration Building. Documents that can be deposited into the drop-box include:

- COVID-19 Relief Grant Program applications
- Tribal Distribution documents
- Tribal Credit loan documents
- Accounts Receivable check payments
- Other Finance-related documents
- NO CASH PAYMENTS** can be put in the drop-box

The drop-box will be checked at 11:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., Monday through Friday. All documents received in the drop-box will be stamped with the date they are received. For payments on customer accounts, the payment will be posted to the customer account on the date it is received (if received by 5:00 p.m.), and a receipt will be mailed by US Postal Service to the customer. All documents deposited in the drop-box will be forwarded to the appropriate tribal staff for timely processing.

If you have questions for Accounts Receivable/Customer Account please contact the Cashier at 970.563.0110; if you have questions for Tribal Credit please contact Tribal Credit at 970.563.4744; and if you have questions on the Tribal Distribution/COVID Relief Grant Program please contact the GL Manager at 970.563.2443



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

MEDICAL **DIY**

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

The Positive Directions for Native Health Program at Albuquerque Area Indian Health Board would like to present:

COVID-19 MENTAL HEALTH
WEBINAR SERIES

WEBINAR TOPICS

- Strength and Resiliency Building
- Self-Care Strategies
- Mental Health 101
- Coping with Restrictions of COVID-19 in Daily Life
- Practicing Mindfulness
- Managing Productivity

What:

Many tribal communities are dealing with never-before seen issues during this tough time and it is important to keep our mental health as a top priority.

Who:

Special guest speakers every webinar.

Where:

Webinars will be held on Adobe Connect. Please contact Elisha Sneddy for links to register.

When:

Webinars will be held every month in September, October, November and December.

For more information contact: Elisha Sneddy at esneddy@aaihb.org

Southern Ute Indian Tribe & CDPHE
Drive-thru COVID-19 Testing
October 14-15, 2020
8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
Sky Ute Casino Resort Overflow Parking Lot

Voluntary viral testing is available for enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Members and immediate household family members (including those who are not enrolled). Testing will be open to the community on October 15, 2020 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. **In accordance with the public health order requiring the use of face coverage, face masks are required.**

This is a **one-time** opportunity for immediate household members of enrolled Southern Ute tribal members including those whom are non-Native. Tribal Members and First Descendants are eligible for testing at the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) at a later date, however non-Native family members are **ineligible** for services at SUHC at a later date.

Testing Schedule

Tribal Elders will be given priority both days from 8:00-9:00 a.m. Testing will be open to the tribal membership and their immediate family members as well as Tribal Elder Caregivers for both days. Tribal Elders will be given priority both days from 8:00-9:00 a.m.

Testing will be open to both tribal staff and the entire community at the following dates & times:

Tribal Staff
October 14, 2020
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Community
October 15, 2020
12:00 - 5:00 p.m.

Test Results

As cases increase, so do the numbers of tests being administered. Please be patient while awaiting test results as labs may be overwhelmed. Tribal staff will contact individuals via phone or email for both negative and positive test results.

COVID-19 Symptoms

Symptoms can develop 2-14 days after exposure

Fever

Cough

Shortness of Breath

Seek medical care if your symptoms are severe.

Test, Trace, and Treat



An effective fight against the coronavirus has multiple fronts. It includes widespread testing campaigns, the tracing of infection chains, and the race to create vaccines and develop effective treatment.

Priority will be given to elders and persons who have special vulnerabilities for the first hour each day from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m. Tribal Members are required to wear a face mask to the viral testing area on the scheduled day of testing.

Drive-thru Testing Procedures

Staff will assist with completing the COVID-19 Testing Demographic and Consent Form. All individuals must complete form to receive voluntary testing. Tribal Members are required to wear a face mask to the viral testing area on the scheduled day of testing.

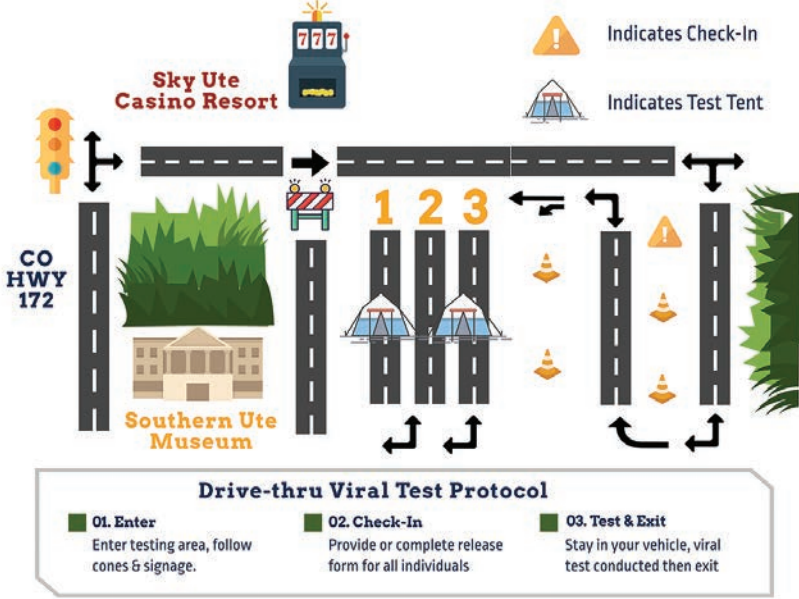
- STEP 1**
- Follow cones to entrance of drive-thru testing. Line up and wait in vehicle
- STEP 2**
- Stay in vehicle, check-in with TIS & complete release form
- STEP 3**
- Follow staff instructions to one of three lines entering testing area
- STEP 4**
- Healthcare professional will conduct testing swab for all individuals
- STEP 5**
- Exit testing area toward Museum & onto County Road 517
- STEP 6**
- Test results are reported as they arrive. Tribal staff will call with results



Tribal Elders Priority Hours daily from 8:00 - 9:00 a.m.

If you are unable to attend the the drive-thru testing, tests can be done at the Health Center. To schedule an appointment, please call 970.563.4581

COVID-19 Drive-thru Testing Protocol Illustration



If you are exhibiting symptoms



01. Isolate yourself
02. Call your primary health care provider or call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970.563.4581

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center will be available from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m., Monday - Friday.

For updated information please follow the Tribe's social media; visit the Tribe's website, the Southern Ute Drum website & social media, and listen to KSUT Tribal Radio.



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Designed & Produced by Lindsay J. Box



Aerial View of SUCR Overflow Parking Lot





The quarter pipe, one of the most impressive features is being formed and prepared for the pouring of concrete. The feature will include tiles selected by the Sunshine Smith Youth Advisory Council, emblazoned with the Southern Ute Tribal Seal on the “vert wall.”

Skate Park Rolls On



Rebar is set and ready for concrete above one of the bowls. Various rails and steps are included in the design throughout the skate park.



Artisan Skateparks workers set rebar and forms for a “flat,” that runs between transitions on the east side of the skate park.

The skate park is rolling towards it's Thanksgiving completion date as scheduled and things are really taking shape. Ramps and bowls are complete, flats are being formed, concrete being poured, and colored sections of the skate park are being set as well. A virtual opening is being planned with the Native Connections Program of the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Dept. “A huge skate fest is also in the works once Covid restrictions are lifted,” said Robin Duffy-Wirth, Director of the SunUte Community Center. “We have involved the Sunshine Smith Youth Advisory Council in every step we have made, including design, and choice of tiles for the quarter pipe.”

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



A bank with “extensions” varying in height along the top edge, line the west side of the skate park. Along the top of the feature, there will be skateable rolling surfaces.



The kidney bowl is complete with transitions, and a box, for dropping in with “coping” along the top edges of the bowl.

ME-WE-3 CHALLENGE



6 Week Active Kids program • Oct 5-Nov 11, 2020

Open to anyone ages 6-18 • Registration required

Join us via Google Zoom for some fun activities and earn AWESOME prizes throughout the challenge!

Find the Virtual Registration Form on bgcsu.org or our Facebook Page!

Questions? Contact Cass @ (970)563-2666 or casanchez@southernute-nsn.gov



DURANGO FARMERS MARKET

Saturday Mornings

May 9th - Oct 31st
8 am - 12 noon
(9 am - noon in October)

In the TBK Bank parking lot across from the Transit Center

Your source for LOCAL products in an open air shopping environment! COVID19 precautions will be implemented.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING YOUR LOCAL PRODUCERS!

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IT'S YOUR VOTE

IT'S YOUR
TRIBAL COMMUNITY

"We are all in this together."



OCTOBER 30, 2020
SPECIAL ELECTION



SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD
Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election 2020 and Southern Ute Indian Tribe **Special Election 2020**

COVID-19 SAFETY PRECAUTIONS & VOTING DAY PROCEDURES

Due to COVID-19 the Election Board will be supervising and administering the **Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election 2020** and **Southern Ute Indian Tribe Special Election 2020** as an outdoor voting event at 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO.

- Voting Booths will be located outside in between the two entrances to the building.
- An "X" will be marked on the ramp every six (6) feet where voters will stand when more than one voter is present.
- We ask all voters to please wear a mask. If you do not have one we will provide a disposable one for your use.
- Sanitizing of the voting booths will occur throughout the day and hand sanitizer will be provided for your use.

The counting of the ballots will be closed session, only the board members and personnel assisting the board in this process will be allowed for safety due to it being in an enclosed area.

Tribal Membership will be able to access the WebEx for the broadcasting of the two events scheduled for the Election Board regarding the respected ballot counts for the upcoming elections are also attached with this flyer.



For Absentee Ballot contact Election Board 970-563-2303 or 970-563-2305
Off-Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

VOTE
MARTY
PINNECOOSE

THANK YOU,
EVELYN PINNECOOSE RUSSELL

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
Special Election
Oct. 30, 2020



No. 00000

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
SPECIAL ELECTION
OCTOBER 30, 2020

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBER
NOTICE: VOTE FOR 1 (ONE)

- ☐ Vanessa P. Torres
- ☐ Corliss M. Taylor
- ☐ Marty M Pinnecoose

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST
NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
2020 SPECIAL ELECTION
ONE (1) TRIBAL COUNCIL SEAT

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

SPECIAL ELECTION- Friday, October 30, 2020 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE- Wednesday, October 21, 2020 by 5 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE- Wednesday, October 21, 2020 by 5 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE-Thursday, October 29, 2020 by 5 P.M.

THE 2020 SPECIAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT 285 LAKIN STREET

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305/2729

Off-Reservation Tribal Member: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303

Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov

Southern Ute Indian Tribe **Special Election 2020**
WebEx Ballot Count

2020 Special Election Ballot Count

Friday, October 30, 2020 at 7:00 pm

Webex Event Link: <http://bit.ly/SU2020se>

To register for this event, open a new web browser and go to the above Webex Events link then click on the "Register" link. You will need to enter the event registration password below to begin. Once your event registration is approved, a confirmation email will be sent, *please save or print as you will need to unique code to join the event either by computer, cell phone or telephone.*

Event Registration Password: **sutm**

*Event Registration is **REQUIRED** to verify Tribal Membership status.

Event Information: 2020 Special Election Ballot Count

Registration is required to join this event. If you have not registered, please do so now.



Event status: Not started (Register)

Date and time: Friday, October 30, 2020 7:00 pm

Mountain Daylight Time (Denver: GMT-06:00)

Change time zone

Program: SUIT Membership Registration

Duration: 4 hours

Description: In this era of COVID-19 and the on-going mandated stay at home order, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Election Board is providing this live stream event of the Special Election ballot count to the membership.

Event Registration is **REQUIRED** to verify Tribal Membership status.

By joining this event, you are accepting the Cisco Webex [Terms of Service](#) and [Privacy Policy](#).

For Absentee Ballot contact Election Board 970-563-2303 or 970-563-2305
Off-Reservation Tribal Members phone 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303







Vote


CHRISTINE
SAGE
FOR CHAIRMAN



If I could do it before, I can do it again.
Keep Moving Forward.

ELECT RENEE J. CLOUD FOR TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN ON NOVEMBER 06, 2020

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE General Election Nov. 6, 2020



*Positive Change
Make a Difference*



ELECT ELISE V. REDD

LINDA K. BAKER for Southern Ute Tribal Council

Decisive Leadership Cultural Values

Platform

- TRIBAL IDENTITY
(Culture, Language, Enrollment)
- EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
(Programs, Employment, Off-Reservation Access)
- QUALITY ASSURANCE
(Finance, Performance, Accountability)

No. 00000

OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
GENERAL ELECTION
NOVEMBER 06, 2020

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
NOTICE: VOTE FOR 1 (ONE)

<input type="checkbox"/> Renee J. Cloud	<input type="checkbox"/> Melvin J. Baker
<input type="checkbox"/> Clement J. Frost	<input type="checkbox"/> Lorelei Cloud
<input type="checkbox"/> Christine Sage	

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS
NOTICE: VOTE FOR 2 (TWO)

<input type="checkbox"/> Edward B. Box III	<input type="checkbox"/> Alex S. Cloud
<input type="checkbox"/> Lindsay J. Box	<input type="checkbox"/> James M. Olguin
<input type="checkbox"/> John J. Washington	<input type="checkbox"/> Stacey Oberly
<input type="checkbox"/> Adam Red	<input type="checkbox"/> Cedric J. Chavez
<input type="checkbox"/> Linda K. Baker	<input type="checkbox"/> Elise V. Redd
<input type="checkbox"/> Conrad Thompson	<input type="checkbox"/> Cheryl A. Frost

NOTE: THE CANDIDATE(S) RECEIVING THE MAJORITY NUMBER OF VOTES SHALL BE ELECTED.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION

TRIBAL CHAIRMAN AND TWO (2) COUNCIL SEATS

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

GENERAL ELECTION- Friday, November 06, 2020 7 A.M. to 7 P.M.

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE- Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5 P.M.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE- Wednesday, October 28, 2020 by 5 P.M.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE REQUEST DEADLINE- Thursday, November 05, 2020 by 5 P.M.

THE 2020 GENERAL ELECTION WILL BE HELD AT 285 LAKIN STREET

Contact the Election Board at (970) 563-2303 or 2305
Off-Reservation Tribal Member: 1-800-772-1236 ext. 2303
Email: election@southernute-nsn.gov



Empowerment

Communication

Sustainability

Language

Vote for
Dr. Stacey

Southern Ute Indian Tribe General Election 2020 WebEx Ballot Count

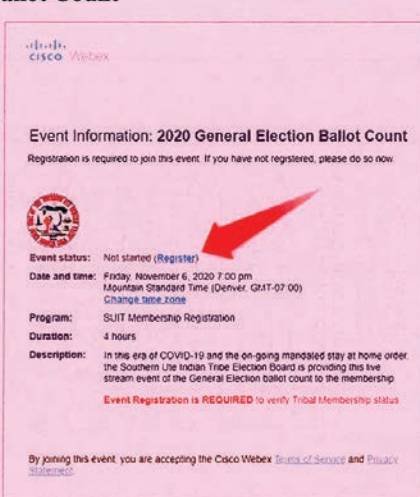
2020 General Election Ballot Count
Friday, November 6, 2020 at 7:00pm
Webex Event Link: <http://bit.ly/SU2020ge>

To register for this event, open a new web browser and navigate to the above link then click on the "Register" link. You will need to enter the event registration password is below to begin. When you receive your event approval confirmation, please save or print as you will need to unique code to join the event either by computer, cell phone or telephone.

Event Registration Password: **sutm**

*Event Registration is REQUIRED to verify Tribal Membership status.

Event Information: 2020 General Election Ballot Count
Registration is required to join this event. If you have not registered, please do so now.



By joining this event, you are accepting the Cisco Webex Terms of Service and Privacy Statement.

For Absentee Ballot contact Election Board 970-563-2303 or 970-563-2305
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DISASTER FAMILY HOME CHECKLIST

...make it work

Schedule a family meeting to explain potential disaster dangers and to prepare the family to respond as a team. This meeting should also include any caregivers. A disaster plan should include the following components:

- Designate an Out-of-Town Contact Person: Choose a friend or relative who lives out of town to be a contact person. Everyone should contact this person to let them know their status and location after a disaster. Make sure every family member has this person’s phone number.
- Give the contact person information such as insurance policy numbers and copies of important papers (optional).
- Choose a Meeting Location: If family members separate, they should meet at a specific location after a disaster. Ensure your children understand.
- Make a Communication Plan: Give important phone numbers to every family member so everyone can contact each other after a disaster. Teach children how to make emergency phone calls.
- Designate Escape Routes: Create several escape routes in case of fire, and make sure everyone knows them. Instruct everyone to go to the lowest level of the home and away from windows if a tornado occurs. Perform a family drill at least two times a year. Ensure your children understand.
- Make a Floor Plan: Create a floor plan of every level of a home that includes windows, doors, stairways, large furniture, disaster supplies, fire extinguishers, utility shut-off points, and collapsible ladders.
- Make an Alternative Plan for Special Needs: If family members have special needs, make a plan to ensure that these people have assistance.
- Plan for Pets: Make a plan to evacuate with pets, if necessary. If shelters don’t allow pets, animals may need to be boarded elsewhere

DISASTER PLANNING ACTIONS

Families can take care of specific issues prior to a disaster to ensure that they are ready to respond accordingly. Some actions involve the purchase of and installation of tools or detectors that will enhance safety or enable a proactive response. Some actions involve gathering information. Other actions involve gathering supplies.

- Utilities: Learn about when and how to turn off utilities such as water, electricity, and gas. If you need tools to turn off gas and water, keep these at the shut-off valves. Turn off utilities if you suspect damage.
- Fire Extinguishers: Purchase fire extinguishers for every level of a home and ensure that all family members know how to use them.
- Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Alarms: Purchase and install these detectors on every level of a home, including near bedrooms.
- Insurance Policies: Purchase policies to cover against property loss. Check coverage to ensure that it will cover all

- potential damage.
- First Aid and CPR: Take classes to learn first aid and CPR.
- Home Inventory: Take inventory of possessions to enable an insurance claim after a disaster. Store home inventory information in a secure location such as a safe-deposit box.
- Vital Records: Store family records such as marriage and birth certificates, passports, wills, deeds, Social Security cards, and financial records in a safe-deposit box.
- Home Hazards: Reduce common home hazards by repairing defective electrical wiring or fixing a leaky gas connection. Repair cracks in home foundations and ceilings to prevent them from further damage in the case of a disaster. Schedule professional chimney maintenance to prevent heat and smoke damage to your home. Store chemicals such as pesticides, weed killers, and flammable items away from heat sources. Install furniture straps and hooks to keep bookshelves, cabinets, and appliances in place against wall studs.
- If a disaster happens, know that disaster restoration services are available to help and can report and work directly with your insurance company while you get your day-to-day life back to normal.

CREATE A DISASTER SUPPLY KIT

Assemble a kit of supplies and items to take along if an evacuation. A supply kit eliminates the need to search for supplies in a crisis. Store the kit in a portable container near the door and review the contents regularly. Assemble the following supplies:

- Three-day supply of nonperishable food for every family member
- Three-day supply of water for every family member
- Manual can opener
- Battery-powered radio or television with extra batteries
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit with instruction booklet
- Hygiene items: moist towelettes, toilet paper, hand sanitizer
- Waterproof matches
- Extra clothing and blankets
- Kitchen tools and utensils
- Whistle
- Photocopies of credit cards and identification
- Cash: small-denomination bills and coins
- Special needs items: glasses, contact lens solution, hearing aid batteries, medications
- Infant supplies: diapers, bottles, formula
- Tools and a map of the area
- Pet supplies
- Cold-weather gear: jackets, hats, mittens, scarves, sleeping bags, extra blankets, sturdy shoes, pants and long-sleeved shirts
- Vehicle supplies: maps, white distress flag, windshield scraper, tire repair kit, flares, jumper cables, tire pump, shovel, tire chains, and
- Warm-weather supplies: sunscreen, shade items



Emergency Preparedness Checklist

Hygiene Items		Family with Small Children		Reproductive Health	
Done	Description	Done	Description	Done	Description
	Toothpaste and toothbrush		Kleenex		Condoms
	Comb		Diapers and pullups		Dental dam
	Deodorant		Baby wipes		Birth control refill
	Tampons and pads		ointment or salves	Specialty Food Items	
	Shampoo and conditioner		Formula		
	Body soap		Baby food		Pack of sugarless food.
	Chapstick	Prescribed Medication			Healthy food recipe book.
	Lotion				Sugar tablets.
	Toilet paper		Check and follow up on appointments.	Travel Kit	
	Hand sanitizer		Check supply of prescribed medication.		
	Kleenex		Check supply of over the counter medications.		Medical kit
Medical Supplies		Home Supplies			Jumper cable
Done	Description	Done	Description		Road hazard triangles or lights
	Band-Aids		Flashlights		Blanket
	Gauze		Working fire extinguisher		Flashlight
	Antibiotic ointment		Smoke detector		Water
	Alcohol wipes		Carbon monoxide detector		Snacks
	Stinger remover		Batteries		Emergency contact list
	Burn ointment		Emergency radio		Check contents periodically for replacement.
	Epi-pen (if needed)		Pack of water	Activity Kit for Kids	
	Narcan (if needed)	Mental Health Kit			
	Sunscreen			Done	Description
	Gloves		Puzzles		Books
	Over the counter medication for fever, nasal, and congestion.		Books		Puzzles
	Cloth face mask or N95 if you are an essential worker.		Crosswords		Arts and crafts supplies
	Thermometer		Arts and crafts supplies		Board games
Hygiene Items		Family with Small Children		Reproductive Health	
Done	Description	Done	Description	Done	Description
Pet Supplies		Contact Lists		Don't forget to sign up for Code Red, the community notification system. Register at: public.coderedweb.com/CN/E/en-US/BFEA18547A8D	
Done	Description	Done	Description		
	Pet food		Tribal directory		
	Hygiene Items: wipes, diapers, litter		Resource guide		
	Medications		Emergency contact list (see back)		





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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Tribal Member Hearing and Supplemental Comment Period:
Draft Water Quality Standards & Clean Water Clean 401 Certification Procedures



REMINDER! DON'T FORGET TO REGISTER!

For all interested tribal members, a live on-line hearing regarding the Tribe’s draft Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Procedures will be held on:

October 15, 2020 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tribal members can register and attend the meeting via Web-Ex on the Tribal Member Portal. *The live-online hearing will be recorded and posted on the Tribal Member Portal for tribal members to view at their convenience.*

A 60-day tribal member comment period on the Environmental Programs Division’s proposed tribal water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures will be from **Monday August 31, 2020 through Friday October 30, 2020.**

You can submit your comments by one of the following methods:

- **E-mail:** wqs@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Mail:** Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colorado 81137.
- **Phone:** (970) 563-4705, extension 7901 to comment on the water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures.

Proposed Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters & Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Procedures

What does this mean for the Tribe?



- Protecting the Tribe’s water resources from pollution.
- Protecting tribal member health and welfare.
- Protecting wildlife and aquatic species.
- Exercising tribal sovereignty.

What are water quality standards?



- A legal basis for controlling pollutants entering tribal waters (such as those from wastewater plants and industrial facilities).
- Describes the condition of the waterbody.
- Classify water bodies into designated uses (such as, recreation, agriculture, public water supply, protection of fish and wildlife).
- Establish numeric and narrative criteria for pollutants in tribal waters.

To what water bodies will the Tribe’s water quality standards apply?



- All water bodies within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (such as, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands) over which the Tribe has authority for establishing water quality standards.

What are Section 401 Certification Procedures?



- Procedures the Tribe will follow to issue 401 water quality certifications.
- A 401 water quality certification is needed for projects that require a federal permit (such as, pipeline construction projects that may impact water quality).
- Under Clean Water Act section 401, the Tribe has the authority to review and certify certain projects for impacts to water quality.
- If the Tribe believes a project could negatively impact tribal waters, the Tribe can add conditions to the federal permit that provide increased protection of tribal waters (such as, installing erosion control berms).

October 15, 2020 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM



GROWTH FUND

Letter from Growth Fund Executive Director Shane Seibel



Shane Seibel
Executive Director
Southern Ute Growth Fund

Good Day Tribal Members.

I know today is a very unsettling time, as we continue navigating our way through the transformation of the “new normal”, I wanted to take a moment to provide the Southern Ute tribal membership with an update on the impacts of COVID-19 on our businesses, and what we are doing to manage through today’s pandemic.

First, I want to address a couple of groups in our organization that we are very appreciative to have as part of our Growth Fund Team who provide essential services: Utilities, Facilities, Fairgrounds, Shared Services and all field staff. These services are critical to keep functioning throughout this pandemic. These groups have unwavering support from Tribal Council and our leadership team. This truly is a team effort. Secondly, Tribal Council through the Incident Command Team working with Growth Fund leadership and GFMC implemented protocols and procedures to help ensure a healthy and safe work environment.

The priorities of the team:

1. Maintain the Health and Well-being of Tribal Members and Staff;
2. Maintain Continuity of Government; and
3. Mitigate Financial Harm to Tribal Business Interests.

Now, let’s move on to the business and address the top two business related items that are on tribal member’s mind. (1) What are the financial implications to the Growth Fund due to the COVID-19 virus? (2) What is the Growth Fund doing to manage through the pandemic?

Q. What are the financial implications to the Growth Fund due to the COVID-19 virus?

A. The potential impact of this virus has resulted in an unprecedented response from society globally. As many of you are aware

federal, state, and local actions are being taken to slow the spread of this pandemic across America and the world. As with all businesses and governments, there will be a financial impact and predicting the full extent of those impacts is nearly impossible. What we can communicate from the Growth Fund is that the businesses are much better prepared to weather this economic downturn than the financial crisis in 2008 or even the energy downturn in 2016. A few data points that are worthy of sharing to illustrate this point:

In the Energy Portfolio revenues will be impacted by the reduction in oil prices. Oil prices saw their second worst day in history on March 9, 2020 where oil dropped 31% in one day. However, there are many factors that will allow the Growth Fund Energy Businesses to manage through this downturn.

- Approximately 65% of our projected oil sales through FY2020 were hedged at an average of \$56/bbl and approximately 42% of our projected oil sales for FY2021 are hedged at an average \$49/bbl. In 2016, none of projected oil and gas sales were hedged at the peak of the downturn.
- In 2016, the breakeven costs to find oil, install infrastructure to get it to market and operate averaged somewhere between \$50-70/bbl. Today, those same costs are somewhere in the range of \$25-35/bbl depending on the basin and the type of project. Operating costs for oil in our portfolio that is already online are closer to \$10-20/bbl depending on the basin.
- Even with the recent downturn, the Growth Fund Energy businesses are projected to deliver FY2020 earnings two times greater than FY2016 earnings.
- The Growth Fund Energy Portfolio has 30% less debt on the balance sheet in 2020 versus 2016. The Midstream businesses have no debt with adequate cash on hand and are contributing positive cash flow to the Growth Fund with very limited commodity exposure beyond volume on the system.

On the Non-energy side (Real Estate and Private Equity), we learned and grew from the 2008 financial crisis. Back then, GF Properties Group had 63% of its assets in mixed-use and land development projects that were producing very little, if any consistent income. GF Private Equity Group had a large portion of their portfolio tied up in direct investments including risky early-stage venture capital. Today, these businesses look totally different:

- 83% of GF Properties Group assets are in income producing categories such as Apartments, Industrial/Warehouse buildings and Office buildings where we have consistent, dependable cash flow on a monthly basis. The balance is in land development, one hotel and 5% in cash.
- Our real estate assets are spread across the country in 18 different markets spreading risk.

- GF Private Equity Group has, for the past decade, invested in various funds that invest in multiple companies across a variety of businesses. Today, GF Private Equity group invests in over 500 different companies through their fund managers.
 - GF Properties Group has significant cash on its balance sheet.
- Q. What is the Growth Fund doing to manage through this pandemic and potential economic downturn?**
- A. First, we are grateful that we learned from the previous downturns and have set the businesses up to better weather these types of events. In times such as this, it is important to remember that we focus on what we can control and prepare for the future of what may or may not occur. As a result, we have acted quickly to respond to the pandemic to protect the Southern Ute tribal membership and our staff, continue to provide essential service to the membership and proactively keep business operations functioning in order to manage cash in the short term and protect the tribal member distributions for the long term. A few of the steps that we have taken include the following:
- We have developed and implemented an infectious disease preparedness and response plan based on guidance issued from OSHA for the virus. This plan includes basic infection prevention measures and policies and procedures for implementation of safe work practices and workplace controls.
 - o The first item implemented and communicated was the Travel and Health Memorandum. This memorandum discusses what we all need to do as employees to minimize spread including: washing our hands, staying at home when we are sick, self-quarantining if we have known exposure of COVID-19, and ensuring we communicate properly with our supervisors on health related matters.
 - o Since March, we have implemented the “COVID-19 Contractor/Vendor Screening Procedure” which was approved by Tribal Council through the Incident Management Team. This procedure officially stops non-essential work at our sites and requires protocols to be implemented with contractor and vendors to minimize exposure of the virus to our staff and the community.
 - o Finally, there are additional documents published that are part of our Infectious Disease and Preparedness Response Plan including the use of face coverings.
- Now, let’s talk about the following items we have implemented to better manage the businesses through this economic downturn:
- Immediately Growth Fund implemented a wage freeze to all Growth Fund Employees to better manage cash through the short-term disruption.
 - Immediately cut at least 40% of Energy capital expenditures for FY 2020. Capital expenditures associated with the energy businesses that are needed to maintain safety, environmental compliance, or were in progress during the start of the pandemic are continuing as planned.
 - Discontinued non-essential work activity in the field which will help manage the spread of the virus and lower short-term operating costs.
 - Updated cash flow models and are currently evaluating capital expenditures for FY 2021 as well as the forward sales strategy as it relates to hedging future oil and gas volumes.
 - Immediately suspended all new acquisitions in GF Properties Group to con-

serve the significant cash that real estate has accumulated.

- Delayed the final budgeted Private Equity fund investment commitment indefinitely.
- Overall, the Growth Fund cut approximately 75% of the capital expenditures for the second half of FY2020.

Offices in critical areas are on modified work schedules to minimize health risks and maintain critical business operations. Growth Fund field and office staff continues to work hard, safely, and professionally for the continued success of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

A few final thoughts ...

The Growth Fund Directors, Presidents and managers of our companies and divisions monitor work-force size and needs on a fairly constant basis. Steadily over the last several years the number of Growth Fund employees has declined, resulting in a reduction in those operational costs. Particularly in the energy industry, the decline in commodity prices in March required Red Willow and Red Cedar to come up with cost savings by deferring or canceling projects. With the help of Congress, we also received PPP Loans to keep our employee rosters steady. In the meantime, we monitored the economy to see if this was a temporary blip or whether it would last longer.

Although there has been some re-opening, economic recovery has been very slow. Our businesses have not been as hard-hit as other organizations, but still this has been a very challenging time for everyone. In July the Growth Fund Directors had serious discussions about potential layoffs. With the focused attention of company presidents, we developed plans for potential layoffs and have worked closely with Human Resources in taking the steps needed to move forward. Red Willow eliminated five positions and Red Cedar eliminated four positions. Those actions at Red Willow and Red Cedar have also required re-organization and consolidation of job duties to maintain functionality. Through consolidation of the accounting and finance teams of GF Properties and the Growth Fund, we were able to consolidate workload and eliminate two positions there. Also, GF Internal Audit department has consolidated with the Internal Audit department with the Permanent Fund resulting in a net reduction of one position. Prior to the Stay At Home Order, GF Properties Group eliminated three positions in March. Although not part of the Growth Fund, Shared Services relies on the Growth Fund for Human Resources, and Shared Services has also eliminated four positions.

Throughout this process we have ensured that no member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been laid off due to the pandemic. Our job duties and responsibilities under the Growth Fund Implementation Plan include making these tough calls, and we have made the decisions that we believe are best for the overall organization.

People remain our most important priority and we know that it is a very unsettling time in society. We have great people who have and will continue to contribute daily, and we will get through this unprecedented time. We need to continue to look out for the health and well-being of our families, our co-workers and our community.

We hope you will support us in making these tough decisions and we thank you for the confidence you have placed in us to make those decisions carefully and thoughtfully. Please contact Executive Director, Shane Seibel at 970-563-5006 with any questions or concerns.

Thank you.
Shane Seibel
Executive Director
Southern Ute Growth Fund

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

did you know?!

Leaves change colors in the fall because the Chlorophyll that gives plants the green color breaks down.

Source: <https://www.esf.edu/jpubpro/brochure/leaves/leaves.html>

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.

Lake Capote

will be closing for the 2020 Season

Sunday, October 25th.

LAKE CAPOTE

RECREATION AREA

Attention State Hunters

Due to the Stay-at-Home orders put in place by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the following access areas have been closed and the Lands Division will not be issuing Crossing Permits to State hunters for these areas:

- Chimney Rock/Haystack Mountain
- Washington Flats
- Turkey Creek

Please contact the Lands Division for further information at [970-563-0126](tel:970-563-0126).



REMINDER to HUNTERS
BIG GAME VALIDATIONS
ARE REQUIRED FOR ALL
HARVESTED BUCKS & BULLS

Please call to make an appointment:

Monday-Friday 8:00-5:00 p.m.
970-563-2416 or 970-563-2418

Or during office hours at:
Tuesday-Thursday 8:00-12:00 p.m.
970-563-0130



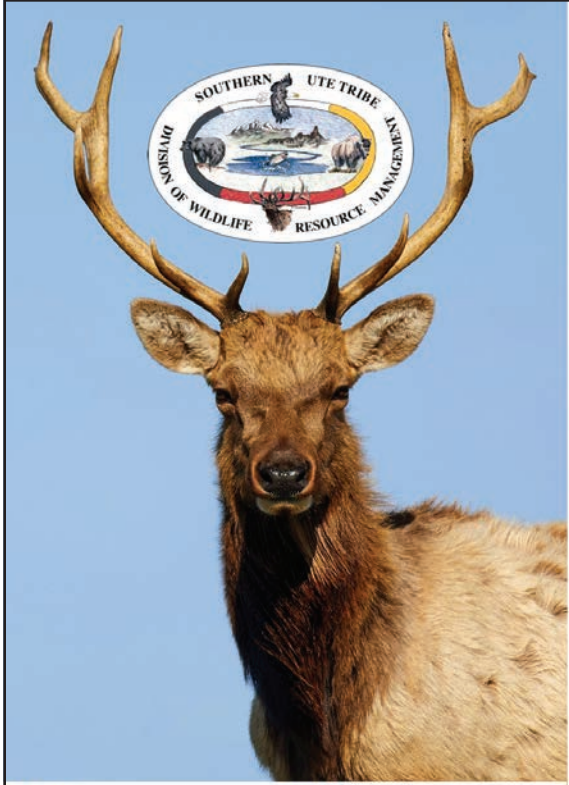
UPDATE:

Southern Ute 2021 January Cow Hunt
will only be offered to Local Southern
Ute 1st Descendants.

All Southern Ute 1st Descendant applicants
must reside within the designated “Safe Zone”
as defined by the IMT and Tribal Council.

Applications will be taken through
December 18th, 2020

Please Call the Wildlife Division for more
information:
(970) 563-0130



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

WOLF REINTRODUCTION • FROM PAGE 1

can West. Most notably, gray
wolves were reintroduced to
Yellowstone National Park
in 1995 and the Mexican
gray wolf was reintroduced
into parts of New Mexico
and Arizona. The wolf is
considered a keystone spe-
cies, and is proven to have
beneficial impacts on the
broader ecosystem.

“Beavers are a classic
example of a keystone spe-
cies in ecology, because of
the rich diversity that they
create with their dam-build-
ing activity,” explained
Southern Ute Wildlife Divi-
sion Head Steve Whiteman.
“Wolves are similar to bea-
vers in that they have effects
across entire ecosystems,
through food chains. So,
there can be many ecologi-
cal benefits with restoring
this native predator.”

“Aspen forest regener-
ation in Yellowstone is a
classic case in ecology;
where reintroduced wolves
prevent elk from concen-
trating in and over-grazing

riparian habitats, benefit-
ing the entire ecosystem,”
Whiteman said. “They do
have an effect, and it’s defi-
nitely not all negative.”

One of the top concerns
for many is the effect wolves
will have on native deer
and elk populations, which
also serve as an economic
resource for the state, and
a cultural resource for the
Tribes. The Tribe’s Wild-
life Advisory Board also
expressed concern over wolf
predation of big game ani-
mals that occur in the Brunot
Treaty Area, predominantly
in the high country.

“I think what is key for
me is protecting our natural
resources, our wildlife and
our livestock, Baker empha-
sized. “Protecting our treaty
ground – the wildlife in our
treaty ground.”

The wolf existed in Col-
orado up until the middle of
last century, when federal
pressure to eradicate the ani-
mals proved rather success-
ful. The gray wolf has since

been added to the endangered
species list. While the wolf
remains a federally listed
endangered species, it will
remain under the oversight
and management of federal
wildlife officials. If and when
it is de-listed, management
authority is then turned over
to states and tribes.

“It’s a complicated issue
that really comes down to
human tolerance for co-ex-
isting with an animal that
presents definite challenges
for us,” Whiteman empha-
sized. “There are valid
arguments on both sides,
depending on your personal
values and perspective.”

The world is a much dif-
ferent place than it was half
a century ago, and the West
is certainly a more densely
populated region now than
ever before. Humans were
once responsible for the
wolf’s population decline,
and now they may also be
responsible for returning
them to the Colorado wilder-
ness today.

HAY FOR SALE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS

The Southern Ute Tribe’s Agriculture Division has a limited
amount of hay for sale to Tribal members.

This hay is being produced on a parcel of Tribal Land managed by the
Agriculture Division. The hay is about 50% alfalfa mixed with grass. Third
cut will be baled in small-square bales weighing approximately 65 pounds.

The price is \$7 per bale and there is a limit of 160 small bales
until Nov. 1, 2020.

Small lots of less than 30 bales may be picked up at the Agriculture
Division. Purchases exceeding 30 bales may be delivered by Division staff
within a 15-mile radius of Ignacio. Currently second cut, all large bales, are
stacked under cover and are \$125 per bale.



Feed analysis report on the second cut came back at 17.7% Crude Protein,
38.0% ADF, and 59.7% TDN. All hay is available to Tribal members only and
on first come first served basis.

Contact the Agriculture Division at 970-563-2900 to purchase.

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL MEMBER
AG Division – Fall Produce

October 2020 Pick Up Date 10/28/20
FINAL ORDER Date 10/20/20 970-563-0220 Final Pick Up Date 10/29/20

PAY IN ADVANCE -- Cash or Personal Check ONLY---Sorry NO Credit Cards

Beans: Adobe Milling in Dove Creek

Pinto	Anasazi
2# --- \$2.10	1# --- \$1.60
4# --- \$3.90	4# --- \$5.60
10# --- \$9.50	10# --- \$12.50
20# --- \$17.50	20# --- \$20.00
50# --- \$40.00	50# --- \$50.00

Potatoes: Farm Fresh in Monte Vista

Red Potatoes	Yellow Potatoes	Russet Potatoes
5# --- \$1.55	5# --- \$1.40	5# --- \$0.95
10# -- \$3.00		10# --- \$1.70
50# -- \$14.50	50# --- \$13.00	50# --- \$8.70
		Bakers 50# Box --- \$15.00

Flour: Cortez Milling

Red Rose (Unbleached)	White Rose	Blue Bird
5# --- \$2.25	5# --- \$2.25	5# --- \$2.50
10# -- \$4.00	10# -- \$4.00	10# -- \$4.50
25# -- \$9.25	25# -- \$9.25	20# -- \$7.25
50# -- \$18.00	50# -- \$18.00	50# -- \$18.00
Blue Corn Meal – Unroasted	Whole Wheat Flour	
3# --- \$2.25	5# --- \$2.25	& 10# --- \$4.00



BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Bobcats to face difficult gridiron grind

SPC-only sked shows visits to loop's best

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If there was a true positive that came out of a season-opening cancellation, it was probably that both sides could immediately refocus upon beginning the hurriedly-rescheduled 2020 high-school football season against a conference foe instead.

Which in hindsight will prove invaluable; conference foes are now all that remain on the abbreviated slates of both 1A Southern Peaks member Ignacio and 1A Western Slope powerhouse Meeker, who was set to visit IHS Field Saturday, Oct. 10, for a 4 p.m. kick-off until the Bobcats – who haven't seen the Cowboys since winning a 21-14 rumble at neutral Olathe H.S. nine years ago – regretfully had to nix the notion due to extensive eligibility issues.

The prospective clash certainly wouldn't have been easy; MHS won the Slope with a 5-0 mark and finished 9-2 overall after a quarterfinal loss in the 2019 CHSAA State Play-offs to SPC rulers Centauri ... who then succumbed in the semis to eventual State Runner-up Strasburg.

All that means is IHS' campaign will now commence, barring any more schedule alterations, out in the San Luis Valley Thursday evening, Oct. 15, at Center. Ultimately finishing 4-5 overall in '19 and a fourth-place 1-3 in the SoPeaks, the Vikings haven't forgotten last season's 38-21 loss to the 'Cats, who ended up saving third in conference at 2-2 and finishing 3-6 overall.

Kickoff time is, at present, set for 6 p.m.

Ignacio's home opener will then follow at 7 p.m. Friday, Oct. 23 versus nemesis Dolores, last year's SPC cellar-dweller with an 0-4 record against the circuit and



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

IHS Field will see gridiron action in 2020 after all. The Colorado High School Activities Association Board of Directors convened Wednesday night, Sept. 16, to discuss athletic variances approved by the COVID-19 Response Team from the Office of Gov. Jared Polis, and by a 12-3 vote, traditional CHSAA-sanctioned fall sports of football, field hockey, and sideline spirit were approved to proceed – if teams are able to do so safely under guidelines set by the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment. According to an Association press release from Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann's office, schools will continue to have the option to play those sports in Spring '21 (or Season C; Fall '20 also goes by Season A) as previously upheld by the Board, if they elect not to in the fall. He noted that though the seasons would be treated equitably, schools may not play in both – allowing for schools and districts to make the determination locally. Requested variances for CHSAA's remaining fall sports – including Girls' Volleyball – still remain under consideration by the Response Team.

an 0-9 overall mark. Hal-loween weekend will see the Bobcats traveling out to La Jara for a 1 p.m. afternoon start at Centauri (10-2, 4-0 SPC) on Friday, Oct. 30, and IHS will again head east into the SLV to visit Monte Vista (3-6, 3-1) at 7 p.m. Friday, Nov. 6.

Regular-season action then concludes a 7 p.m. Friday the 13th at home versus Del Norte. Back in the 11-man Southern Peaks loop after a long stretch in the 8-man Mountain, the Tigers went 3-6 overall last year but a sixth-place 1-5 in a 7-team conference – avoiding the basement only by claiming a season-end-

ing 2-0 forfeit over Mosca Sangre de Cristo.

Ignacio last faced DNHS in 2013, both hosting and destroying the guests 55 to 0.

All times/dates are subject to change, no surprise given the environment associated with the ongoing global pandemic.

With players' immediate families having first priority, IHS Athletics/Activities Director Leo Garand noted in an e-mail that, due to ongoing coronavirus-mitigation measures, only 125 tickets will be sold for all home games and that all attendees will be required to don face coverings and practice social distancing.

Preseason CHSAANOW.com
Class 1A Football poll (Oct. 5)

1. Limon, 2. Strasburg, 3. Meeker, 4. La Jara Centauri, 5. Holyoke, 6. Florence, 7. Bennett, 8. Colorado Springs Christian, 9. Wray, 10. Ault Highland.
Others Receiving Votes – Hotchkiss, Burlington, Yuma, Peyton, Monte Vista, Wiggins, Cedaredge.

BOBCATS FOOTBALL OVERVIEW

IHS: Football gameday procedures

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Ever thought of yourself as a prep football season-ticket holder?

In the COVID-19 climate of 2020, you might have to be if you want to witness the Ignacio Bobcats.

Not that that's a bad thing; prepaid admissions are just one of the steps IHS is taking this fall in order to try limiting possible exposure to, and spread of the disease. Such procedures and changes – including all tickets being priced at five prepaid dollars each – were recently detailed:

Speaking of fans, everyone must possess a ticket and have their names put on a COVID tracking sheet (visiting teams will bring or send their tracking sheets and check or money for tickets). As current state guidelines permit a maximum of only 175 spectators – split 70-30 between home and away fans – outside the playing area, please let Ignacio High School know if you end up not using all your tickets.

All spectators will wear

a mask and adhere to all social distancing guidelines.

In the informing email, IHS Athletics/Activities Director Leo Garand noted that as La Plata County rules and regulations progress, crowd capacity will increase if possible.

On the gridiron, one very visible change this fall will be the elimination of the pregame coin toss.

Players – up to 50 per side, for a maximum total (excluding coaches and school administrative personnel) of 100, plus up to four non-participatory (managers/trainers, etc.) students – and coaches on the sideline must wear a face covering, along with everyone not between the lines, but even active players may be required by local health departments to do so as well.

Team rosters and administrative pass lists are to

be submitted Wednesdays prior to games.

The team boxes will each extend to the 10-yard lines to allow for more space on the sidelines; coaches and players must maintain three to six feet of social distancing when not participating. Each team may have cheerleaders present, but all must remain on the track at all times and also wear masks and employ social distancing.

Hand sanitizer will be available on both sidelines, but the visiting team will need to supply and bring its own water. There will also be no locker room usage pre- or post-game, nor during halftime.

The Ignacio School District will have indoor/outdoor facilities that meet all social distancing standards, but while bathrooms will be available, showers will not.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Vanessa Gonzales (515) prepares to attack the last straightaway closing out the Mancos-hosted Chicken Creek Challenge's girls' varsity race, Oct. 3 north of town. She placed 18th in 25:58.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Eppie Quintana (570) ascends a slight rise exiting of a forested section of the Mancos-hosted Chicken Creek Challenge's course. He finished the boys' varsity race in 18th place, clocking a time of 21:24.

BOBCATS CROSS-COUNTRY

Challenge Met: Harriers survive Chicken Creek

IHS girls grab second place, boys secure sixth

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Long aware that a good number of his boys' cross-country roster were football players hoping to fill a void when CHSAA originally announced that the 2020 gridiron season was being pushed to Spring '21, Ignacio head coach Daniel Holley has been even more aware of the increased mental toll on those same harriers – just as, if not more eager to don helmet and pads with the Association having very recently reversed its decision.

“You could just kind of see it in their demeanor, that they're in the best athletic shape possible,” he said. “Especially being in starting roles and upperclassmen on the [football] team ... there's a lot of stress on their plate, you know?”

If there indeed was some on Dylan Labarthe's dish, however, the bearded senior apparently devoured it and let his body convert everything into energy Saturday morning, Oct. 3, at the 2020 Chicken Creek Challenge.

Held roughly 2.5 miles north of Mancos and as many east, on a forested course presenting runners with about every obstacle conceivable – including hills, soft dirt, broken tree branches, rocks, much bigger rocks, a cattle guard or two – plus omnipresent horse-apples and cow-pies underfoot in case one's shoes didn't get dirty enough, the MHS-hosted meet is geared to push all comers as well as punish newcomers.

But despite being a first-year runner, Labarthe didn't look the part at the event – reduced this year by coronavirus-mitigation measures to just seven participating schools – as he recorded a Bobcat-best time of 20 minutes, 29 seconds. And though more than three minutes slower than the winner's, his effort, a fraction of a tick faster than

3A Pagosa Springs' Noah Weiszbrod's, stood for a solid seventh place overall as IHS amassed a sixth-place, adjusted score-4 total of 71 points.

“Dylan's really coming on strong. He's in really good shape, he's really been crushing some of the workouts in the afternoons, and I've been really impressed with him ... dual-sporting between football and cross-country,” said Holley. “It's really cool to see him handle both workloads and still perform well.”

Led by senior Zeb Shields' blazing 17:22, 3A Bayfield also earned the team title with a meet-low 42 points, while 4A Durango – utilizing a crew comprised of varsity reserves and JV regulars – had to settle for second place with 47. 3A Montezuma-Cortez took third with 54, followed by Mancos (65), PSHS (67), Ignacio, and Dolores (84).

Testing a hurting leg on the rugged route, sophomore Eppie Quintana gutted out an 18th-place 21:24 for the 'Cats, and freshman brother Phillip followed with a 19th-place 21:32 – further highlighting a squad performance which actually would have ranked fourth in a score-5 format.

“Phillip, he's been PR'ing every time he runs. So that's been awesome to see him getting stronger,” Holley stated. “And Eppie does have a little knee thing going on, but I think once he gets a little rest in there he should be alright.”

Junior Gabe Tucson, another FB/XC hybrid, placed 27th in 23:11 with freshman Trajan Garcia just seven seconds back in 28th. Freshman Gabe Cox was the last 'Cat into the finish chute with a 36th-place 25:45.

Leading the ladies to a runner-up score-4 count of 36 points, freshman Maci Barnes and senior Charlyze Valdez placed a potent 4-5 individually, with the former – who, like Labarthe, Eppie Quintana and a few other stalwarts, did not compete at the previ-

ous Friday evening's PSHS Cross-Country Challenge – clocking 23:02 and the latter 23:07.

By comparison, PSHS' Megan Greenly won in 22 minutes, 33 seconds, with Durango's Bailey Freeman (22:40) kicking late down the home stretch to swipe second from Mancos' Grace Manning (22:43) and pace DHS to victory with a meet-low 27 points. Pagosa Springs ended up in third place with 40, as MHS (56) and M-CHS (73) rounded out the standings.

Junior Avaleena Nanaeto finished 13th for IHS in 24:33 and freshman Moriah Ashley was 14th in 25:03. Senior Vanessa Gonzales (25:58) made it five Lady 'Cats in the top 20 as she placed 18th, while junior Lexy Young (29:21) earned 28th and freshman Lauren deKay (30:01) 30th overall.

“We even had a ... family emergency for one of our runners,” noted Holley (junior Alannah Gomez was one of those absent), “so we had to pull up a junior-varsity runner to jump in ... and she got a PR as well! It was a great day all around for our girls; I'm really excited for this year and the future of the program.”

Up next, the 2A San Juan Basin Leaguers – Ignacio, Mancos, Dolores, as well as Challenge-absent Telluride and Ouray – will be the 2A-Region IV Championships currently slated for Friday, Oct. 9, at Confluence Park in Delta, where only the fortunate few will qualify for the State Championships, Oct. 17 at the Norris-Penrose Event Center in Colorado Springs.

“From a numbers standpoint, missing a couple weeks on our season makes it ... difficult to get an athlete prepared. Especially when working with athletes that have never run before,” Holley said. “But I think they're in great shape; they've put in the work it takes to produce good times. So we'll show up and hopefully everybody's feeling fresh and ... have a good day.



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SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Casino names Taylor Assistant General Manager in training

Staff report
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

The Sky Ute Casino Resort has promoted Andrea Taylor, a Southern Ute Tribal Member, as the Assistant General Manager in training. She took on her new role on Sept. 4, 2020.

“I am grateful and excited for this new opportunity. I have a long and hard road ahead of me, but with the support of our GM, AGM, and the Casino Management Team, we will all ensure the future success of the Casino,” stated Taylor.

Taylor has spent 38 years of her professional career working for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and 19 years at the Casino. During her first years at Sky Ute Casino Resort, she learned all aspects of the business and worked in the majority of the gaming departments. She was promoted to Director of Cultural Affairs and was in that position until she was hired on by the Tribe as the Director of Tribal Information Services in 2007. Her love for the Casino remained strong, however, and she decided to return in 2015. Before her promotion to AGM in training, she had been the Casino’s Career Development Program Manager since August 2016.

Taylor received a bachelor’s degree in Business Administration and Marketing from Fort Lewis College in 2005. She also has an extensive business background and has sat on the Southern Ute Gaming Commission as member, Vice Chair, and Chair; the Ignacio Chamber of Commerce, as member Vice Chair, and Chair; Pine River Learning, as member and Vice Chair, and the Town of Ignacio Committee for Branding’s art project. Taylor’s love of sports like basketball, volleyball, and softball has also led her to volunteer as an Assistant Basketball coach and Track Team shot put coach for the Ignacio High School. She continues to play softball to this day.

“I look forward to continuing to work with Ms. Taylor in her new role. Her outstanding work ethic and broad experience in gaming and marketing make her an ideal candidate for continued advancement as we work toward reopening the Sky Ute Casino Resort,” said Charley Flagg, General Manager.



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.





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YOUR VOTE

For help with registration, questions about the issues or ballot pickup/delivery, call Karen at 301-706-6636 or email lwvlaplata@gmail.com.



EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

GREETINGS TRIBAL MEMBERS

May God Bless all of the new candidates running for office. It is nice to see new faces running for Council. This election is particularly important, since the Covid-19 epidemic hit the United States and I pray all of you running will prepare yourself for being a good leader, during these trying times.

Please consider the following issues that I feel are important to our wellbeing as a stronger nation:

Firstly, in order to keep us financially robust, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe must move forward to invest in the Healthcare field. Our oil and gas investment is not as lucrative as it used to be and we must move forward into another business venture. Historically, for the past 20 years, the Council has talked about a new Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) facility, but nothing has come of it. I feel the only way to get the Council to act in our best interest, is to pass this decision to our Tribal Members via a referendum. When it is safer to do so, I will be passing around a referendum for Tribal Members to sign for a new SUHC building. And more importantly, we want the new SUHC facility to service all non-Indian patrons, as well. The SUHC will accept Medicare and Medicaid and cash for services rendered. These funds we receive for Healthcare will go toward hiring good Doctors and other quality Health Care providers.

Secondly, in order to enhance our prosperity, oil and gas is diminishing and we need to look outside the oil industry for new ventures. Our Tribe and community is in dire need of a new Continuous Care Facility for our Elders. We want the facility to be built here in Ignacio. We have no competition in the community we live in. There are 3 facilities in this area - 4 Corners, The Evening Porch, and Assisted Living Home. All of these facilities are overcrowded and require a cash payment. If we open up a new Continuous Care Facility we will take payment in the form of Medicare and Medicaid. Some of our Elders are located throughout Colorado, Arizona, and North Carolina. We need our Elders here in Ignacio where they can be visited and attend Tribal functions. This is a win, win investment.

Thirdly, we need to protect our Southern Ute Indian Tribal Members, like my four children who may marry non-Indian spouses, who may than be entitled to half their percap. Tribal Court should stipulate that a non-Indian spouse cannot consider a Tribal Members percap as income in a divorce hearing.

Lastly, update the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Laws and Codes that govern our Judicial system.

I have two complaint to the Council about this election. I don't believe we are given the opportunity to find out what the Candidates' believe. We need a Meet the Candidates Night because I feel we are voting blindly for someone we don't know. I believe we should postpone the election until we are given the opportunity to know what they stand for. My second complaint is what happen to us having a General Meeting.

Respectfully Yours,
Renee Tree

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Candidates McLachlan, Salka and Porter-Norton Host Food Drives

On Saturday, Oct. 10 there will be food drives in La Plata County to benefit area food banks. The sponsors are Barbara McLachlan, State Representative and candidate, and County Commissioner candidates Matt Salka (Dist. 3) and Marsha Porter-Norton (Dist.2). The locations for drop off are: Durango from 8-10 a.m. on 8th Avenue by the Durango Farmer's Market; Bayfield from 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at The Grocery Store; and Ignacio from 1-2:30 p.m. at the ELHI Community Center Parking lot, 115 Ute St. All nonperishable food is welcomed. Any questions can be directed to volunteers: Karen Thompson, 970-903-2291 and Sheryl Guy, 509-991-5640.

FOOD DRIVES FOR ALL

Saturday, October 10th, 2020

3 candidates and 3 locations to bring nonperishable food to help those in need.

Durango: 8:00-10:00 a.m. - near the Durango Farmer's Market
Bayfield: 11:00-12:30 pm. - The Grocery Store at Bayfield
Ignacio: 1:00-2:30p.m. - ELHI Community Center, 115 Ute St.

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Food will be donated to food banks throughout La Plata County

Upcoming Drum Deadlines • Holiday Schedule			
Deadline	Issue	Federal/Tribal Holidays	Offices Closed
Nov. 2	Nov. 6	Veterans Day (11/11)	Nov. 11
Nov. 16	Nov. 20	Thanksgiving Day (11/26)	Nov. 26 & 27
Nov. 30	Dec. 4	Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10)	Dec. 10 & 11
Dec. 14	Dec. 18	Christmas Day (12/25)	Dec. 25
Dec. 24*	Dec. 31	New Year's Day (1/1/2021)	Jan. 1, 2021

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Oct. 23

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Oct. 19

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There is also a link with more information:
www.co.laplata.co.us/services/health_and_human_services/veterans_services/office_hours_in_bayfield_and_ignacio.php

SOUTHERN UTE FORESTRY Firewood Public Service Announcement

The 2020/2021 firewood season began Oct. 1, 2020 and will run through April 30, 2021. Firewood will only be distributed (made available for pickup or delivery) Wednesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. during COVID-19 Phase 1 restrictions. To qualify for the firewood program, you must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal member 18-years or older and have a means (firewood place or wood stove) to burn firewood at your primary residence. In order to qualify for delivery, you must be a Tribal elder and live within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (a copy of the approved procedures is available upon request from the Forestry Division). For questions call 970-563-4780.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Historic Building Abatement

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is seeking a qualified consultant to perform abatement of regulated building materials in a culturally and historically significant building on the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Campus, the Head Start School Building and Gymnasium (HSSB). For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Environmental Programs Division: Alexandra Ratcliff, General Assistance Program Manager, aratcliff@southernute-nsn.gov

Proposals will be received through November 30, 2020.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian owned businesses.

Certification information, contact TERO at 970-563-0117. SUIT reserves the right to reject any and all bids and to accept the bid deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the SUIT.

NOTICE OF TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF THE LA BOCA BRIDGE



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will implement a bridge deck replacement project for the La Boca bridge, located on La Boca Ranch Road off Hwy 172 at MP 1.1, south of Ignacio, Colorado. The road is access to Indian Mesa, and points south in northern New Mexico. At a minimum, the bridge will be closed for construction throughout the month of October, 2020. Depending on weather conditions, etc., the closure could be extended. For more information please contact Gary Faulks at 970-563-2723 or Douglas McDonald at 970-563-2271. If there is an emergency please contact the Southern Ute Police Department at 970-563-4401.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

Of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe • On the Southern Ute Reservation
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NOTICE OF PROBATE In the Estate Of, Val Cedric Herrera, Deceased Case No.: 2020-0129-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 **OCTOBER 19, 2020 at 2:30PM**. 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 14th of September, 2020
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE In the Estate Of, Case No.: 2020-0016-CV-PR Jaryn Edwin Watts, 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 **OCTOBER 20, 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 11th of September, 2020
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE In the Legal Name Change of, Case No. 2020-0135-CV-NC Suzette Dee Humpy, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Suzette Dee Humpy has filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Suzette Dee Watts. Any person desiring to object to the granting of the petition may do so by filing an objection in writing with the Clerk of the Court no later than **OCTOBER 26, 2020**. If no objection is made, the Court will grant the legal name change.

Dated this 17th day of September, 2020.
BY THE COURT,
Paula Trujillo, Court Clerk

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Election Board Vacancy

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking two (2) Alternate Board Members. The closing date is Friday, October 23, 2020 at 5:00p.m. Qualifications; 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of Intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970- 563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Wildlife Advisory Board Vacancy Southern Ute Tribal Members

Open until filled – 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 letter of interest 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.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Member Hearing & Supplemental Comment Period

Draft Water Quality Standards & Clean Water Act Section 401 Certification Procedures

For all interested tribal members, a live on-line hearing regarding the Tribe's draft Water Quality Standards for Surface Waters on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and Clean Water Act Section 401 Water Quality Certification Procedures will be held on Oct. 15, 2020 from 1 to 4 p.m.

Tribal members can register and attend the meeting via Web-Ex on the Tribal Member Portal. The live-online hearing will be recorded and posted on the Tribal Member Portal for tribal members to view at their convenience.

A 60-day tribal member comment period on the Environmental Programs Division's proposed tribal water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures will be from Monday August 31, 2020 through Friday October 30, 2020.

You can submit your comments by one of the following methods:

- E-mail: wqs@southernute-nsn.gov
- Mail: Water Quality Standards Committee, Environmental Programs Division, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, P.O. Box 737 #81, 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio, Colo. 81137.
- Phone: (970) 563-4705, extension 7901 to comment on the water quality standards and Clean Water Act section 401 certification procedures.

What does this mean for the Tribe?

- Protecting the Tribe's water resources from pollution.
- Protecting tribal member health and welfare.
- Protecting wildlife and aquatic species.
- Exercising tribal sovereignty.

What are water quality standards?

- A legal basis for controlling pollutants entering tribal waters (such as those from wastewater plants and industrial facilities).
- Describes the condition of the water body.
- Classify water bodies into designated uses (such as, recreation, agriculture, public water supply, protection of fish and wildlife).
- Establish numeric and narrative criteria for pollutants in tribal waters.

To what water bodies will the Tribe's water quality standards apply?

- All water bodies within the exterior boundary of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation (such as, rivers, streams, lakes, ponds, and wetlands) over which the Tribe has authority for establishing water quality standards.

What are Section 401 Certification Procedures?

- Procedures the Tribe will follow to issue 401 water quality certifications.
- A 401 water quality certification is needed for projects that require a federal permit (such as, pipeline construction projects that may impact water quality).
- Under Clean Water Act section 401, the Tribe has the authority to review and certify certain projects for impacts to water quality.
- If the Tribe believes a project could negatively impact tribal waters, the Tribe can add conditions to the federal permit that provide increased protection of tribal waters (such as, installing erosion control berms).

House for sale by owner

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Home for sale

4 Bedroom, 2 baths, Family Room, Living Room, Laundry Room, Pantry. Home is located at 310 Mountain Dew Circle in the Cedar Point West Subdivision. Upgraded Refrigerator and Stove. Home WILL NEED to be moved!! For more info call 970-759-7294 or 970-759-0686.

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.



Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of Oct. 5, 2020

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	CLOSING DATE
Shelter	FT House Parent	10/9/20
Shelter	PT House Parent	10/9/20
Education	FT Bus Driver	10/12/20
Temp Worker Program	Program Assistant	10/16/20
Public Safety	Director	10/16/20
Environmental	Air Quality- Technician I	10/23/20
Child Development Center	PT Assistant Cook	Until Filled
White Mesa Recreation	Director	Until Filled
Diabetes Program/White Mesa	CNA/Health Technician	Until Filled
White Mesa Recreation	Part Time Assistant	Until Filled
Judicial Services	Court Clerk I	Until Filled
Judicial Services	Bailiff	Until Filled
White Mesa Elder Program	Cook/Assistant	Until Filled
Social Services	Case Worker I	Until Filled
Social Services	Preservation Case Worker	Until Filled
Diabetes Prevention	Diabetes Nurse	Until Filled
Child Development Center	Family Service Manager	Until Filled
Mineral Audit	Auditor	Until Filled
Public Safety	Police Officer	Until Filled

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

Environmental Compliance Specialist

Closes 10/9/20 – Under the supervision of the General Assistance Program Manager, develops and administers the Tribal Brownfields grant program and supports compliance activities throughout the Reservation. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Forestry Fuels Crew Member

Closes 10/19/20 – Southern Ute tribal members only. Under the general supervision of the Forester and/or Forestry Division Head and represents the Department of Natural Resources in a professional manner while implementing fuels and thinning projects in order to meet multiple natural resource objectives and to supply fuelwood to the Tribal membership. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

General Assistance Program Manager

Closes 10/12/20 – Plans, develops, and administers the environmental Tribal Response program for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent upon renewed grant funding. Pay grade 21, \$55,006/year.

Health Services Secretary

Closes 10/20/20 – Provides clerical support for the Community Health & Home Services Division. Provides reception, secretarial and records management services to the Division. Pay grade 14; \$12.93/hour.

Investment Operations Manager

Closes 10/14/20 – Reporting to the Chief Investment Officer, provides oversight and direction for the administrative operations of the investment office including cash management, investment performance and reporting, trade order processing, investment custody relations, document management and control processes. Serve as principal liaison on all investment-related legal, compliance, risk management and audit matters. Reports to the Chief Investment Officer. Pay grade 25; \$86,368/year.

Small Business Specialist

Closes 10/12/20 – Southern Ute tribal members only. Under general direction of the Manager of Economic Development, develops, plans, organizes and implements economic development functions from conception to completion, involving incentive programs related to Tribal Member small business development. Promoting the small business and economic development interests of the Tribe. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Tribal Water Attorney

Closes 10/29/20 – Under the supervision of the Legal Department Director, attorney will serve as a member of the Tribe's Legal Department, with principal responsibility for representing the Tribe on water matters. Where time allows, the attorney will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department's attention, including code review and drafting, litigation, contract review, and employment matters.

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; \$61,872.00/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.

Court Information Analyst

Open until filled – The Grants & Information Analyst works in cooperation with Tribal Court administrators to strategically plan the development of the Court's programs, by statistically measuring the effectiveness of current court programs, researching methods to improve effectiveness, and writing grant proposals to support improvements and funding. Partially grant funded. Continued full-time employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the grant. Pay grade 21; \$55,006/year.

Dental Assistant

Open until filled – Under dentist supervision, Perio-Dental Assistant in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Detention Cook

Open until filled – Assisting Food Service Coordinator; kitchen food service preparation, cleaning duties. 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; \$78,315/year.

Detention Transport Officer

Open until filled – Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. Transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Elementary Teacher

A professional teaching position with the Private Education Dept. Uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area. Position 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. 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.

Medical Assistant (Temporary)

Open until filled – Providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Patrol Officer

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

Physical 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. Communicate effectively with parents/guardians about their child's progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Position is paid on the Education Scale.

Physical Therapist (Part-time w/benefits)

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

Security Officer

Open until filled – 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

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

TEAM Worker

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

TERO Worker

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



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CALL FOR ARTISTS

Southwest Institute for
Education and Conservation
Durango, CO

DESCRIPTION

The Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation, Conservation Legacy, and Durango Adult Education Center in Durango, Colo, are searching for a local Indigenous visual artist to submit artwork that can be hung permanently in the entry way of our building. The artwork will be displayed prominently in the entry way area of a three-story public building that receives considerable foot traffic. The mission of the Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation is to provide a quality, affordable, and stable multi-tenant nonprofit facility to serve the educational and job skill needs of adults and families in a supportive environment with childcare on site.

We are looking for two-dimensional original artwork to accompany a written Land Acknowledgement statement to recognize the people who lived in our region before colonization, and still live here today -- specifically the Puebloan, Ute, Navajo tribes. Preference will be given to artists with ancestry from the Mouache, Caputa, and Weenuchiu bands of the Ute tribal nation.

Financial compensation will be offered.

LAND ACKNOWLEDGMENT STATEMENT

Welcome to the Commons Building, operated by the Southwest Institute for Education and Conservation. We want to acknowledge that we are on the traditional land of the Puebloan and Ute* tribes, who have been stewards of this land throughout generations. Today, the Mouache and Caputa bands comprise the Southern Ute Indian Tribe headquartered in Ignacio, and the Weenuchiu band is now known as the Ute Mountain Utes and are headquartered in Towaoc. The Navajo or Diné people also recognize Hesperus Peak – the tallest in the La Plata Mountain Range -- as one of their four Sacred Mountains called Dibé Nitsaa, which translates as Big Sheep. As you join our building's diverse community, it is important to provide an acknowledgement that we are gathering today on stolen land. The narratives of this land and region have long been told from one dominant perspective, without fully recognizing the people who lived here before colonization, and still live here today. Thank you for your respect in acknowledging this important history.

DEADLINES

Please send sketch or statement of interest to:
Shirena Trujillo Long
strujillo@conservationlegacy.org

After approval the artwork must be completed by November 2020.

SIZE AND SPECIFICATIONS

Approximately 24"x36" or 16"x20"; original work; medium of choice.



TERO Available Construction Positions

HWY 550 / 160 CONSTRUCTION: With the construction of HWY 550/160 underway in Durango, TERO is taking resumes and applications for all aspects of construction. This project is an Indian preference project. Please Contact the TERO Office at 970-563-0117 or contact via email Laura.Sanchez@southernute-nsn.gov 970-563-2294



FLY FISHING

Braided, brookies, and a bird

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Last week two members of the Braided fly fishing club and I decided the three of us should spend a day fly fishing for brook trout. For those of you that don't know, Braided is a fly fishing club whose membership is comprised primarily of ladies that fly fish. The chance for this old curmudgeon to spend the day fly fishing with two members of Braided was not be passed up.

As I've written before, brook trout are my favorite species to cast a fly to. They're the prettiest trout in the river. They're also aggressive, and have been known to strike a fly as many times as it takes for a fly fisherman to get the hook set done correctly. The only question that remained was where to go. I suggested we fish the Animas north of Silverton. It's not crowded, and the riverbed is easy to wade. Plus, you'll sometimes see moose wandering around.

Once we arrived at the pull off where we could boot and suit we noticed what seemed to be a gale force wind. This had not been in the always reliable weather forecast found on the internet. We were not deterred; we were there to fly fish. Other than the wind, the weather was great, and the brookies were calling. Dry flies were tied on, and we headed to the river.

Once in the river, one of the ladies graciously agreed to fish with me, in case I got lost or fell down. Getting old has it downsides. The



third member of our group trailed behind us catching the brooks we missed. My slow reflexes guaranteed there were lots of missed trout. My partner and I buddy-fished, with the rules being three missed strikes or one trout caught before the other person got to fish. If you've never buddied fished I suggest you give it a try. It makes you slow down and enjoy the day even more. She Who Must Be Obeyed will only buddy fish with me. It's just a fun way to spend a day on the river with someone you enjoy being with.

As usual, when the fly fishing and catching is good, the morning quickly passed. Lunch was being discussed while I watched my partner make a few more great casts and our third partner slowly moved our way. Hunger and a need to sit and rest for a bit was winning out over staying in the water. So, as I was standing there, with my rod being held underneath my arm, pointing downstream, I suddenly felt my rod bend, as if I had a big fish on. I didn't. My line was strung up with the fly secured in a guide. As I turned to see

what was happening I saw a bird taking flight after it had briefly landed on my rod. I repositioned my rod, to point upstream, and continued watching my partner try to fool the brook trout. The bird returned. It landed on my rod, stayed there, looked at my fly as if it was going to try and eat it, then hopped off. I was thinking that since I was using a bamboo fly rod the bird had mistaken me for a tree. However, he went down to where our third partner was still fishing and proceeded to act in the same way around her and her rod.

We found a comfortable place to sit on the bank and the bird returned. He hopped around us, landed on our hats, sat on our rods that were leaned into the bushes, and was just being real friendly. Friendly enough that when one of the group opened her lunch box the bird hopped on the edge of the box and begin to share her hard boiled egg. The discussion now went to what kind of bird was this? It was decided, by the Braided members, it was what is commonly referred to as a Camp Robber, or Gray Jay.

After the four of us finished lunch more fly fishing was called for. However, the bird thought lunch should go on for a while longer and proceeded to follow us as we fished our way upstream. I guess he thought desert would be next.

I'm looking forward to another invitation to fly fish with someone from Braided. Who knows what will want to join us for lunch.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Effective Public Health Orders

Stay at Home Order



YOU CAN:



Care for Family & Pets



Buy groceries or supplies for your home.



Obtain medical supplies



Engage in banking



Go to work or get things from work



Exercise and engage in non-group activities



Get or buy educational supplies



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Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Oscillation, informally
- 5 Dept. of Education funding program supporting foreign language teaching
- 8 Remote necessities, often
- 9 The Teton Sioux
- 12 End-of-service hymn
- 14 Hirsute Himalayan ox
- 15 American Airlines (NASDAQ abbreviation)
- 16 Explosive network?
- 17 Rudely brief
- 19 Big name for little builders
- 20 Trudges through the muck
- 22 Old Native American grinding stones
- 23 "Ain't gonna happen!"
- 24 Cried
- 25 Metal container
- 26 Garden plot
- 27 Hoppy beer
- 30 1954 Judy Garland movie
- 33 Quannah ---, "Last Chief of the Comanche"
- 34 Tallow ingredient
- 35 Swerve at sea
- 36 Poses a question

Down

- 1 "Your mileage may ---"
- 2 Global nuclear watchdog
- 3 Boondocks
- 4 Nashville-to-Charlotte dir.
- 5 Metal fastener
- 6 Old M-G-M rival
- 7 Disturbed, continues to be quarrelsome
- 9 Aspiring attorney's exam
- 10 Latin-American dance
- 11 Choir members
- 13 Major health scare of 2002-03
- 18 Exclamation of disgust
- 19 One circuit
- 20 It's SoCoCAA now!
- 21 Tibet's capital
- 22 Cures for ailments
- 24 Small dam
- 26 Foment
- 28 Tot school
- 29 "A Bug's Life" heroes
- 31 Alias
- 32 "Be Prepared" group

Answers for this crossword will appear in October 23 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Sept. 25, 2020 Crossword Puzzle:

Across: 1 Enc, 4 C-list, 9 Narc, 11 Shinto, 12 Rial, 13 Candid, 14 Or so, 15 Around, 16 Nahuatl, 18 Sky, 19 HDD, 20 Ent, 22 Ape, 24 Mayoral, 28 Baltic, 30 Riga, 31 Or more, 32 Took, 33 Dieted, 34 Huge, 35 Estes, 36 SOS.
Down: 1 Enron, 2 Naira, 3 Crash helmet, 4 Charley, 5 Lino, 6 Industrious, 7 Stink, 8 Toddy, 10 Cloud, 11 Scat, 17 Admires, 21 North, 22 Abode, 23 Paris, 25 Aced, 26 A gogo, 27 Lakes, 29 Tote.

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/

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Friday, Oct. 9



78°F sunny

5-10 mph winds in afternoon

Saturday, Oct. 10



76°F sunny

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Sunday, Oct. 11



71°F mostly sunny

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