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TRIBAL ELECTION

Southern Ute Special Election fills vacant Tribal Council seat

Staff Report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

On Friday, Oct. 30, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe held the 2020 Special Election and on Monday, Nov. 2, the Southern Ute Election Board presented the certified results. Vanessa P. Torres secured support with 105 while candidates Marty M. Pinnecoose with 100 votes and Corliss M. Taylor with 89 votes.

Torres has dedicated over 11 years to the Tribal Court judicial system in positions as the Wellness Court Case Manager/ Senior Probation Officer, Probation Officer, and Southern Ute Tribal Court Clerk. She also worked as the Senior Property Shift Manager at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.

“Thank you all who voted for the Special Elec-



Vanessa P. Torres
Southern Ute Tribal Council

tion. I am deeply grateful and humbled for given an opportunity to be a voice for the people. Let’s continue to work together for a successful future for the Tribe and the membership,” said Torres. In her spare time, she enjoys spending time with her family, hunting, fishing, motorcycling, reading, and

participating in cultural events. She is married and shares one daughter.

“I look forward to working with the new Tribal Council member. We are continuing working diligently for the Tribe and the tribal membership involving all four tribal entities. Welcome aboard!” Chairman Christine Sage stated.



courtesy Tami Graham/KSUT

Southern Ute elder, Eddie Box Jr., speaks with KSUT Tribal Radio Station Manager Sheila Nanaeto live in-studio, Monday, Oct. 19, which was simulcast on both KSUT Tribal Radio and KSUT Four Corners Radio. Box said a prayer and gave a ‘virtual welcome.’ Box spoke briefly of the history of KSUT and thanked those involved in the process of getting KSUT into the new building - the Southern Ute Tribe, KSUT staff, KSUT Board and the listeners. The new building bears his name as the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center.

PUBLIC RADIO

KSUT celebrates accomplishments as staff move to new building

By Robert L. Ortiz
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

From humble beginnings, KSUT has made a name for itself as one of eight tribal radio stations in the country, when it first started broadcasting on June 14, 1976. The building, which was once the Nursing Quarters during the Southern Ute Boarding Schools era, later became the dental office, serving Southern Ute tribal members, before becoming the home of KSUT Tribal Radio.

Through the early years, KSUT was solely a Tribal Radio station, with a signal of only 10 watts. KSUT served the community with tribal news and information, as well as personal messages to the membership.

Fast-forward to the year 2019; KSUT secures a matched one-million-dollar donation from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to renovate an existing steel building, set to become the new home of KSUT. Named the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center, KSUT’s new home now houses complete offices for its entire staff. As well as individual state-of-the-

art studios in which KSUT Tribal Radio and KSUT Four Corners Radio now broadcasts from. The new Media Center boasts a fully functioning studio for in-house recording and performances. Additionally, all broadcasting and programming will now all be done from the new location.

Both Tribal and Four Corners signals officially went live from the new building on Monday morning, Oct. 12. Mike Santistevan hosted the morning show from 8 a.m. to 11 a.m. on KSUT Tribal Radio.

“I was so nervous, but it was awesome!” expressed Santistevan. “We have totally new equipment to broadcast from, and we can hear the difference.”

Jim Belcher was on-air at 7 a.m. with “Morning Edition,” and Ken Brott “Kenny B” hosting “The Morning Blend” at the 8 o’clock hour on KSUT Four Corners Radio. Although, Susan Banes “Susie B” did broadcast on Saturday, Oct. 10 for testing purposes.

“I remember going to KSUT when it was in the Pino Nuche building when

my mom worked there,” said Santistevan. “Now, I’m part of the brand-new process, learning the new system – which weighed heavy on my mind making sure everything was good to go, and everything was doing what it was supposed to do.”

KSUT has all new state-of-the art equipment, new radio programming systems and the staff all had to learn the new processes involved with broadcasting in their new environment.

“We have our own production studio,” continued Santistevan. “I’m seeing the progress of [KSUT] Tribal Radio, how it’s grown, and how the behind-the-scenes process works. It’s not all about pushing buttons and playing music.”

The satellite which KSUT receives it’s national syndicated programming was also moved from the old building to the new building on Monday, Oct. 12. With the aide of Eagle Cranes and crew, KSUT staff, Rob Rawls and Scott Henning installed the satellite dish on the south side of the new building, in

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribe approves reorganization working group

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COUNCIL

For several years, Tribal Council has heard growing concern about the size and inefficiency of the Tribal organization from tribal members. In particular, there is concern that the balance of services compared to distributions is not representative of the needs of the membership. Also, some functions and services seem to have become duplicative. To try to correct these issues, Tribal Council has formally created a working group to examine areas to improve the Tribe’s operations.

Tribal Council would like tribal members to feel like they are a part of the project. Please provide any ideas you have about the improvement of services or operations to either the email BeHeard@southernute-nsn.gov or the voicemail at 970-563-2100. All suggestions are welcome and encouraged!

Please read the attached letter to the tribal membership on the Tribal Reorganization Working Group!

Mikah,

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has been an example of success throughout Indian Country. The Tribal Council honors and respects the wisdom of the Tribe’s past and present leaders who implemented the Tribe’s Financial Plan and a tribal structure that has brought prosperity to the tribal membership. Tribal Council is appreciative of the sacrifices that were made to allow the Tribe to grow, while also preserving its unique culture, language, heritage, and traditions for future generations. Tribal Council also recognizes that the separation of business operations from governmental operations has benefited the Tribe.

While the Tribe has experienced financial growth for decades, we must continue to invest effectively, spend prudently, and meet the needs of the tribal membership. The Tribe has provided tribal membership with increasing benefits from both services and monetary compensation. However, some concerns have been expressed that the tribal organization has grown to the point that there are inefficient services and duplicate functions. We understand the Tribe’s operations need to be periodically reviewed in order to improve overall performance while ensuring the needs of the tribal membership are still being met.

To address these concerns, Tribal Council has approved Resolution 2020-134, authorizing the creation of a working group dedicated to the following goals:

- 1) Finding a balance between services and distributions to tribal members;
- 2) Evaluating inefficient services and duplicate functions;
- 3) Mitigating risks; and
- 4) Fostering better communications and teamwork throughout the Tribe.

The Tribal Reorganization Working Group consists of the Tribal Council, General Manager of the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Growth Fund Directors, Permanent Fund Executive Officers, SUSS Chief Information Officer, Director of Legal, Director of Internal Audit and Director of Strategic Planning. We anticipate this effort will have immediate, sustainable results, but also realize some aspects of this project will take several years to complete.

We invite you to participate in this project. Your ideas are valuable and essential to the success of this effort. A dedicated email address (BeHeard@southernute-nsn.gov) and phone line 970-563-2100 have been established to enable you to provide us with your suggestions/recommendations.

No idea is too large or too small. Every voice is important. There is no limit on the number of proposals you would like to suggest regarding any aspect of the Tribe.

Periodic updates will be provided on this effort. We will conduct Town Halls and focus groups to listen to concerns, encourage communication, and generate new ideas. If you have questions, please reach out to:

- **Tribal Council:** 970-563-2485
- **Growth Fund Directors:** 970-563-5006 or 970-563-5036
- **Sky Ute Casino General Manager:** 970-563-1350
- **SUSS Chief Information Officer:** 970-563-5617
- **Executive Officer:** 970-903-2300

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Ramona Y. Eagle*

In recognition of veterans



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Etched in marble, a dedication to the Veterans of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reads, “Grandfather, creator of the Heavens and Earth, we dedicate this sacred wall in honor of our brave warriors. In the morning mist and glow of the evening we shall remember them; their personal sacrifice and devotion to our people and country will never be forgotten. May the winds of peace blow softly here, while their proud spirits soar skyward as an eagle.” This message, inscribed upon the centerpiece in the Southern Ute Veterans Memorial Park, is symbolic of the Tribe’s long standing respect and dedication for members of the armed services.

Veterans Day honors all of those who have served the country in war or peace — dead or alive — although it’s largely intended to thank living veterans for their sacrifices. It was originally called Armistice Day, commemorating the end of the first World War.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Pana-qarꞑ ‘urꞑ ‘apagharꞑ “Money Talks”

Investing in stocks

By Marge Barry, Treasurer
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Mique Nuchu,
I hope that all of you are doing well and doing all you can to prevent the spread of Covid-19.

With the advent of Covid-19 we are experiencing a period of uncertainty, not only has this affected our health it has also affected our financial environment. Our staff is working hard to safeguard the investments of the tribal membership. The Tribe’s success has been founded on the hard work of previous and current leadership and staff; rest assured these endeavors will continue.

The world of investments is vast and we are striving to provide you with some information that we hope will be of interest to you. The following information is an overview of investing in the stock market, and is provided by Permanent Fund Investment (PFI) staff.

If you have any questions, please contact me at 970-563-0204, or 970-553-0255.

INVESTING IN THE STOCK MARKET

The idea behind investing is simple – put aside money today so that it grows, letting you harvest the gains in the future. While in the past it was possible to grow money by putting it in an account that generated interest (for more information, please see the prior article on compound interest at <https://www.sudrum.com/eEditions/DrumPDF/2020/SUDrum-20200228.pdf>) today, interest rates have been driven so low that this technique is not effective. However, one of the most successful sources of long-term investment gains is still available to the general public – investing in the stock market.

Stocks are shares in companies that have gone through



Marge Barry
Treasurer
Southern Ute Indian Tribe

a regulatory process to sell their ownership to the general public. In the United States, that process is overseen by federal agencies such as the Securities and Exchange Commission. Publicly-listed companies are subject to specific rules and regulations, including requirements to share material information about their business with investors, and an obligation to provide timely and accurate financial data.

Even though companies that sell stock are regulated, investing in those stocks can still be risky. Our capitalist system has been described as a machine of “creative destruction,” where new ideas can obliterate and replace businesses that seemed permanent only years earlier. It might have been a great idea to own stock in a company that made typewriters in the 1960’s, but today you’re more likely to see a typewriter in a museum than in an office. Similarly, during the turn of the 20th century, railroads were the lifeblood of American commerce, and were stock market leaders. Now, 120 years later, while there are still railroad companies in the United States, they are a fraction of their former size and importance.

The nature of owning stock is that if the company grows, each stockholder’s share of the profits grows along with it. Unfortunately, the flip side of this

means that if the company shrinks, the value of ownership shrinks as well. In the most extreme circumstances, a company bankruptcy means that its stock value can go to zero.

Stock values also fluctuate because they are bought and sold in a public market. At any given time, investors have many reasons that they might want to be buying or selling stocks. This changes the demand and therefore the price of those shares. Over the very long run, the value of stocks has a strong relationship with the profitability of corporations and the strength of the overall economy, but in the short run values can go up or down very quickly due to investor sentiment.

We experienced an example of this earlier this year, during the initial spread of the Coronavirus in the United States and Western Europe. As it became clear that the virus had moved beyond China, countries began to shut down their economies in an attempt to slow viral transmission. Although the length and depth of those shutdowns were unknown, investors reacted by selling shares at a previously unseen pace. Starting on February 19, the S&P 500 index of the largest American companies dropped by 34% in just over a month – the fastest drop of that magnitude in U.S. history. Remarkably, the market recovered those losses over the next five months, and is now trading slightly higher than it was before the crash.

Before you invest, there is one key decision that you should consider – what, specifically, you want to invest in. One of the common misconceptions about the stock market is that you need to pick individual companies. While it is true that owning a single company’s stock for many years can generate great gains, it is much

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Many Moons Ago

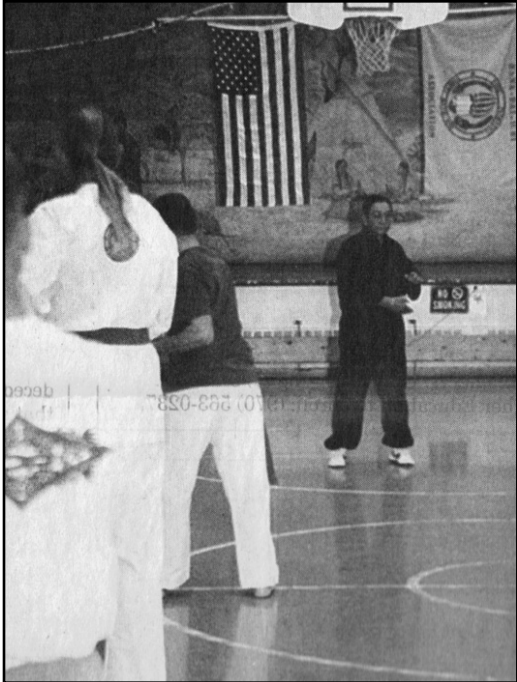


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Young tribal member Arecio Baker participates in the annual costume contest as part of the Southern Ute Police Department’s Halloween Carnival at the SunUte Community Center on Saturday, Oct. 30, 2010. The event aims to create a safe environment for youth to enjoy Halloween activities like games and contests.

This photo was published in the Nov. 5, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

For the second year in a row, Southern Ute Tribal Member Austin Box came to Ignacio to instruct a martial arts clinic on Oct. 27th and 28th at the Head Start Gymnasium. The clinic offered a unique opportunity for martial arts instructors, students and families to train in different styles, perfect skills, have fun in a wholesome environment, and learn from one of the best around.

This photo was published in the Nov. 5, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

David Price and Bennett Thompson show the closure sign for the landfill which was set to close on Nov. 12, 1990 as the new Tribal Transfer station was set for completion by Dec. 15.

This photo was published in the Nov. 9, 1990, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.




SU Drum archive

40 years ago

Eddie Box Sr. and Verna Velasquez in the National Congress of American Indians (NCAI) parade in a parade during the Powwow after the crowning of the Miss NCAI Queen held in the Spokane Sheraton Convention Center.

This photo was published in the Nov. 7, 1980, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



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.

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

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.



TRIBAL MEDIA

NAJA demands CNN apologize for using “something else” to describe Native voters

Staff report
Native American
Journalist's Association

On CNN's live election night coverage, an on-air graphic used the phrase “something else” to refer to voters who are not white, Latinx, Black or Asian. This type of language continues the efforts to erase Indigenous and other voters who don't neatly fall into the race categories listed in the graphic. Being Native American is a political classification -- not merely a racial background. Native nations have had a government-to-government relationship with the United States since the country's earliest days. To



refer to Indigenous voters as “something else” fails to recognize the sovereignty and political classification of Native voters. In 2006, CNN supported the development of young Indigenous reporters by donating \$50,000 to NAJA's scholarship program. This type of investment signifies that CNN understands the importance of supporting

Indigenous journalists. NAJA demands CNN issue a public apology and is willing to meet with senior editorial staff to discuss how to improve the network's coverage of Indian Country. In the interim, NAJA encourages CNN's senior newsroom leadership and staff to utilize its online reporting resource guides moving forward.

UTE MUSEUM

Preserve History. Educate the Future. Donate.

By CJ Brafford
UTE MUSEUM

During this season of giving, we are thankful for community members like you, who support our educational programs. You are a valuable part of the Ute Indian Museum! This year has been challenging. However, with your help, we have adjusted our programming to comply with COVID-19 regulations and have reached more than 13,000 visitors in 2020. Support from donors like you will allow the Ute Indian Museum to construct a Naturescape Park. The Naturescape Park will have play and educational components for a multigenerational participation. The completed project will serve

both the community and the museum and will include:

- A natural playground with public access for kids and families to connect to the Native American belief of working with and respecting Mother Nature
- A simulated archeological site for an educational resource to allow the museum staff the opportunity to teach about historic preservation
- A story walk developed and installed by the Montrose Regional Library
- And additional educational panels will provide information on Ute history, archeology, and conservation.

This unique community resource will instill early literacy skills, a renewed interest in child-led creative play, and an invitation to exercise and learn while spending time outdoors. Please join us again for Colorado Gives Day and consider scheduling a donation now or making a donation on Tuesday, December 8. Your donations to Ute Indian Museum will support the creation of the Naturescape Park. To donate, go to www.ColoradoGives.org/UIM. Donations of \$250 or more to Ute Indian Museum are eligible to receive 25% of the donation amount as a Colorado Enterprise Zone Tax Credit. Contact me at Ute Indian Museum if you're interested in more information, 970-249-3098.

Bison Jerky For Sale

Hello my name is Dawna Ross I'm reaching out from Ute tribal enterprises in Ft. Duchesne Utah we are selling Bison Jerky it is 100% grass fed hormone free, no GMO'S. Bison is a healthier choice then beef. If You are interested in getting some you can contact me at 801-599-6701 or email: dawnar@utetribe.com. We are very proud of our high quality Bison Jerky products and would like for your people to enjoy this healthy snack as well. It is priced for buying and selling at a very low cost.

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**Kits available for pick-up by appointment, delivery or mail,
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Calling all Elders

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

Record yourself or call Cultural Preservation Department for assistance

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

For more information, please call 970-563-2984

**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.

NOVEMBER 2020 VIRTUAL SYMPOSIUM

STAND WITH OUR RELATIVES

Violence Against Native Relatives

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STRANGULATION WITH JUDY WOLFE	11.6.2020 12PM-1PM
LGBTQ2 WITH KURT BEGAYE	11.9.2020 12PM-1PM
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SURVIVOR SACRED STORY BY BECKY JOHNSON	11.13.2020 12PM-1PM
SEXUAL ASSAULT WITH GINA LOPEZ	11.16.2020 11AM-1PM
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HEALTHY RECIPES

Say yes to winter squash!

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH AND WELLNESS

It's time to break out the winter squash!

Pumpkin, butternut, acorn, spaghetti, delicata and more; these winter squash varieties are super healthy. They are loaded with fiber, potassium, Vitamin A, and are a good source of Vitamin C and copper as well as many other nutrients. They are also low in calories and have between 15 and 30 grams of carbohydrates per cup depending on the variety. Because they are high in fiber, this number then becomes less.

Winter squashes are naturally sweet and delicious. They can be cut in half, seeded and baked for a side dish or you can incorporate them into a dish such as



Lisa Smith/Shining Mtn. Health and Wellness

this pumpkin mac and cheese. Fresh, canned or frozen, winter squash gets an A+ in nutrition!

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

Super Easy Pumpkin Mac & Cheese

Ingredients

2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons of flour or corn starch
1 15oz can of pumpkin (can sub with ~2 cups mashed butternut squash)
2 teaspoons garlic, chopped
¼ teaspoon cayenne pepper
½ teaspoon salt
½ teaspoon pepper
1 cup milk (any kind), warmed
1 ½ cups shredded cheddar (~6 oz)
Salt and pepper to taste

Nutrition per serving (not including pasta or zucchini): Calories 97; Fat 5g; Carbohydrates 6.6g; Fiber <1g
Protein 6.5g; Sodium 313g

Directions

1. In a medium pot, melt butter over medium heat.
2. Add flour or cornstarch to butter, whisking continuously.
3. Gradually add warmed milk, stirring constantly until thickened.
4. Add pumpkin, garlic, cayenne, salt, pepper and cheese to pot, stirring until all cheese is melted.
5. Salt and pepper to taste.
6. Serve over your favorite pasta or zucchini noodles!

Servings: 8

BEHAVIOR HEALTH

BEE Heard: What is substance abuse and addiction?

By Precious Collins

NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

What is substance use, and can you become addicted? Substance use is when a person experiments with using substances such as alcohol, marijuana, opioids, methamphetamine, vape, huffing chemicals, and nicotine. These substances can affect our bodies and minds in different ways, including our brains and how we think and behave. Substance use is especially critical for youth and young adults up to the age of 24. Why is that the case? Studies have shown that our brains don't stop developing until we're 24 years of age and using substances earlier than 25 years old can hinder our brain's ability to develop properly. We also know that using substances at any age can create unhealthy pathways in our brains, unhealthy behaviors, and a reduced ability to cope with normal stressors in life.

Yes, you can become addicted to these substances. When people are addicted to a substance, they continue to use despite the harm caused to their mind and body. Many people have different ideas of what addiction is and how easy or difficult it is to overcome. In reality, addiction is very complex, and substances effect each person differently.

There is good news: you can overcome addiction with support and treatment.

What is addiction? According to the National Institute on Drug Abuse and their Drug Facts page, addiction is a chronic disease characterized by drug



seeking and use that is compulsive, or difficult to control, despite harmful consequences. The initial decision to take drugs is voluntary for most people, but repeated drug use can lead to brain changes that challenge an addicted person's self-control and interfere with their ability to resist intense urges to take drugs. These brain changes can be persistent, which is why drug addiction is considered a "relapsing" disease—people in recovery from drug use disorders are at increased risk for returning to drug use even after years of not taking the drug. For more information, check their website at: www.drugabuse.gov

Is substance use related to mental health? Yes. In many cases substance use and mental health disorders go hand in hand. You might hear this referred to as co-occurring disorders. According to The National Institute of Mental Health (NIMH), addiction to drugs or alcohol is a mental health illness. How? The use of substances changes our normal behaviors and even the priorities in our life.

If using substances is affecting your ability to live, love, learn, and laugh, it might be affecting your life in ways that aren't healthy. We would encourage you to seek someone to talk to about using substances and

how it has affected your life.

The takeaway message: Substance use disorders and mental health disorders can affect anyone from all walks of life. Many illnesses, including those involving substance use and mental health, are common and recoverable. Conversations with your family and friends about using substances is crucial for early prevention. The Southern Ute Native Connections Program is a great resource for those of you who might need some tips and support to talk to youth and adults about substance use. We have plenty of handouts for different age categories that can be emailed or picked up at a designated tribal pick up area.

And as always, the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division is here for you if you need someone to talk to about changing your behaviors and dealing with emotional issues that may be connected with your substance use. We can also assist you with development of a recovery plan and connection with support services in the community. 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.

Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meetings: We are going virtual! For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-306-8131.

Upcoming Training: FREE online Suicide Prevention Training- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Southern Ute Tribe Employees, and Southern Ute tribal members. Let's all learn the warning signs and what to do if someone is experiencing a crisis. Please contact Precious Collins at 970-306-8131 or email prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up.

Upcoming Community Events: The Southern Ute Native Connections Program has a surprise that will be announced in the next coming days. Can you guess what it might be? Well I'll give you a hint, it's virtual and involves a popular Native American Comedian! Stay tuned!



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

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**.



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12-1 PM OCT. 29, 2020

ROLES IN ADDICTION/ALCOHOLISM

NOV. 5, 2020 12-1 PM

8 ATTITUDES FOR POSITIVE CHANGE

12-1 PM NOV. 12, 2020

STAGES OF RELAPSE

NOV. 19, 2020 12-1 PM

CONTACT MARVINA OLGUIN FOR ZOOM INFORMATION.

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-Marvina Olguin | Peer Recovery Coach

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TRIBAL HEALTH

Medical claims and reimbursement process of the Southern Ute Tribal Health Dept.

By Erika Atencio
TRIBAL HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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 about the medical billing and reimbursement process within the Tribal Member Health Benefits Plan.

Currently the Tribal Health Department (THD) staff are working directly with two reps at the Forrest County Potawatomi Insurance Department (FCPID) to streamline claims processing and reimbursement requests. The two reps then work the claim or reimbursement through their internal processes which are below:

Your provider can send claims via paper to FCPID’s Eagan, MN address which is listed on your card or to their electronic payor ID which also on your card. Some providers will also email or fax them claims or invoices directly (usually these are smaller providers, such as chiropractors or massage therapists or counselors). They do prefer to have the claims come in through their Eagan address so that the claims can then be entered electronically into their system. They are then assigned to the group’s examiner who is also one of our reps, and then if it’s a clean claim, it’s processed promptly, and payment goes out. Typically, what makes it not a clean claim is due to needing the primary explanation of benefits (EOB) or other claims errors. A denial is then mailed to the provider stating what is needed. In most cases,

the provider sends back the EOB by fax or by submitting a corrected claim. Sometimes the provider will reach out to FCPID if the primary insurance has ended and the member hasn’t updated their insurance information. The primary EOB is necessary on claims because it shows the remaining balance that the primary insurance did not cover (usually because of a deductible or coinsurance or co-payments) an allows us to pay the correct amount.

Other times, they will receive statements that have been forwarded to them via email from THD staff or members themselves. When statements are received in this manner, the member’s files are checked to make sure that the claim hasn’t already been received by them electronically and that the member is not being balance billed. If enough information is on the statement, it can be processed as a claim and payment can be sent out to provider. If there is not enough information on the statement to process it, then FCPID customer service attempts to reach out to provider to get the needed information for processing. A claim and primary EOB, if needed, are requested to be either faxed or mailed to the Eagan address. If they are unable to get this specific information sent to them, they try to get enough information to process a claim. As an example, date of service is needed along with the tax ID number of the provider. Codes are also needed to show what services were provided to the member to show medical necessity. FCPID tries to get as much information as possible to ensure that the services that are being billed are medically necessary and that the

services follow the benefits of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s benefit plan.

When THD staff receive a reimbursement request from a member because they have paid a medical claim out-of-pocket, they forward that request to the FCPID reps. There are several pieces of information required on the reimbursement document for efficient processing to occur. An itemized statement must include member name, date of service, coding and amount paid. Once all required information is received, FCPID will process a check directly to the member and send via mail to the address that is listed with Southern Ute Tribe’s Vital Statistics Department. This process can take up to 30 days for completion.

If the member forwards a collection’s notice to the THD staff that claim is then processed immediately through the Tribe’s purchasing card (p-card) process via Finance for immediate payment to the collection agency. THD staff continually process collections notices as soon as they are received and in most cases as long as they are paid at that point, they do not end up on the member’s actual credit report.

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. through 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.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Medical benefit plans for Southern Ute tribal members

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe offers its enrolled members a program to cover medical services. Beginning Sept. 1, 2019 the medical benefit transitioned from Anthem BCBS to Forest County Potawatomi Tribe as our third-party administrator. Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members are no longer covered by the Anthem BCBS card with a prefix beginning with ZUT.

Your current benefit card serves as your medical and

pharmacy benefit. Your prescription benefits are administered by SilverbackRX Pharmacy Network. New cards were mailed out to tribal members in August of 2019. For informational services this is a sample of your current benefit card.

As always if you are covered by Medicare, Medicaid or private insurance these would be primary to your tribal member benefit.

If you did not receive a copy of your current benefit card or have any questions please contact the Tribal Member Health Ben-

efit office at 970-563-4742 or the following Benefit Coordinators; Cindy Gallegos 970-563-2203, Erika Kososik 970-563-2211 or Savannah Benally 970-563-2204.

Due to the “Stay At Home Order” we continue to work from home but are phones are forwarded so that we may continue to assist the tribal membership. We hope that everyone is continuing to stay safe and well. Please continue to follow the Public Health Orders as issued to help slow or stop the spread of COVID-19.

TRIBAL HEALTH

Metformin drug recall

By Paige Kapp, PharmD,
BCPS, NCPS, CDE
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

The providers and pharmacists at the Southern Ute Health Center have received lots of phone calls in the past few weeks, with concerns and questions about the ongoing metformin XR recalls. The first recall took place in June, and there have been several others since.

Metformin is the number one recommended medication used to treat type 2 diabetes. It can lower blood sugars quickly and safely, and provide protection for heart and kidneys,

too. Unfortunately, some of the metformin extended-release (ER, XR, or 24 hour) products were contaminated with N-nitrosodimethylamine (NDMA). NDMA is a nitrosamine, which can be found in drinking water and foods like cured or grilled meats, dairy, and vegetables. In small amounts, it is not considered harmful, but in larger amounts and over longer periods of time, it may cause cancer. It is not fully understood how the NDMA gets into the metformin XR, but it has not been found in any of the regular metformin immediate release products.

Southern Ute Health Center pharmacy is notified immediately by the FDA, the manufacturer, and the distributor of medications when there has been a medication recall. Any medication that is recalled is taken off our shelves immediately, and not given to patients. The health and safety of tribal members and patients is our top priority.

Please reach out with your questions at 970-563-4781, or see the FDA website for more information at www.fda.gov/drugs/drug-safety-and-availability/fda-updates-and-press-announcements-ndma-metformin.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Center Updates

Due to the evolving Covid 19 Outbreak the Southern Ute Health Center has updated all operational hours, until further notice.

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

- **S.U. HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Covid-19 Testing: Mon. and Fri., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tue., Wed., Thur., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.; Lab hours: Mon. 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Tue. – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- **PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
- **NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Appointment only. NO WALK-INS!
- **DENTAL:** Mon., Wed., Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Emergency visits only.
- **OPTOMETRY:** All Optometry visits are canceled until further notice.
- **PSYCHIATRY:** Visits will occur in the Mouache Capote Building; Patients will be called first to verify time of appointment
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE** All appointments will take place via telemedicine. SUHC staff will be calling patients to make arrangements for service.
- All **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH** Patients are treated by phone, no in-person or group meetings at this time.

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.

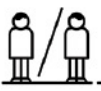
If you prefer, you may also submit an anonymous tip online by visiting: <https://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/supd>



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 Call Center

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

970.563.0214



PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING



STAY HOME

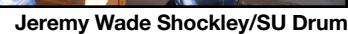
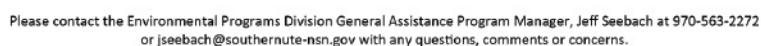


STAY IN TOUCH



PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

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



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Meetings

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.

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Zoom Meeting Info

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MEETING SCHEDULE
THROUGH FEBRUARY 2021

OCTOBER 13

NOVEMBER 10

DECEMBER 8

JANUARY 12

FEBRUARY 9

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CORNOVIRUS

Significant rise in COVID-19 cases: Urgent action needed from all community members

Staff Report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

First and foremost, we want to acknowledge how hard this pandemic has been for all of us over these last eight months. We realize there have been many hardships faced by local community members and we know these are extremely challenging times.

Since the first of October we’ve seen a significant increase in local COVID-19 cases, mostly due to workplace outbreaks, social gatherings/parties, and household transmission. Since the first of the month, Archuleta County has added 14 resident cases, and La Plata County has added 143 resident cases.

As local and statewide COVID-19 cases and hospitalizations increase, we are urging all community members to take stringent public health precautions to prevent overloading our health-care system and to control further spread of the virus.

We need to act now to avoid challenging peaks in infections and hospital demand over the next three months. The window to improve transmission control is over the next several weeks. Our community is at a critical moment and we need everyone to do their part.

We appreciate the diligent efforts of community members, families, schools, businesses, and organizations to control the spread of the disease which have resulted in lower case increases compared to other Colorado counties as well as strong economic indicators over the summer and fall months.

These efforts have also allowed for in-person learning in our local schools and at Fort Lewis College, with no outbreaks to date.

In order to avoid increased restrictions taking place in other counties, all of us need to do our part.

Remember to observe important public health precautions to prevent the spread of COVID-19 especially as we head into the holiday season!

We sincerely thank everyone for doing their part to maintain the ability to keep all community members safe while benefiting from in-person learning at schools and to sustain a healthy economy.

CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH’s CV-19 community testing site updates hours of operation

Staff Report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) updated its COVID-19 Community Testing Site hours of operation, effective Wednesday, Nov. 4. The new hours of operation will be Monday through Thursday 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m., and Saturdays, 12:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. The testing site closes promptly at 4:30 p.m., so it is recommended that those needing testing arrive as early as possible.

Anyone with COVID-19 symptoms or those who believe they may have been exposed either through

known contact or general community interaction should get tested at SJBPH’s free community testing site. No appointment is needed.

With the importance of testing in fighting the spread of the virus, SJBPH wants to make it as convenient and accessible as possible for everyone and will continue to work to expand COVID-19 testing options in our community.

SJBPH understands how challenging the COVID-19 pandemic is for everyone, and agency staff sincerely appreciate the efforts of all community members to wear face coverings, social distance, stay home if sick,

and wash hands well to contain the spread of the virus. SJBPH reminds anyone who has COVID-19 symptoms or anyone who is concerned that they may have been exposed either through known contact or general community interaction, to get tested.

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

CORONAVIRUS

State launches CO Exposure Notification technology

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The opt-in technology anonymously alerts people when they have been around someone with COVID-19. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) launched its statewide COVID-19 exposure notification system, previously announced by Governor Jared Polis in partnership with Google and Apple, Sunday October 25.

On Sunday, Coloradans received a notice on their Android and Apple phones with instructions about how to opt-in. CO Exposure Notifications is a free and voluntary service that will be available to Android and Apple iPhone users across Colorado. The technology alerts participants who have been in proximity to someone with COVID-19 long enough to risk an infection.

“We are currently losing ground nationally and here in Colorado to this deadly virus, but we are just launching a new weapon to defeat it. Enable CO Exposure Notifications on your iPhone or Android to help save lives. The CO Exposure Notification tool is an important new feature for Coloradans to make smart

and informed health decisions for themselves, their loved ones and our small businesses,” said Governor Polis. “By alerting users to potential COVID-19 exposure, Coloradans can take quick steps in order to limit exposure and risk to family, friends, coworkers and neighbors.”

CO Exposure Notifications will complement existing statewide health safety protocols, without compromising the privacy of Coloradans. Exposure Notification systems like these are critical to preventing further spread of COVID-19. In models developed by Oxford University, researchers have estimated that even if only 15% of the population enables exposure notifications, regions could see a reduction in infections of 8% and deaths by 6%*.

When users enable the service, their smartphones will share anonymous tokens with other users through the phones’ Bluetooth technology. If another user tests positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period and chooses to upload their results, users at risk of infection will receive an alert of potential exposure. Tokens are not associated with any phone number, name, location or

IP address and they change every 15 minutes to add an extra layer of anonymity.

Sarah Tuneberg, Lead of Colorado’s Containment and Testing Team and CO Exposure Notifications service lead explains, “We understand the importance of privacy and security and have taken extensive steps to ensure personal information is not collected, stored or transmitted through the use of CO Exposure Notifications. By adding your phone to the fight and increasing risk awareness and identification, you can help Colorado stop the spread of COVID-19.”

CO Exposure Notifications also provides individuals who receive an exposure alert with instructions on recommended next steps, including information on quarantine and contacting their local public health agency.

Learn more about CO Exposure Notifications at addyourphone.com. For additional resources on COVID-19, visit covid19.colorado.gov.

COLORADO
Department of Public Health & Environment



STOP THE SPREAD OF GERMS
Help prevent the spread of respiratory diseases like COVID-19.

Stay at least 6 feet (about 2 arms’ length) from other people.

6 ft

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING

December 7 & 8
9:00 AM - 3:00 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 9:00 - 10:00 a.m. both days.

Testing will be open to tribal staff and the community from 12:00 - 3:00 p.m. on the following days:
December 7 - Tribal Staff
December 8 - 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.

Wash YOUR HANDS!

Hands that look clean can still have icky germs!

www.cdc.gov/handwashing

Southern Ute Health Center

Behavioral Health
Call 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment
New location: 4101 CR 222, Durango, CO

Optometry
Cancelled until further notice

Dental
Mon/Wed/Fri 8:00 to 1:00; emergency only

Pharmacy
Monday - Friday 8:00 to 1:00

Clinic
Monday - Friday 8:00 to 1:00

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Effective Public Health Orders

Stay at Home Order

#STAY HOME

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
- Maintain or buy things for the household

Face Covers Required

Indoors and Outdoors when social distancing measures are not possible

Both orders remain in effect until further notice.

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

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CORONAVIRUS

Gov. Polis directs one-time \$375 stimulus payments to qualifying individuals experiencing economic hardships in Colorado

Staff report
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

Governor Polis and Legislative leadership took action today to stimulate the state’s economy and extend support to those Coloradans hit hardest by the current recession. While Washington D.C continues to negotiate a new relief package, many Coloradans continue to struggle without the needed help. Since the pandemic struck in March, hundreds of thousands of Coloradans have filed for and received unemployment insurance benefits to help pay for groceries, rent, and utilities, and the hardest working Coloradans are still struggling because of the economic recession caused by COVID-19.

“Washington D.C has failed to act to provide additional direct cash support for hardworking Coloradans and to further stimulate the economy, so today Colorado is boldly doing our part to help our own. I am taking swift action in close consultation with legislative leadership and members of the JBC to direct immediate payments to people whose

lives and jobs have been hurt due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” said Gov. Polis. “Colorado can and should act now to help the hard-working people who will help lead us out of this challenging time and that’s what we’re doing today.”

Enhanced federal benefits for those receiving unemployment have dried up since September 5th, and so the State will help fill this gap left by federal inaction by sending one-time direct payments of \$375 to approximately 435,000 individuals in early December. Governor Polis today signed an Executive Order directing the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment (CDLE) to make one-time direct stimulus payments to qualifying individuals experiencing economic hardships caused by the COVID-19 pandemic.

“These direct payments will help Coloradans who have been hit hardest by this crisis get through the pandemic, pay their rent or mortgage, and cover their essential needs,” said Majority Leader Alec Garnett. “If we don’t act

now, Coloradans across our state will face an even larger mountain to climb to recover. This is the Colorado way - working together to govern responsibly and put our economy on the path to recovery.”

CDLE expects the population of qualifying Coloradans to include approximately 435,000 workers making less than \$52,000 per year. CDLE anticipates these much-needed direct payments to reach 65% of all unemployment claimants since March 15th, with a distribution across all 64 Colorado counties.

Colorado’s unemployment rate remains high but not as high compared to other states. Low and middle-income earners have been hit the hardest by job loss. Colorado has been recognized as a leader in managing economic fallout, especially when paying out unemployment claims quickly and efficiently.

Targeting these workers will help fill the gap left by the ending of the Lost Wages Assistance Program and help Coloradans as the state enters the difficult winter months ahead.

CORONAVIRUS

Gov. Polis, joined by COVID-19 survivors

Provides update on state response to pandemic

Staff report
OFFICE OF GOVERNOR POLIS

Governor Jared Polis provided an update on the State’s response to the COVID-19 pandemic. Gov. Polis was joined by three COVID-19 survivors who shared their personal stories about their experience, challenges, and lingering health issues stemming from COVID-19. Scott Bookman, CDPHE’s COVID19 Incident Commander also provided an important update on hospitalization data.

“I hope this is a wake-up call and Coloradans heed the advice of COVID survivors like Barbara, Kim, Clarence, and many others who are dealing with the health and personal challenges that stem from this deadly virus,” said Governor Polis. “The trends are unsustainable, and these numbers are very concerning. If these trends continue, we will exceed May hospitalization numbers – the peak of our first wave – by next month, and the most recent modeling predicts that we’ll exceed all of our existing hospital capacity by the end of the year. There’s time to fix this by staying safer at home, signing up for Exposure Notifications, wearing a mask when you have to be out, avoiding groups, and washing your hands regularly.”

Governor Polis was joined by three COVID-19 survivors who shared their powerful stories.

“I don’t recognize myself,” said Barbara, who spent 91

days in the hospital, 65 of which were spent on a ventilator. “This is a serious illness and I never said, ‘why me?’ because the answer is really ‘why not me? We just don’t know and for people who think they are immune or won’t get as sick: you just don’t know so it’s important to be very careful.”

“I was always on the go, I was a runner and I often would drive my partner nuts because I would race to the top of the mountain because that’s just who I was,” said Kim, a COVID survivor and family nurse practitioner while sharing her experience. “Today, anything more than a slow walk to the mailbox requires oxygen. I haven’t been able to do many of the things that used to bring me joy - I can’t run, go to the mountains, I haven’t regained the stamina or grip to play my drums again. It’s affected every organ system in my body and every person in my life.”

“I can’t commend the people at UC Health enough, they’ve really worked wonders in my eyes. I think the other thing that sticks with me is when I hear certain people say that this isn’t real, or it’s just a bad cold or flu or even that it’s a hoax, I find that very disturbing because it’s so much more than that. It’s 100% real and we can’t do too much to be safe and protect ourselves and protect those around us,” said Clarence, a COVID survivor who shared his story today. “I don’t wish this on anyone.”

Incident Commander Bookman discussed hospitalization data. The dashboard provides greater insight into hospital capacity, detailing regional hospital data by Regional EMS/Trauma Advisory Councils. The orange line represents the number of staffed ICU beds each day at time of reporting. The blue line represents the number of those staffed beds that are not in-use at time of reporting, representing availability for any critical care patient. The dashboard is updated daily at 10 a.m.

“We want to do everything we can to avoid overwhelming our hospitals,” said Scott Bookman, CDPHE COVID19 Incident Commander. “However, we have been preparing the Colorado healthcare system since the beginning of the pandemic to ensure the best possible scenario for Coloradans.”

This week, CDPHE launched the COVID-19 Exposure Notification System to increase the effectiveness of contact tracing. You can see more about it at addyourphone.com This is a new feature on your phone that notifies you if you may have been exposed to someone contagious with COVID-19. By opting in, your Android or iPhone device will share anonymous tokens with other CO Exposure Notifications users using your phone’s Bluetooth. If another user you’ve been near tests positive for COVID-19 within a 14-day period, the service will notify you.



OFFICE HOURS

OFFICE DAYS

Monday
Wednesday
Friday

8am – 12 PM

Mail run – 10:30am Monday, Wednesday, and Friday

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

NO IN-PERSON SERVICES AVAILABLE

AVAILABLE BY EMAIL/VOICEMAIL

Monday-Friday
8am-5pm

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COVID-19 CHALLENGE

Together, we fight COVID-19



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

CLOSED

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

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

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

“Together, we will fight COVID-19”

Designed and Published by Linday J. Box

The Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center is available from Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. by dialing 970.563.0214.

MENTAL WELLNESS TIPS

IN HONOR OF
MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH



TAKE A DEEP BREATH

When you inhale, your diaphragm should expand. When you exhale, your diaphragm should fall. This will help your mind and emotions feel more connected to your body, helping ground your thoughts.



RELAX THOSE MUSCLES

Choose a muscle group (try your biceps first) and flex as hard as you can for 5-10 seconds then release the tension. Practice the same flex and release method with muscle groups throughout your body. This causes relaxation to be felt on a spectrum – going from one extreme to the other can help you feel more in control of your body and emotions.



WRITE IT OUT

This is an effective way to express yourself and can help you better understand your emotions. Consider this your first step towards sharing your thoughts with others. Speaking up can be difficult but writing a letter or email can be the gateway to having open and meaningful conversations.

VERDESFOUNDATION.ORG

RESOURCE MANAGMENT

CPW hosts annual salmon give-away open to Southern Ute membership

Staff report
COLORADO PARKS & WILDLIFE

With permission from the U.S. Bureau of Rec-lamation and Animas-La Plata Association, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) is again conducting its annual Lake Nighthorse kokanee salmon spawning operation. This spawning operation is important for fish-eries within the Southwest Region and across the State of Colorado.

CPW wants to let the Southern Ute Tribe and its members know about the spawning and fish give-aways. We are inviting Southern Ute tribal members to share this fish resource.

Fish giveaways are sched-uled as follows:
• 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 6
• 3 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 13
Tribal Members need

only to present their Tribal Identification Card and do NOT need to possess a State fishing permit.

Because of COVID-19 concerns, the giveaway will be handled differently than in past years. At the res-ervoir entry station, each vehicle will be given a num-ber and each person in the vehicle who wants fish will be counted. Drivers will be instructed to proceed to the parking area and stay in their vehicle. CPW staff members will then call out numbers and that vehicle

will proceed to the top of the boat ramp.

One person with a con-tainer for the fish will be allowed to get out of the vehicle. That person must wear a mask. CPW staff members will distribute kokanee based on the num-ber of fish that have been collected from the reservoir and the number of people in line. Each vehicle will only be allowed to go through the line once.

Please, call the Wildlife Division if you have any questions at 970-563-0130.



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.

A close call for BIA



Lindsay J. Box/SU Council Affairs

Two trees blew down in the storm Sunday, Oct. 25. The largest of the two trees barely missed the building but covered the entire front lawn of the Southern Ute Agency. The Blue Spruce stood approximately 120 feet and produced around five cords of wood which will be available to the tribal membership.

The strong winds from the massive winter weather system was able to topple the otherwise healthy tree. The trees were considered to be between 75-80 years old. BIA Fire Management were called to safely break down the tree for firewood. The firewood was taken to the Southern Ute Tribal Woodyard.



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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



UPDATE:

Southern Ute 2021January 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



Iconic Times for Colorado Agriculture: 2020 Learnings and 2021 Futureproofing

Governor Jared Polis, Commissioner of Agriculture Kate Greenberg and Colorado's foremost agriculture experts will lead a keynote, panel discussion, Q&A and complex conversation, sharing learnings from an unprecedented 2020 year of disruption, while revealing predictions, trends and strategies for 2021 and beyond.

Invite, details and registration link to follow in a few weeks.
Questions? Contact COProud@philosophycommunication.com



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

Winners of the virtual Halloween contests!



Funniest Youth Costume
Ziyah Carel



Scariest Adult Costume
Oolcu Buckskin



Best Family Costume
Isaac Herrera and Jade Howell



Best Pumpkin
Nicole Black



Funniest Pumpkin
Jeanne' Smith



Scariest Pumpkin
Imogene White

Winners of the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility Virtual halloween contests

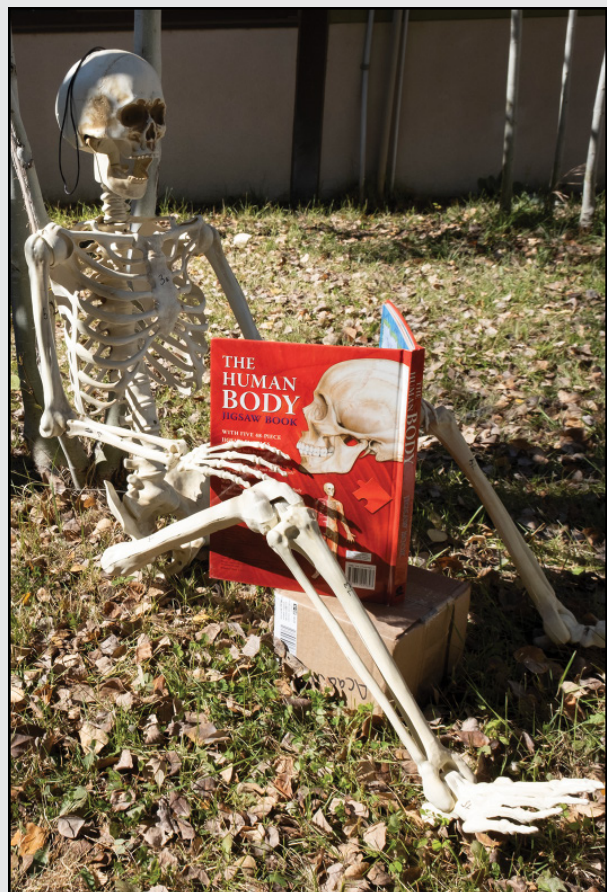
- Haunted House – Maleina Carel
- Best Family Costume – Isaac Herrera and Jade Howell
- Scariest Adult Costume – Oolcu Buckskin
- Scariest Youth Costume – Andreas Chavez
- Funniest Youth Costume – Ziyah Carel
- Best Youth Costume – Kikko Pardo
- Scariest Pumpkin – Imogene White
- Funniest Pumpkin – Jeanne' Smith
- Best Pumpkin – Nicole Black

All prizes were generously donated by elders and the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose Facility staff!



Haunted House
Maleina Carel

Boning up on reading



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Jack Skeleton enjoys a good book, while greeting the parents who picked up their student's home learning packets; this fellow could be seen outside the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy administration building resting under aspen trees.

BGC and SUPD treats schools



courtesy Boys and Girls Club of the SU Tribe

Boys & Girls Club partnered with the Southern Ute Police Department to provide over 500 Halloween goodie bags to the three Ignacio schools. The holidays might look a little different this year, but BGC wanted to make sure that they gave the kids a little something to celebrate. "Hopefully, next year we will be back to putting on our annual Community Halloween Carnival," BGC Site Director Cassandra Sanchez said.



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THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
General Election • Nov. 6, 2020

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Tribal Council Chairman Candidates

Melvin J. Baker
Lorelei Cloud
Renee J. Cloud
Clement J. Frost
Christine Sage

The General Election will be held
outside the Election Board Offices,
285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, Colo.,
from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Tribal Council Council Candidates

Linda K. Baker
Edward Box III
Lindsay Box
Alex S. Cloud
Cedric J. Chavez
Cheryl Frost
Stacey Oberly
James M. Olguin
Adam Red
Elise V. Redd
Conrad Thompson
John J. Washington

No. 00000

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

TRIBAL COUNCIL CHAIRMAN
NOTICE: VOTE FOR 1 (ONE)

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| <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)

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| <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

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.

Event status: Not started (Register)
Date and time: Friday, November 6, 2020 7:00 pm
Mountain Standard Time (Denver, GMT-07:00)
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 General 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 Statement.

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

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CHAIRMAN

NOV. 6, 2020



"Together we
can create the
change we need
for our future."

INTEGRITY & ACCOUNTABILITY

Vote



CHRISTINE
SAGE
FOR CHAIRMAN

If I could do it
before, I can do
it again.

Keep Moving
Forward.



TERO Business Hours

8 a.m. – 12 noon • Monday – Friday; unless a Tribal/Federal holiday
Call 970-563-0117 • If you come to the TERO office in person, wear a mask, and
temperature will be taken upon entry of the department.



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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE
General Election
Nov. 6, 2020

Empowerment

Communication
Sustainability

Language



VOTE
LINDA K. BAKER
TRIBAL COUNCIL



EXPERIENCE + EDUCATION
CULTURAL COMMITMENT

FIRE RESTRICTIONS

Southern Ute Reservation rescinds
Stage I Fire Restrictions

Staff report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

After a long and arduous fire season, widespread moisture finally occurred throughout the Southern Ute Indian Reservation allowing Stage I fire restrictions to be rescinded. Fire Restrictions have been in place since early

May and during that time there have been a total of 38 fires on the reservation with the largest being the 220-acre Six Shooter fire. Southern Ute Agency fire personnel have also travelled to fires throughout the country, working on the fires in California, Oregon and northern Colorado. Although the fire danger

has diminished, we still ask that everyone on reservation lands be cautious with fire.

If you have any further questions, please contact Southern Ute Agency Fire Management at 970-563-4571.

The Stage I Fire Restrictions were officially rescinded at 6 a.m. on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

INVESTING IN STOCKS • FROM PAGE 2

harder than it sounds – in the rear-view mirror it might feel obvious that Amazon would come to dominate our country's retail and online data, but in the early 2000's Amazon was a money-losing online bookstore. Furthermore, even very large and well-known businesses can be long-term stock market losers. For example, Citigroup, one of the world's largest banks, currently trades at \$43 per share – a price it first hit twenty-seven years ago. Even worse, an investor who bought Citigroup stock at the end of 2006, prior to the Global Financial Crisis, would have lost 92% of their investment today, almost fourteen years later.

The simplest way to invest in the growth of the overall economy and the stock market is to buy what is called an index fund. Index funds are set up to purchase shares in all of the companies in a specific market, country, or sector. The most well-known index is the S&P 500, which was created to track the 500 largest companies in the United States. Other domestic indices including the Wilshire 2000, which tracks so-called "small cap" companies, or the Dow Jones Industrial Average, which tracks the stock performance of 30 of the largest companies in the country. There are also index funds that track stocks around the world, in regions, or specific foreign countries. There are also levered funds that use borrowed money to amplify gains and losses as well as inverse funds that bet on the index going down. These

types of funds are highly risky and not appropriate for a long-term investor.

Index funds have several advantages over trying to pick individual stocks. Most importantly, they are far less volatile – while individual stock values bounce up and down based on news about that specific company, the stock market as a whole tends to move more slowly. And the slower moves up and down make it easier for you as an investor to stay calm and keep invested in the market, instead of trying to time when things are going to go up or down.

This is important in part because we know that individual investors who trade a lot tend to do far worse than the market overall – the best way for most people to invest in the stock market is to steadily add funds over many years. While we know that stocks can lose money during bad markets, over very long periods of time, stocks have been a great way to invest. In his book *Stocks for the Long Run*, Wharton professor Jeremy Siegel compiled data going back to 1802 for the U.S. stock market, long-term government bonds, short-term treasury bonds, gold, and cash. From 1802–2012, investors in the stock market earned an average of 6.4% per year, versus 3.6% for long-term bonds, 2.7% for short-term bonds, 0.7% for gold, and losing 1.4% per year by holding cash. For more information on Siegel's book and research please see <https://traceviewfinance.com/stocks-for-the-long-run-jeremy-siegel-2020-book-review/>

So once you've decided you want to invest in stocks, how can you get started? The easiest way to begin investing in the stock market is to utilize retirement accounts set up by your employer. For more information on saving for retirement, please see the prior article on retirement accounts at <https://www.sudrum.com/eEditions/DrumPDF/2020/SUDrum-20200702.pdf>. And for those of you who work for one of the Tribal organizations, you can always contact your Benefits Coordinator to learn more.

Outside of investing through a retirement account, there are many ways to invest in the stock market. You don't need thousands of dollars to invest – even if you want to set aside \$10 every week there are easy and efficient platforms that can let you get started. There is a good article at Investopedia (<https://www.investopedia.com/articles/basics/06/invest1000.asp>) that suggests different ways you can invest. These can include setting up a traditional brokerage account, using online platforms such as Vanguard, Fidelity, e-Trade, or Charles Schwab, or investing through "robo-advisors" which are new companies designed to use technology to provide individual investors with guidance on long-term investment strategy. If you want to have an investment relationship with somebody in our area, you can find a local advisor who is a Certified Financial Planner at <https://www.lets-makeaplan.org/>.

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.

TUNE IN ON THE SOUTHERN UTE RESERVATION AT 91.3 FM, IN TOWOAC AT 100.9, IN THE FARMINGTON, NM AREA AT 89.7 FM AND ON THE WEB AT KSUT.ORG



In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Wednesday, November 11, 2020 for Veterans Day. Modified business hours under the COVID-19 Modified Tribal Operation will resume Thursday, November 12, 2020.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe would like to recognize the sacrifices made by the brave men and women who have served, and currently serve our Country. Your courage is honorable and deserving of respect and gratitude every single day. Thank you to the families who stand beside and support our warriors.

The SUIT COVID-19 Call Center will be CLOSED on Wednesday, November 11, 2020. Normal hours will resume Thursday, November 12, 2020. You can reach the Call Center by dialing 970.563.0214.

Upcoming Southern Ute 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

KSUT CELEBRATES ACCOMPLISHMENTS • FROM PAGE 1



courtesy Tami Graham/KSUT

Matthew Box sang an honor song in the new KSUT Tribal Radio studio, Monday, Oct. 19.

time for the regular KSUT evening broadcasts.

Southern Ute elder Eddie Box Jr., Matthew Box, and adopted grandson and country musician Tyler Gummersall were in studio Monday, Oct. 19.

Eddie Box Jr. offered a prayer and spoke with KSUT Tribal Station Manager Sheila Nanaeto on-air, where they discussed his involvement with KSUT over the years. Eddie Box Jr. has been a DJ, and a member of the Board of Directors for many years, leading to the newly built media center bearing his namesake. Eddie works for the GIS Department at the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.

Eddie's son, Matthew Box, sang an honor song, live in-studio on KSUT Tribal Radio. Matthew Box is the Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief and is a former Chairman for the Tribe. He currently works for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe as a Heavy

Equipment Supervisor under Construction Services.

Tyler Gummersall sang some of his own country songs in the studio on Monday as well. Gummersall is an accomplished country singer and musician, who has five studio albums and four EP's to his credit.

The trio combined their talents on-air that morning, making for a memorable day in the KSUT Studios, Monday, Oct. 19.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

KSUT selected a new Board member, Mike May of Durango to fill a vacant Board of Directors' seat which was initially held by Sara Sheeler. May is from Chicago, Ill., and now resides in Durango, he works with the Durango Silverton Narrow Gauge Railroad's Rail Events Incorporated, producing the "Polar Express."

"Getting involved and giving back to the station

has long been something that I've wanted to do, and I see this as a wonderful opportunity," stated May in his letter of intent to KSUT.

KSUT's Board of Directors will remain the same, as officers will retain their positions from the previous year. KSUT's Board of Directors for 2020-2021 are: Robert L. Ortiz, President (Taos Pueblo); Robert "Buz" Bricca, Vice-President; Gary Scibba, Secretary, and Richard Gore, Treasurer. The remaining board members are: Bruce LeClaire (Rosebud Sioux), Kree Lopez (Southern Ute), and Eddie Box Jr., (Southern Ute) – lifetime Board Member.

Eddie Box Jr., whose name adorns the new building, is a long-time employee of KSUT, he has served on the Board of Directors for over 20 years and has also served as Board President.

The KSUT Board of Directors are currently looking to fill one Southern Ute tribal member seat. If anyone who is a Southern Ute tribal member interested in shaping the future and moving the mission of KSUT, send a letter of intent to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at tami@ksut.org or call Tami at 970-563-0255 for more information.

KSUT ACCOLADES

KSUT was awarded Durango's Best of Durango and La Plata County "Best Radio Station" for the eighth consecutive year by the Durango Herald.

As stated on KSUT's website about winning the annual award, "Thank you so much for voting KSUT 'Best Radio Station' in the Durango Herald's 2020 Best of Durango & La Plata County Awards, for the eighth consecutive year! We are honored and grateful to our amazing community for the love and support."

OTHER UPDATES

Along with the staff, the satellite dish that sat outside the old KSUT radio station also made the move to the new building. Utilizing a crane, the satellite dish was set in place by KSUT Station Manager Rob Rawls and engineer Scott Henning, with the help of employees from of Eagle Crane. The satellite was operational in time for afternoon programming on KSUT's first day of broadcasting from the new location.

Foundations are being installed for two solar arrays that will help offset electricity used to power the media center. The 9 kilowatts of power generated by the arrays will be credited to the La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) bill for KSUT. Local Non-profit, Solar Barn Raising partnered with KSUT on the solar array installation.

Making the move has been smooth thus far for the KSUT staff, as all employees are now working from the new building, although the coronavirus pandemic did slow down the move by a few months.



courtesy Tami Graham/KSUT

Country singer and musician, Tyler Gummersall performs live on KSUT Tribal Radio. Gummersall is the adopted grandson of Eddie Box Jr., and was asked by Box to sing a song on KSUT.

"We are waiting to reschedule a grand opening once it is safe for everyone," stated Tami Graham. "We are [still] optimistic, as we had planned to have a grand opening already."

Covid-19 safety protocols are being administered and staff are being tested, taking advantage of the Covid-19 testing the Southern Ute Tribe periodically conducts.

An official grand opening and open house will be held in the future, once it is deemed safe to conduct a public tour of the studio.

"It's a dream come true! We have been planning for years to be broadcasting from the new building, it's like driving a Cadillac after driving a beat-up Pinto," said Graham. "We are grateful to the Tribe and everyone!"



courtesy Tami Graham/KSUT

Foundations which will hold the solar arrays, south of the Eddie Box Jr. Media Center are being built by Solar Barn Raising, a local non-profit, who partnered with KSUT on the solar array installation.

AMERICAN INDIAN HERITAGE MONTH
Nonprofit recognizes 30 years serving Native Americans in Southwest and Northern Plains

Staff report
PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIVE AMERICANS

November is National American Indian Heritage Month, recognizing the culture, traditions and history of American Indians and Alaska Natives. Partnership with Native Americans (PWNA) is honoring American Indian Heritage Month this year with a celebration of its 30th anniversary as a nonprofit championing hope for Native Americans. PWNA will recognize this milestone anniversary all month long with Native content, giveaways and more.

Partnership with Native Americans celebrates 30 years of service to Native American communities across the Northern Plains and Southwest

PWNA has been an advocate for Native American communities that are often overlooked and underserved for the past 30 years. These tribal communities are facing challenges that most Americans are unaware of, including food insecurity, water shortages, and

limited access to health care and basic utilities. To commemorate the organization's 30 years of service, PWNA is launching 30 actions people can take in 30 days to increase awareness around the realities facing Indian Country, beginning Nov. 1.

"PWNA has responded to the immediate needs of tribal communities with limited jobs and high rates of poverty. We've supported long-term solutions for sustainable change on the reservations – and we couldn't be more grateful for those who've supported us in carrying out our mission these past three decades," said Joshua Arce, president and CEO of PWNA. "We remain focused on increasing awareness about reservation realities and continuing to work with our tribal partners and donors to ensure a brighter a future for Native Americans."

As part of the month-long celebration, PWNA invites everyone to learn more about Native American history, heritage and life. PWNA is also hosting

eight giveaways in November, featuring items that directly support Native-owned businesses. Giveaways are open to the public and individuals can enter to win online.

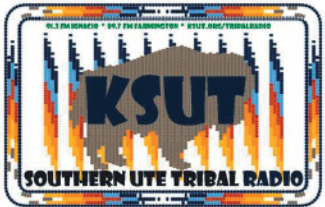
To learn how you can celebrate American Indian Heritage Month, visit www.pwna4hope.org and follow along on PWNA's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram.

PARTNERSHIP WITH NATIVE AMERICANS

PWNA is a nonprofit committed to championing hope for a brighter future for Native Americans living on remote, geographically isolated and impoverished reservations. Established in 1990, PWNA collaborates with reservation programs to serve immediate needs and support long-term solutions for strong, self-sufficient Native American communities, improving the lives of 250,000 Native Americans annually. Follow PWNA on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram and LinkedIn, or visit www.native-partnership.org.


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

Stay up to date and hear the latest on National Public Radio and other programming at www.ksut.org



Finance Department



DROP-BOX

The Finance Department has installed a 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

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:

1. Go to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's website.
2. In the header, click on "Members"
3. Under login, click on the blue highlighted link "Register New Account"
4. 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.
5. Use the login information found in your email to access the Tribal Member Portal.
6. 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





Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Skate park is closed until further notice, as well as all Southern Ute parks and playgrounds.

SUNUTE SKATE PARK

Until further notice: SunUte Skate Park is not open to the public

Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council
SOUTHERN UTE DEPT. OF EDUCATION

November 3, 2020

Dear Southern Ute tribal membership, Ignacio community and surrounding communities, Until further notice the Southern Ute Skate Park is not open to the public. It is important at this time that as we are continuing to adhere to the Stay-at-Home policy of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, which remains in effect until further notice. The Tribe continues to keep all playgrounds and parks closed at this time as well.

Hello, we are the members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council: Jazmin Carmenoros, Chairman; Elliott Hendren, Vice Chairman; Lexy Young, Secretary; Elijah Weaver, Council Member; Sarafins Chackee, Council Member; Nate Hendren, Council Member; and Jace Carmenoros, Council Member. As part of the Youth Council, we have been part of the decision making for bringing the new skate park to reality. We are very excited that it is now nearing completion, but we are very upset that because of COVID-19 and its restrictions we are unable

to utilize the skate park. It [the skate park] is definitely a dream come true.

But the reality is that our people and their lives are much more important. Staying healthy and being diligent about our safety and health for everyone is so much more important at this time.

We are however very disappointed that there have been numerous skaters not only from here but surrounding communities such as: Durango, Bayfield and New Mexico who have crossed the fences of the newly built skate park without regard to safety and basic trespassing rules/laws. Those kinds of actions make it difficult for everyone else. We hope this pandemic will soon decrease and/or end so that we can get back to doing the things we all love doing.

Sincerely Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council,

Ms. Jazmin Carmenoros, Chairman
Mr. Elliott Hendren, Vice Chairman
Ms. Lexy Young, Secretary
Mr. Elijah Weaver, Council Member
Ms. Sarafina Chackee, Council Member
Mr. Nate Hendren, Council Member
Mr. Jace Carmenoros, Council Member

BROADBAND INTERNET

Tribe receives FCC approval on 2.5GHz broadband

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has officially been awarded the 2.5GHz spectrum across the Southern Ute Reservation by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) per the Rural Tribal Priority Window.

“Tribal Council granted Shared Services permission to make the application through resolution 202-069, and per the resolution, we still do have work to do over the next five years to meet the requirements to keep the spectrum,” explained Justin Roller, Vice President Applications Development with Southern Ute Shared Services. “This is a very important step in improving broadband access throughout the res-

ervation and should be an asset to the Tribe for years to come.”

The Federal Communications Commission regulates interstate and international communications by radio, television, wire, satellite and cable in all 50 states, the District of Columbia and U.S. territories. The FCC granted its first licenses in the 2.5 GHz rural tribal priority window; licenses were granted to 154 tribal applicants for prime mid-band spectrum to help close the digital divide and enable advanced wireless communications across tribal lands, including 5G.

“The FCC’s Wireless Telecommunications Bureau this week issued the first set of spectrum licenses through the agency’s first-of-its-kind Rural Tribal Priority Window to Tribal entities across the

country,” according to a recent press release from the FCC.

Access to broadband infrastructure and internet service has been a challenge across Indian Country in recent years, a situation which has been greatly exacerbated by the coronavirus pandemic. The lack of reliable internet has affected remote learning for both teachers and students, as well as those who need to access Wi-Fi for work.

“I would also like to recognize Delbert Cuthair for his role in coordinating the application process and following up with third parties and the FCC throughout the process to get this done,” Roller emphasized. Cuthair is a Project Manager with Southern Ute Shared Services and a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. “Thank you, Delbert.”



Almost time to skate!



An eight-foot vertical wall on the half pipe will feature the Southern Ute tribal seal to greet patrons on the south-side of the skate park.

Photos by Robert L. Ortiz
The Southern Ute Drum



A rainbow rail for skaters to grind connects different elements of the skate park.

With all the concrete completed by Artisan Skatepark, all that's left before opening the skate park is landscaping. Landscaping will be performed in-house by the Tribe utilizing a combination of xeriscape and hydro-seeding along the flatter surfaces around the skate park, and landscaping with angular rock to armor the steeper slopes, preventing erosion. The skate park however is currently closed due to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's "Stay at Home" order, all the Tribe's parks and playgrounds are closed as well.



Flats and rolling elevators sit atop one of the bowls providing lots of flat, skateable surfaces for skaters.



Hubba's and stairs a plenty in the skate park to allow skaters an opportunity to do various maneuvers and tricks.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

National Native domestic violence helpline receives nearly 25% increase in federal funding

By Angelica Maldonado
ELIZABETH CHRISTIAN
PUBLIC RELATIONS

We want to make you aware that, in light of the critical work they are doing nationally as Native Americans are disproportionately experiencing domestic violence and the effects of COVID-19, StrongHearts Native Helpline, has just been surprised with a nearly 25% increase in federal funding to help bolster their work.

The Family and Youth Services Bureau (FYSB) at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) Administration for Children, Youth and Families (ACYF) recently awarded \$20.59 million. As a recipient of a portion of this funding, StrongHearts Native Helpline will be awarded \$1,762,560 in 2021.



While this will certainly be helpful in providing services to those who so desperately need them, there is still work to be done to raise awareness of this urgent issue affecting more than four in five American Indian and Alaska Native women. In October, StrongHearts recognized Domestic Violence Awareness Month with two initiatives intended to raise awareness of the prevalence of domestic violence among Amer-

ican Indians: StrongHearts Native Helpline encouraged several key American Indian social media influencers to wear Purple for Domestic Violence Awareness Day, also known as #PurpleThursday, which was observed Thursday, Oct. 22. StrongHearts also hosted a live discussion titled, "Domestic Violence: Updates and Perspectives from the Native Community" on Wednesday, Oct. 28.

ENERGY ASSISTANCE

LEAP helps Coloradans heat homes

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES

With more than 13 million Americans unemployed and the surge in medical expenses continually rising, there is a greater need than ever for home heating bill payment assistance, especially as the cold season draws closer. November marks the kickoff of the 2021 Colorado Low-income Energy Assistance Program (www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap). LEAP helps families, individuals and older adults pay a portion of home heating costs through a federally funded, one-time heating assistance benefit. "We provided more than

76,000 households with heating assistance last year," said Theresa Kullen, LEAP manager "By easing the strain of heating bills on households, families and individuals don't have to make a choice between buying groceries or critical medications." Applications and assistance are available Nov. 1 through April 30 for qualifying households in all 64 Colorado counties. Individuals can apply for assistance at local county offices, online at Colorado PEAK or by calling 1-866-HEAT-HELP (1-866-432-8435). The added options have increased access for individuals, seniors and low-income families. To qualify, a household's monthly income must fall within 60% of the state

median income level. Single resident households with a monthly income of \$2,619 or less and households of four with a monthly income of \$5,038 or less may qualify for assistance. Applicants must pay home heating costs directly to a utility company or landlord. Payments are usually made directly to the primary heating vendor. The household must contain a resident of Colorado and at least one U.S. citizen or permanent legal resident of the U.S. Other benefits can include repairs and replacement of a home's primary heating system. For application questions, information about eligibility or the LEAP program, visit www.colorado.gov/cdhs/leap.

COLORADO TOURISM

State finalizes guidance for ski areas and resorts

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENT

The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) finalized its guidance for ski areas and resorts today. The guidance goes into effect immediately. After releasing a draft of the guidance on Oct. 14, the state reviewed feedback from community members and organizations from across the state, and incorporated feedback into the finalized guidance. Ski areas are a vital driver of the Colorado economy. During the COVID-19 pandemic, these areas also present unique challenges for controlling virus transmission. A successful ski season will require a strong partnership between ski areas, local governments, local businesses, and the state.

These guidelines draw from existing and well-known COVID-19 guidelines including:

- Physical distancing of at least six feet between parties.
- Wearing masks to the maximum extent possible.
- Health screening and symptom tracking.
- Isolating and quarantining, as required.

Also established are some new baseline standards to create common expectations for mountain-specific activities such as:

- Isolation housing to create opportunities for visiting guests to safely isolate and quarantine themselves in the event that they test positive or need to quarantine during their stay and cannot travel.

- Ensuring safe employee housing environments.
- Limiting ski school cohorts/groups to no more than 10 people.
- Prioritizing the immediate safety and sheltering needs of guests and staff due to extreme weather events when in conflict with these COVID-19 guidelines.

"Outdoor activities like skiing and snowboarding can be lower risk if done with proper precautions, both on and off the slopes," said Jill Hunsaker Ryan, executive director, CDPHE. "We have to proceed carefully and be willing to evolve if necessary. We've been grateful for the cooperation of ski and resort areas. Our top priority is the safety of Coloradans and ensuring the health care systems in these areas aren't overrun."

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from an INDIGENOUS PERSPECTIVE

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GOALS OF THE SERIES:

1. Learn about Indigenous land based forms of healing as relapse prevention strategies.
2. Develop a positive connection to our Indigenous identity.
3. Deepen our ability to act as an Ally to Sacred Indigenous Teachings.
4. Strengthen our recovery through yoga & mindfulness movement practices.

*no yoga experience necessary, everyone welcome.

FACILITATOR : AVIS O'BRIEN
Email Frances at mrt.board@gmail.com to register







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practices

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Food donations accepted

Manna will be closed the day after Thanksgiving



Back again!



Immune System Talk

In the time of COVID-19, it is extra important to take care of our immune systems health heading into the winter months. Kate Husted, founder of the local nonprofit "Herb Hut" will be giving a virtual talk all about herbal remedies that can be used to help our bodies fight off illness.

to attend this Zoom event please contact the library at 970-563-9287, check our Facebook page, or visit our website at ignaciolibrary.org.

If you can't attend the event it will be available later on our YouTube channel.

Via Zoom Wednesday, November 11 at 5:30 p.m.



BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Birds of Prey: Falcons humble hyped 'Cats

IHS now 0-for-9 vs. Centauri in SoPeaks era

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

As much of a pickle as the coaching staffs of both visiting Ignacio and hosting Centauri found themselves in amidst a rapidly-increasing score differential, the person most perplexed by what should be done during the penultimate 15 seconds may have been CHS' Dylan Vasquez.

A sophomore running back eager to establish a place behind potent junior standouts Mason Claunch and Zach Buhr in the Falcons' pecking order, Vasquez was given the football from IHS' 10-yard line on a basic run right – a play designed to simply kill off the mercy-rule running clock and conclude the Oct. 30 contest.

Much like Ignacio junior Tyler Barnes late in the Bobcats' rout of Dolores one week before, however, Vasquez had other ideas ... even after being hit by two 'Cats almost simultaneously. Keeping his balance and redirecting himself left, Vasquez outran the nearest pursuer and scampered into the end zone, further inflating Centauri's sky-high lead to 73-0 ... with 0:05 still technically remaining.

"We just ran into a giant," IHS head coach 'Ponch' Garcia said afterwards, succinctly yet aptly.

Reactions on both sides, especially in Falcon Field's bleachers, were predictable; the red-and-white-clad raptors' rooters rejoiced, while the white-and-red-wearing felines' fanatics all but demanded CHS boss Kyle Forster's head – briefly forgetting in the heat of the moment (as well as in Conejos County) that Barnes' 49-yard TD tromp with 2:53 left in running-clock play, plus junior Shawn Campbell's point-after kick, had more or less allowed the Bobcats to strut in Falcon cleats as similarly-overwhelmed DHS went down 57-0 at IHS Field.

Also overlooked was the fact Centauri's point total was relatively par for their present course – including a season-opening 54-7 road win over non-conference

Rocky Ford, a 69-0 devastation of Dolores in their 1A Southern Peaks Conference opener, and a 66-0 destruction of Del Norte away – all prior to Ignacio's arrival.

And with No. 2 RB Barnes lost early to a seriously re-injured left ankle, the afternoon's first of several casualties, IHS' ground force was for all practical purposes reduced to No. 1 Joe Garcia. Aware of the senior's success during the Bobcats' wins over Center and Dolores, Centauri's swarming defense repeated their 2019 feat of holding him to negative yardage.

When it became evident the best way to utilize Garcia (unofficially 7 carries, minus-12 yards) might be to keep him in the backfield as an extra blocker protecting quarterback Gabe Tucson, and/or an emergency-valve receiver, CHS intensified their pressure of the passing pocket to stop a thrower who'd racked up over 425 yards during his first two outings.

Starting six of Ignacio's ten total series inside his own 20-yard line, Tucson often had to backpedal dangerously close to the end zone as a battered-and-bruised offensive line could do little against a rush superior in size and sheer numbers.

He would finish 8-of-19 passing for just 21 yards – including a long of 13 to senior Dylan Labarthe (2-15 receiving) with about 8:25 remaining in the second quarter, after Centauri had already enacted running-clock rules with 11:09 left via a 35-yard McKay Russell-to-Baron Holman scoring connection. However, Tucson was intercepted on the Bobcats' very next play by Holman, who returned the pick to the line of scrimmage – the Ignacio 18 – with 6:20 left before halftime.

Two plays later Buhr toted in a 5-yard TD with 5:00 to go, and Holman's two-point conversion run out of PAT formation upped CHS' eventual halftime advantage to 51-0. But it nearly increased again before the break; after pinning IHS kick returner Lawrence Toledo down at the Bobcat 18 with 2:45 (and



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Observed by Centauri's Coby Thomas (11), Ignacio's Gabe Tucson enjoys a rare moment with time to think inside the pocket and fires over the middle during 1A Southern Peaks Conference road action Friday, Oct. 30, at Falcon Field.

counting) left, a backside blitz trucked Tucson and knocked the ball free. Reacting quickly, Garcia fortunately managed to out-dive Buhr, cover up the catastrophe and retain possession despite taking a 12-yard loss.

Tucson then threw incomplete on second down, and hit Campbell for a two-yard gain as the half thankfully expired.

Buhr would later intercept him ending the third quarter, but his apparent 50-yard pick-6 was erased by a flag during the runback. No matter – freshman teammate Deven Brady then began the final frame sprinting 34 yards around right end to regain the six points with 11:47 left, and Russell then tacked on his fifth PAT in six tries, further swelling the score to 65-0.

Able to avoid resumption of play for nearly two minutes, Ignacio (2-1, 2-1 SPC) went back on offense at their 15 with 9:24 left. After an infraction wiped out a short pass to Garcia and pushed the 'Cats back to their 7, Tucson was forced to chase down freshman reserve center Kyle Rima's low snap to

his right and bat it out the back of the end zone, surrendering a two-point safety.

The Falcons (4-0, 3-0) then returned Campbell's ensuing free kick to their 41 with 5:13 left, and were able to cover – aided by a 15-yard face-mask penalty against IHS – the required 59 yards in six plays to emphatically seal the whole deal.

Which, believe it or not, originally began with Ignacio as the aggressors; after a long Buhr kickoff return positioned Centauri at the Bobcat 24, IHS' Dante Milliano managed hard stops of Buhr on first down and Claunch on second, and Labarthe disrupted Russell's throw on third-and-9 from the 23.

But with zero hesitation, Forster kept his offense on



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Peyton Baker (66) blocks Centauri's Danny Brady (55) during 1A Southern Peaks Conference road action Friday, Oct. 30, at Falcon Field. Having started the game at center, Baker was later moved out on the O-line to tackle in hopes of slowing CHS' constant outside pressure.

the field and Russell (unoff. 9-of-10, 145 yards, 2 TD, 0 INT) reinforced that confidence with a chains-moving 14-yard dart to Holman (4-96, TD). Claunch (8-68 rushing) then gained four yards on first-and-goal, and promptly penetrated the end zone from five yards out on second – logging the first of his three, and CHS' seven total rushing touchdowns.

Up next for IHS will be a Nov. 6 return to the San Luis Valley and matchup with Monte Vista (3-1, 3-0 SPC), which wrapped up October visiting Dolores on the 30th and drubbing the Bears (0-4, 0-3) by a 50-8 margin. Originally set for 1 p.m., kickoff at the Pirates' Sullivan Field has been relisted for 7 p.m.

Centauri, meanwhile, had been scheduled to next visit Center for a 3 p.m. start on the 6th, but in the wake of postponing their own slated 10/29 battle versus Del Norte due to COVID-19 concerns in Rio Grande County – surely putting MVHS now on alert – the sinking Vikings (0-3, 0-2) have reportedly already elected to also reschedule the Falcons' invasion ... even if it only delays a likely, dread outcome.

Able to secure a replacement opponent, Centauri will now travel to non-conference Woodland Park. Playing in the 2A West Conference this fall, the Panthers slipped to 2-2 overall, 1-2 WC after falling 27-23 in Craig at Moffat County (2-1, 2-0).



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Ignacio's Lawrence Toledo (2) slips away from Centauri's Deven Brady (6) on a kickoff return during 1A Southern Peaks Conference road action Friday, Oct. 30, at Falcon Field. Toledo's runback would gain 43 yards out to the Bobcats' 46-yard line, but IHS' resulting series ended with Brady blocking a punt and returning it for a touchdown.



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Ignacio's Jace Carmenoros (63) brings Centauri quarterback McKay Russell down a split-second late on a first-half pass attempt during 1A Southern Peaks Conference road action Friday afternoon, Oct. 30, at Falcon Field.

SETTING THE TABLE(S)
Standings as of Nov. 2, 2020

Volleyball: 2A/1A San Juan Basin League

SEASON CURRENTLY POSTPONED BY CHSAA DUE TO COVID-19 PANDEMIC

Football: 1A Southern Peaks Conference

Team	OVERALL		SPC		SCORING	
	W	L	Pct.	W	L	US/THEM
Centauri	4	0	1.000	3	0	262/7
Monte Vista	3	1	.750	3	0	146/48
IGNACIO	2	1	.667	2	1	84/91
Center*	0	3	.000	0	2	18/93
Del Norte*	0	3	.000	0	2	0/147
Dolores	0	4	.000	0	3	8/228

* the teams' Oct. 29 game was postponed due to COVID-19 concerns

LAST TIME OUT: Ignacio 0, at Centauri 73 (Oct. 30)

Scores By Quarter:

IHS..... 0 0 0 0 — 0

CHS.... 37 14 7 15 — 73

Scoring Summary:

Q1, 10:07—M.Claunch (C) 5 run (M.Russell kick)

Q1, 5:44—B.Shawcroft (C) 26 pass from Russell (J.Martin run)

Q1, 3:56—De.Brady (C) 35 blocked punt return (Russell kick)

Q1, 2:29—Claunch 10 run (Russell kick)

Q1, 1:08—Z.Buhr (C) 2 run (Claunch pass from B.Holman)

Q2, 11:09—Holman 35 pass from Russell

Q2, 5:00—Buhr 5 run (Holman run)

Q3, 5:31—Claunch 23 run (Russell kick)

Q4, 11:47—Brady 34 run (Russell kick)

Q4, 7:00—CHS, safety; IHS snapped ball out of end zone

Q4, 0:05—D.Vasquez (C) 10 run

—compiled by Joel Priest



TRANSPORTATION

CDOT reminds motorists: Do not crowd snowplows

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

The driver of the grey vehicle, above, is taking on a huge risk attempting to squeeze through the two snowplows as they work to clear the snow and ice off the highway. It is extremely dangerous for motorists to try and pass plows. The situation could result in white out conditions, encountering ridges of snow between lanes or getting trapped between the snowplow trucks.

Every winter, several passenger vehicles crash into snowplow trucks. In most every incident, drivers were attempting to pass the plows. As winter weather moves into much of the state beginning Sunday, the Colorado Department of Transportation urges drivers to leave plenty of room for snowplows and various snow removal equipment as they work to keep roads clear and the public safe during and after snowstorms.

Electronic message boards across the state are once again lighting up with these important messages: “NEVER PASS PLOWS ON THE RIGHT” or “GIVE THEM ROOM TO GROOM”.

RULES TO ABIDE

When motorists come upon snow removal operations on the road and highway, CDOT officials recommend this guidance:



Never pass on the right — Passing a plow, especially on the right side, is never a good idea! Many plows use a blade extension (wing plow) on the right-hand side of the truck. The blade extends the plowing area towards the shoulder of the road, leaving no room to pass. Also, plows are designed to push all the snow, slush, rocks and other debris to the right of the truck. The flying debris will damage your vehicle and obstruct your view of the road.

Never pass during tandem/echelon plowing — Tandem/echelon plowing staggers multiple plows to cover all lanes and clear the entire roadway in one coordinated sweep. This

is the safest and most efficient snow removal method to clear the entire roadway. It is extremely dangerous for motorists to try and pass plows in this formation because you could encounter white out conditions, ridges of snow between lanes or get trapped between the snowplow trucks.

Never tailgate — Plows need to drop deicer and sand, so make sure you stay back at least three to four car lengths of space. If you’re too close, your visibility is reduced, and deicer and sand could hit your car. You also never know when a plow might need to suddenly stop — make sure you have plenty of room to do the same.



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The Colorado Public Utilities Commission designated CenturyLink as an Eligible Telecommunications Carrier within its service area for universal service purposes. CenturyLink’s basic local service rates for residential voice lines are \$26.50 per month and business services are \$37.00 per month. Specific rates will be provided upon request.

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

If you live in a CenturyLink service area, please call 1-855-954-6546 or visit centurylink.com/lifeline with questions or to request an application for the Lifeline program.



TRANSPORTATION

New CDOT survey reveals risky roadway behaviors

Most Coloradans engage in distracted driving

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

Results from a new statewide driver survey by the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT) found that nearly all Colorado drivers engage in distracted driving and 17% admitted to not buckling up when driving short distances. Just 6% of respondents say they never exceed a posted speed limit of 65 mph. These are just a sampling of problematic driving behaviors CDOT learned from 897 Coloradans in a survey administered between February and June 2020.

“Over 9 in 10 Coloradans admitted they drove distracted in the last week. Being present behind the wheel can be especially hard with all of the pressures people are under right now with the challenges we face with the COVID-19 pandemic, but it’s more important than ever,” said Shoshana Lew, CDOT’s Executive Director. “Unfortunately, distracted and impaired driving are contributing to a tragic pattern of increased roadway fatality rates in the past months. Just as we must protect public health by fighting the virus with measures like social distancing and wearing masks, we must protect ourselves and our neighbors by driving carefully and safely. It could save your life.”

The survey assessed Colorado residents’ attitudes and behaviors related to seat belt use, speeding, distracted driving and alcohol, marijuana and prescription medication use. Some of key findings include:

DISTRACTED DRIVING

In the seven days prior to the survey, 92% of respondents reported driving distracted. Of things people did most often, eating food

and drinking beverages tops the list (32%) of distraction behaviors. Selecting entertainment on a handheld device (21%) and talking on a hands-free cell phone (18%) were the second and third most common distractions.

IMPAIRED DRIVING

While 69% of respondents strongly disagreed that they could drive safely under the influence of alcohol, fewer people strongly disagreed that they could drive safely under the influence of cannabis (57%) or prescription medications excluding cannabis (50%).

SEAT BELTS

The top three ways to compel people to wear their seat belt more often were audible reminders from the vehicle (28%), believing seat belts increased personal safety (21%), and the possibility of getting ticketed (21%).

Respondents were more likely to wear seat belts when driving farther or faster. A majority reported wearing a seat belt all the time while driving on a highway (91%) or driving more than two miles (89%). Fewer people reported buckling up on short trips with just 83% saying they wore a seat belt when driving less than two miles.

SPEEDING

The higher the speed limit, the more people tended to speed. 20% of respondents said they never drive over the posted speed limit of 25-30 mph, whereas only 6% said the same for roads with a 65-mph speed limit.

In 2018, there were 632 traffic fatalities in Colorado. Nearly 25% of all fatalities involved an alcohol impaired driver. Addition-

ally, the 216 unrestrained fatalities in 2018 represent 54% of the 410 total passenger vehicle fatalities. Distracted driving was the contributing factor in 54 (8.5%) of the 2018 fatalities.

The full 2020 survey results are available on CDOT’s website at: <https://www.codot.gov/safety/safetydata/driver-surveys>

Looking to the holiday travel season and into the new year, CDOT will use these annual survey results to shape its traffic safety education campaigns, aiming to reduce dangerous driving behavior to keep the traveling public safe on Colorado roads.

SLOW FOR THE CONE ZONE

The following tips are to help you stay safe while traveling through maintenance and construction work zones.

- Do not speed in work zones. Obey the posted speed limits.
- Stay Alert! Expect the unexpected.
- Watch for workers. Drive with caution.
- Don’t change lanes unnecessarily.
- Avoid using mobile devices such as phones while driving in work zones.
- Turn on headlights so that workers and other drivers can see you.
- Be especially alert at night while driving in work zones.
- Expect delays, especially during peak travel times.
- Allow ample space between you and the car in front of you.
- Anticipate lane shifts and merge when directed to do so.
- Be patient!

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

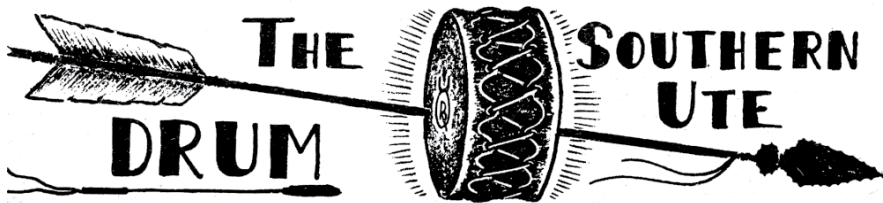
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NOTICE OF LEGAL NAME CHANGE

In the Legal Name Change of,
Case No.: 2020-0118-CV-NC
Roxane Frost Bigleggins, Civil Subject

Notice is hereby given that Roxane Frost Bigleggins filed an application for legal change of name, to be known hereafter as Roxane Frost Washington. As of October 19, 2020, no person filed an objection to the request, and therefore notice is hereby given that Roxane Frost Bigleggins name shall be and is hereby legally changed to Roxane Frost Washington.

Dated this 19th day of October, 2020.
Paul Whistler, Southern Ute Tribal Judge



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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Credit Committee Member Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee is looking for eligible tribal member applicants to serve on the Committee. The appointment is for up to three (3) years. This is a compensated Committee, and, you will be considered an employee of the Tribe, per IRS guidelines. The Credit Committee submits approved applicant recommendation to the Tribal Council for final appointment. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass criminal background and reference checks, per the Credit Committee By-laws. Some of the duties of the Tribal Credit Committee are: Approve loans as required by the Credit Division Declaration; Monitor compliance with the Declaration; Monitor all approved loans for performance; Make recommendations to the Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations; Maintain confidentiality, objectivity, and fairness in conducting all Committee business; and Hold weekly regular meetings and other special meetings, as needed; and Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff. Interested Tribal Members are asked to submit a letter of interest to the Tribal Credit Committee, PO Box 737 #60, Ignacio, CO 81137 or by email at dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Gaming Commission Vacancy

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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Election Board Vacancy

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, Nov. 27, 2020 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter; Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation; Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The Election Board is a paid committee, IRS Guidelines, a Criminal Background Check is necessary. Southern Ute Employee benefits are offered, and you will be considered an Official of the Southern Ute Tribe. Please submit your letter of intent to: Southern Ute Indian Tribe- Election Board P.O. Box 737 #32, Ignacio, CO 81137. Physical Location: 285 Lakin St., Ignacio, CO 81137. Contact the Election Board at 970-563-0100 ext. 2303/2305 or via email: electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov

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 EDUCATION DEPT. Johnson O'Malley Committee Vacancy

JOM has FOUR vacant seats that need filling. If you are interested, please submit a letter to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department or if you have any question you can contact Ellen at 970-563-0235, or by email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a

committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled with JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee. What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

NOTICE OF DRAFT TITLE V OPERATING PERMIT AND REQUEST FOR COMMENT

Notice is hereby given that an initial and a renewal Title V applications have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program (AQP) for the following source of air pollution:

- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**
Facility: Midway Compressor Station
Section 23, T33N R7W, 3.5 miles southeast of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas compression facility
- **Applicant: BP America Production Co.**
Facility: Salvador I/II Central Delivery Point
Section 28, T33N R7W, 2.5 miles south of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a natural gas compression facility

Significant comments were received on a draft Title V renewal permit. The draft permit has been revised and the following source is undergoing public comment a second time:

- **Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Co.**
Facility: Arkansas Loop and Simpson Treating Plants
Section 1, T32N R9W, 9.3 miles southwest of Ignacio, Colorado
This source is a production field facility

The AQP has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The draft permits and accompanying statement of basis are available on the AQP's website at www.southernute-nsn.gov/environmental-programs/air-quality/air-permitting/, and at the Environmental Programs Division office at 71 Mike Frost Way, Ignacio CO, 81137 between 8 a.m. and 4 p.m., Monday through Friday. Any interested person may submit written comments on the draft permit and request a hearing. Written comments and requests for hearings may be sent to the AQP in care of Danny Powers, Air Quality Program Manager, at P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137; or emailed to dpowers@southernute-nsn.gov.

Any hearing request should: 1) identify the individual or group requesting the hearing, 2) state his or her address and phone number, and 3) state the reason(s) for the request. Notice of any public hearing will be provided at least 30 days in advance of the hearing. The AQP will consider the written public comments and requests for a hearing that are received within 30 days of this notice (November 6, 2020).

Ignacio Creative District Board Vacancy

Put your creativity and opinions to use in helping our community! Ignacio Creative District has an opening for a new Board Member position. Applications can be picked up and submitted at the Ignacio Community Library.

Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority Office Remodel Project # 2020-Cares-01 Request For Bid

The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority is requesting proposals for office remodel on the Southern Ute Reservation. The bid proposal should include cost of labor and materials in completing this project. A project specification packet can be obtained at the Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority office at 760 Shoshone Ave, Ignacio CO. There will be a folder outside front door containing packets. A mandatory site visit will be Nov. 9, 2020 at 9 a.m. Bid deadline is Nov. 17, 2020 by 9 a.m. Bids must be sealed. Bid opening is Nov. 17, 2020 at 10:30 a.m. You may reach Eric or Rebecca ext. 113 at 970-563-4575. All bids must adhere to the Southern Ute India TERO Ordinance and the Federal Indian Preference Statutes. 24 Code of Federal Regulations, Davis-Bacon Wage Rate for LA Plata County are in effect. Uniform Builders Code and Tribal Crossing Permits must be obtained. Bids not responsive and responsible will be rejected.

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.

ATTENTION SOUTHERN UTE VETERANS

La Plata County Veterans Service Officer (CVSO) Greg Dotson
970-382-6150 • 1970 E 3rd Ave, Suite 102 • Durango, CO 81301

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

BEFORE THE SOUTHERN UTE ETHICS COMMISSION SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Case No. 2020-07

NOTICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARING

HEARING DATE: Monday, Nov. 16, 2020
TIME: 1:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
LOCATION: Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court, 149 CR 517 Ignacio, CO 81137

IN THE MATTER OF THE ETHICS COMPLAINT FILED:

COMPLAINANT
Southern Ute Veterans Association

RESPONDENT
Cheryl Frost
Tribal Council Vice-Chairman

This matter came before the Ethics Commission (Commission) on October 15, 2020, for a determination as to whether there is probable cause to believe that the Respondent, Cheryl Frost, committed an ethics violation in this case and, if probable cause were found, to set the matter for hearing, pursuant to § 19-5-106. A quorum of the Commission was present with Commissioner Pearl Casias presiding due to the absence of the Chairman Eddie Box, Jr. Commissioner Raymond Baker disqualified himself due to a conflict of interest and was not in attendance. Chris Mimmack was present as Ethics Office Director, and Commission attorney Patricia A. Hall, Maynes, Bradford, Shippes & Shefte], LLP, was present as legal advisor. The Commission, having previously been provided the Complaint, the Investigator's report, and Director Mimmack's report, inquired as to whether Ms. Frost had submitted a response and was informed she had not. At the request of the Commission, Director Mimmack then read his report, after which the Commission unanimously determined that there was probable cause to believe that the Respondent had violated § 19-2-104 (Abuse of Authority) and § 19-2-111 (Intimidation) of the Ethics Code through her communications with a Tribal employee concerning the Southern Ute Veterans Association. With regard to the allegation of violation of § 19-2-119 (Retaliation), the Commission voted to dismiss this alleged violation because any

events supporting the allegation would have occurred after the filing of the Complaint and, therefore, there was insufficient evidence in the investigation submitted to support a finding of probable cause.

CITATIONS TO ETHICS CODE:
§ 19-2-101. Abuse of Authority: No tribal official shall use or attempt to use his or her authority or position to influence the consideration of any business agreement or to interfere with the administration of the Tribe pursuant to established policies and procedures, including, without limitations, applicable personnel policies and procedures. No tribal official shall take any action or make any decisions on behalf of the Tribe unless he or she is so authorized.
§ 19-2-111. Intimidation: No Tribal official shall improperly or unduly intimidate or attempt to intimidate any person, including the use of unreasonable implied or direct threats.
§ 19-2-119, Retaliation: It shall be a violation of this Code for any tribal official to retaliate against a person.

HEARING:
Pursuant to § 19-6-101 (2), AAHO will preside over the hearing before the Commission, which is scheduled to occur on Monday, November 16, 2020 at 1:00 p.m. at the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Court.

RIGHT TO LEGAL COUNSEL:
§ 19-6-106. Representation. Each party may be represented by legal counsel or other representative of their choice at their own expense.

DEFAULT FOR FAILURE TO APPEAR:
§ 19-6-110. Default. Where a respondent, after being properly notified of the hearing, does not appear for the hearing, the Commission shall hear the evidence and may enter a default against the respondent and proceed to impose penalties as prescribed in Article 7.

Oct. 22, 2020
Pearl E. Casias
Acting Chairman
Ethics Commission



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. 9, 2020

DEPARTMENT	POSITION	CLOSING DATE
Child Development Center	PT Assistant Cook	Until Filled
Diabetes Program/White Mesa	CNA/Health Technician	Until Filled
Judicial Services	Court Clerk I	Until Filled
Judicial Services	Bailiff	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 Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

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

Closing 11/13/20 – Assisting the Red Willow Production Company (RWPC) Controller as directed in managing all accounting functions, to include establishing and maintaining Red Willow’s accounting principles, practices, and procedures; managing monthly accounting tasks including AR, AP, general ledger management, and generation of financial statements; bank reconciliations and cash management; calculation and payment of taxes; establishing and maintaining credit records; assisting in the preparation and reconciliation of annual financial statements, and reporting as required. Supervises the joint interest billing function in the accounting department. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in Accounting, Finance or similar discipline plus seven years relevant full-time work experience in the oil and gas industry including progressively responsible and varied assignments and five years in accounting. Must have experience with basic accounting tasks including processing of accounts payable and accounts receivable, management of AFEs, reconciliation of general ledger accounts, bank reconciliation and cash management, development of financial statements, and management and regulatory reporting. Must have basic understanding of oil and gas industry business concepts and processes, including, but not limited to: joint interest owner accounting, royalty payments, depreciation and depletion methods, asset impairments and asset retirement obligations. Must have five years of experience in a leadership role including project leadership or training and mentoring junior staff. Must have demonstrated strong attention to detail and accuracy in the workplace. Must have demonstrated ability to reconcile issues and solve problems in accounting or finance data records and computations. Must have proven ability to work with others in a team oriented environment to develop processes and solve problems. Must have solid computer experience including strong working knowledge of Microsoft Windows, MS Word and MS Excel. Must have valid drivers’ license and be insurable under RWPC’s vehicle insurance policy. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Request For Proposal Sky Ute Fairgrounds

Design And Engineering Services For A Boat Storage Facility At The Sky Ute Fairgrounds, Ignacio, Colorado. Southern Ute Indian Tribe Sky Ute Fairgrounds & RV Park P.O Box 550 200 HWY151, Ignacio, Co 81137 The Sky Ute Fairgrounds seeks an engineering firm to develop a conceptual site plan for a Boat Storage Facility on 2.3 acres at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds and an estimated cost for engineering services. Tribal Employment Right Ordinance All submittals will be subject to the Southern Ute Tribe’s TERO code. The TERO code establishes a preference for contracting and subcontracting with certified Indian Owned businesses. To

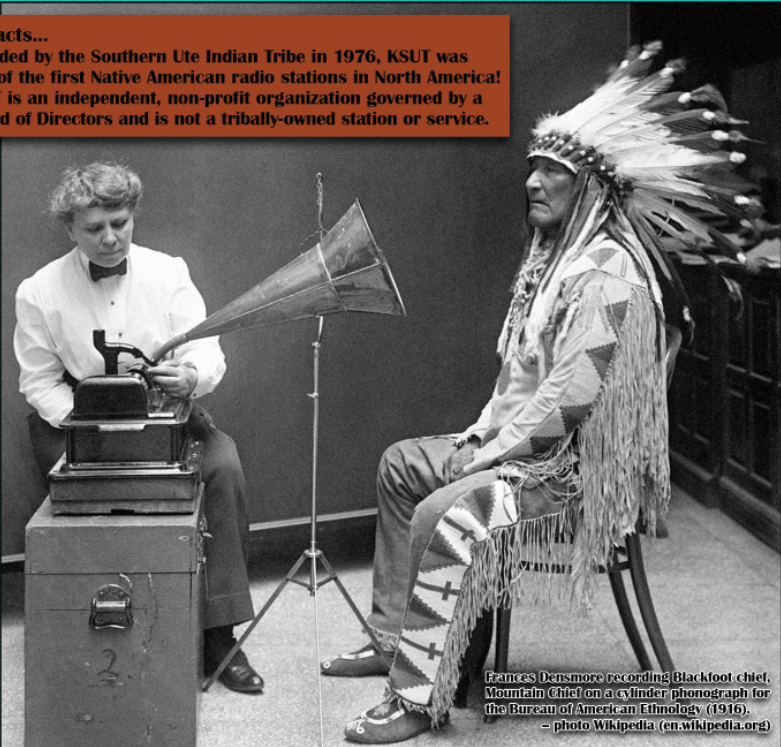
receive this preference, Indian Owned businesses must be certified by Nov. 20, 2020. The selected firm must comply with TERO requirements in its selection of contractors and subcontractors. For information on the certification and/or compliance, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117. RFP Requirements Interested firms must contact JD Brunson at 970-759-5794 by 2 p.m. Nov. 20th, 2020 for general specifications and requirements, the deadline, and instructions for bids for the Boat Storage Facility project. If you have any questions, please contact JD Brunson at 970-759-5794 prior to the 2 p.m. Nov. 20th, 2020 deadline.

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.

KSUT IS YOUR RADIO STATION KSUT seeks one (1) enrolled Southern Ute tribal member to serve on the KSUT Board of Directors

KSUT facts... • Founded by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe in 1976, KSUT was one of the first Native American radio stations in North America! • KSUT is an independent, non-profit organization governed by a Board of Directors and is not a tribally-owned station or service.



Frances Densmore recording Blackfoot chief, Mountain Chief on a cylinder phonograph for the Bureau of American Ethnology. (1916). - photo Wikipedia (en.wikipedia.org)

To apply: Submit a letter of interest to KSUT Executive Director, Tami Graham at tami@ksut.org or mail to P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137 • Questions? Call 970-563-0255

- KSUT Board of Director Duties:
- Advance KSUT’s mission as a community-supported public broadcasting organization serving Ignacio and the Four Corners community
 - Monitor financial performance and adherence to budget
 - Participate in fundraising and community events
 - Serve as representatives and advocates of KSUT
 - Oversee the Executive Director and execution of the strategic plan

Desired Skills: Knowledge of the Southern Ute community; Dedicated; and a Committed team player.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Animal Care Technician

Closes 11/9/20 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Under the general supervision of the Animal Control Officer, assures the care of impounded animals and other duties related to the care of the site and the animals. Pay grade 13; \$12/hour.

Associate Internal Auditor Trainee

Closes 11/10/20 – Southern Ute tribal member only. A trainee position for a Southern Ute tribal member interested in a career in Internal Audit with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Learn how to perform beginning level professional internal auditing procedures for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe of routine difficulty involving a variety of auditing tasks that include, but are not limited to, assessing risk and identifying control deficiencies, unnecessary spending, and inefficient operations. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Associate Internal Auditor position. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 20 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

Museum Education & Outreach Coordinator

Closes 11/10/20 – Development and implementation of programs, events, and activities that educate and involve community members in the Museum’s collection and facilities. Will initially be part-time with benefits and will increase to full-time when approved. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Museum Marketing & Media Coordinator

Closes 11/10/20 – Promoting the Museum to internal and external audiences in support of mission, goals, and objectives. Develops graphic materials for marketing, promotion of exhibits and events, and for exhibit installation. Will initially be part-time with benefits and will increase to full-time when approved. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Senior Water Quality Specialist (319 Coordinator)

Closes 11/9/20 – Under direct supervision of the Environmental Programs Manager, provides assistance with the development and administration of the non-point source areas of the Water Quality Programs for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Position is grant funded. Continued employment is contingent upon renewed funding from the US EPA 319 grant, or other grant funds. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Clinical Supervisor

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

Community Health Representative

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

Court Information Analyst

Open Until Filled – 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. Position is 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, responsible for a wide range of tasks in the Southern Ute Health Center dental office including, but not limited to, providing chair side dental assistance, administrative and records duties and radiology functions. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/hour.

Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and 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. Responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.96/hour.

Elementary Teacher

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

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time)

Open Until Filled – Southern Ute tribal member only. Assists Tribal Members, staff, clients, and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Cultural Preservation Department. Teaching the Ute history, culture, and folklore through the language and culture curriculum and instruction. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Medical Assistant (Temporary)

Open Until Filled – A medical assistant position providing professional and clinical services. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

Patrol Officer

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.

Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Upon completion of the required trainings and certifications, will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/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.

Substance Abuse Program Lead Therapist

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Behavioral Health Manager, provides mental health, substance abuse, and dual diagnosis treatment. Will supervise day-to-day services, counselors, and therapists within the Substance Abuse program, including CAC-I/ CAT and CAC-II/CAS counselors working to achieve CAC-III/CAS credentialing. Position is grant funded; continued employed is contingent on grant funds. 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.

House for sale by owner

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



FLY-FISHING

Curls that aren't cute

Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

We've all seen advertising pictures of little girls with cute curly hair. Those of us that fly fish have seen a fly cast that falls several feet short of the intended target because the line has curls in it. Those curls are not cute. A curling line doesn't actually land in circles but lands in lots of little "S's" or kinks. It also comes out of your hand or stripping basket in knots. Those curls are not small wind knots, but become big knots that won't go through the guides on your rod. It's frustrating, looks awful, and is preventable.

The biggest cause of a curling line is non-use. If you don't use a reel and line for a year, then put it on your rod, make a cast, and expect the line to cast out nice and straight, you might be in for a big surprise. After a period of time a line wound nice and tight on a reel's spool develops a memory. It wants to stay in those nice tight curls wrapped on the spool even when cast.

SCAM OF THE WEEK

Blue checkmarks are the perfect phish bait

Staff report
THE KNOWBE4 SECURITY TEAM

Have you ever noticed the blue checkmark on your favorite celebrity's social media profile? This checkmark shows that the person has provided documentation to verify their identity. Verification helps you know a real account from a fake – but this tool isn't just for celebrities. Whether you have a personal social media account or manage one for your organization, being verified can be a great benefit. To become verified, you are required to provide sensitive information which, unfortunately, makes this process the perfect bait for a phishing attack. Cybercriminals spoof popular social media platforms like Twitter, Instagram, and YouTube by sending out fake verification emails. The emails include a link that, when clicked, takes you to a convincing verification form. Here you'll be asked for things like your username, organization, password, gender, and more. Anything entered on this page is sent directly to the bad guys. Stay safe from this fake verification scam with these tips: This attack exploits the feelings of excitement and validation that comes with becoming verified. Don't let the bad guys play with your emotions. Think before you click! Never click on a link within an email that you weren't expecting. When an email asks you to log in to an account or online service, log in to your account through your browser – not by clicking the link in the email. That way, you can ensure you're logging into the real website and not a phony look-alike. Stop, Look, and Think. Don't be fooled. Visit KnowBe4.com to learn more.

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/

80% LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Nov. 6

68°F partly sunny
winds in afternoon

Saturday, Nov. 7

58°F cloudy
80% showers, thunderstorm

Sunday, Nov. 8

44°F mostly cloudy
50% snow showers

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 9/09/20

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:
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PAYMENT REMINDERS:
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⇒ **NEW!** Online at:
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HONOR A VETERAN ON VETERANS DAY

Southern Ute Tribal Offices will be closed
Wednesday, Nov. 11

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Cost-of-living stat
4 Army bigwigs, briefly
7 "All's fair" in it
10 Large vase
11 Life story, for short
12 Going public, for a company
13 Once a very useful animal to Native Americans
15 "Day" in Hebrew
16 "--- fixe"
17 Its capital is Luanda
19 Research org. which runs the Large Hadron Collider
20 Agile weasel relative
21 Shut
23 Admit, as evidence
26 Places of refuge
30 Sources of orris root
31 Fully stocked with marbles
32 Covered vehicle
33 US Army armored troop carrier
35 Old age
36 Golfer's mound
37 Mischievous person
38 Pretoria is its capital
39 Table scrap
40 Subject of "The Lost Weekend"

Down

1 --- zirconia
2 Bluenose
3 Draw conclusions
4 Wharton degree
5 Taos gremlin dissected lizard
6 When, colloquially
7 California people decimated in an 1860 massacre
8 As straight as ---
9 Like some noses
14 Receivers of stolen goods
18 The Battle of the --- Grass, 1876
22 Remains stationary at sea
23 Such as Navajo and Florida
24 Range that divides Eurasia
25 Grammy winner Ronstadt
27 Slanted
28 Prepared to pray, perhaps
29 Bondsmen of old
34 Soak hemp

Answers for this crossword will appear in Nov. 20 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Oct. 23, 2020 Crossword Puzzle:
Across: 1 Strom, 6 Epsom, 11 Tiara, 12 Tithe, 13 Olden, 14 At all, 15 Lei, 16 A Ms, 18 Tot, 19 Cuna, 21 Sun, 22 Lafayette, 24 ILO, 25 Bade, 26 ANC, 27 Pet, 28 BHP, 31 Be hot, 33 Snood, 35 Bails, 36 Aroma, 37 Arced, 38 Takes.
Down: 1 STOL, 2 Tile, 3 Radical chic, 4 Ore, 5 Manana, 6 ET As, 7 Pit, 8 Statute book, 9 Ohlone, 10 Melt, 17 Maybe, 20 UFO, 21 Std, 22 Linear, 23 Eats at, 26 Abba, 27 PTSD, 29 Home, 30 PDAs, 32 Ole, 34 NRA.