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TRIBAL HEALTH

COVID-19 vaccine facts and distribution update

By Anita Brock
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH SERVICES

Following is a summary of vaccine distribution and some facts I would like to share with all of you to better assist your decision making.

What is a Virus?
A virus is a small collection of genetic code, either DNA or RNA, surrounded by a protein coat. A virus cannot replicate alone. Viruses must infect cells and use components of the host cell to make copies of themselves. Often, they kill the host cell in the process, and cause damage to the host organism. Viruses have been found everywhere on Earth. Researchers estimate that viruses outnumber bacteria by 10 to 1. For many years' viruses were not considered to be a living thing, the definition in recent years has changed based on the viruses' life cycle.

What is COVID-19?
COVID-19 is the name of the disease caused by the SARS-CoV2 virus. Viruses and the diseases they cause have different names. For example, AIDS is the disease caused by the human immunodeficiency virus, HIV. The COVID-19 Virus is a "novel virus."
As mentioned above, COVID-19 is an acronym. In its full form, COVID-19 stands for coronavirus disease of 2019; the "CO" stands for

Lisa Ferdinando/Dept. of Defense

A doctor at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, receives a COVID-19 vaccine at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center, Bethesda, Md., Dec. 14, 2020.

Corona, the "VI" Virus and the "D" Disease. The virus was discovered in Wuhan, China in the year 2019. A "novel" coronavirus means that it is a new coronavirus that has not been previously identified in humans. This means it is different from coronaviruses that cause the common cold, and those that caused SARS in 2002 and MERS in 2012.

Like, SARS and MERS, the novel coronavirus is a zoonotic disease. The definition of a zoonotic disease is one that begins in animals and is transmitted from animals to people.

How Does Covid-19 Spread?
You can become infected by coming into close contact (about 6 feet or two arm lengths) with a person who has COVID-19. COVID-

19 is primarily spread from person to person. You can become infected from respiratory droplets when an infected person coughs, sneezes, or talks.

Types of Vaccines:
Vaccines come in three forms: Live (which is a weakened virus and sometimes referred to as attenuated); inactivated (which is often a killed virus), and genetically engineered vaccines; this type of vaccine uses genetically engineered RNA or DNA that has instructions for making copies of the viruses' surface protein. These copies prompt an immune response to the virus. With this approach, no infectious virus needs to be handled. The COVID-19 is a genetically engineered vaccine.

courtesy KSUT Tribal Radio

KSUT Tribal Radio Program Director, Mike Santistevan and Tribal Radio Station Manager, Sheila Nanaeto on air in the new KSUT Tribal Radio studio.

TRIBAL RADIO

KSUT launches Tribalradio.org, offering streaming and station news

Staff report
KSUT

KSUT Tribal Radio has a new website - visit us at tribalradio.org. Once there, you can listen to the online stream, see the latest station news and photos, and dig into our Indigenous storytelling projects Native Lens and Native Braids.

KSUT's Tribal Radio is at the root of the station, started in 1976 by Southern Ute tribal members. Daily programming begins at 8 a.m. with the popular "Morning Show" featuring

a unique blend of Powwow, Round Dance, Handgame, traditional and ceremonial songs. Hosted by local tribal members, the music is mixed with community news and information, interviews, dedications, and the scoop on powwows, local sports and events. Tribal Radio is also a

Native Voice 1 (NV1) affiliate, offering national programming including Native America Calling, American Indian Living, National Native News, and more. Tribal Radio has been streaming online for 22 years, and can now be found @tribalradio.org - please share this with your family and friends.

Tune-in to KSUT Tribal radio regionally on your radio dial at:

- 91.3 FM in Ignacio - Southern Ute and Jicarilla Apache
- 100.9 FM in Towaoc - Ute Mountain Ute and Navajo
- 89.7 FM in Farmington and northwest New Mexico

Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Newly elected tribal leadership were sworn in and recited their Oath of Office on Monday, Dec. 21. Melvin J. Baker was sworn in as the Tribe's new Chairman. Due to COVID-19 and the tribally issued 'Stay at Home' Order, only a limited number of individuals were able to attend the ceremony in Tribal Council Chambers.

TRIBAL COUNCIL

Southern Ute Tribe swears in newly elected officials

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Registered Southern Ute tribal voters took to the polls Friday, Dec. 18 in the 2020 Run-Off Election to vote for Chairman and two Council Members. In accordance with the Southern Ute Tribal Election Code, Section 11-10-102 (3) "the candidate for each office in the run-off election who received the highest number of votes shall be deemed elected."

Chairman Melvin J. Baker has previously served nine years on Tribal Council, including as Acting Chairman and Vice Chair-

The Southern Ute Election Board has confirmed the following election results:

| Office of Tribal Chairman | No. of Votes |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Melvin J. Baker | 214 |
| Lorelei Cloud | 199 |

| Office of Tribal Council | No. of Votes |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| Lindsay J. Box | 159 |
| Linda K. Baker | 205 |
| James M. Olguin | 165 |
| Stacey Oberly | 243 |

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Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Council Member Linda K. Baker signs the oath of office during the Tribal Council Inauguration. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe invited the tribal membership, tribal staff, local community, dignitaries, and officials to attend the virtual Swearing-In Ceremony for the newly elected council members.

Lindsay Box/SU Council Affairs

Southern Ute Council Member Dr. Stacey Oberly takes the oath of office, Monday, Dec. 21. The first orientation for the elected officials is with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team to learn about the COVID-19 pandemic to gain insight into the Tribe's response and plans through the end of the pandemic.

Wreaths placed across America

Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

On Dec. 19, 2020 volunteers from the national nonprofit organization, Wreaths Across America, displayed a set of wreaths in Ouray Cemetery near the Chief Ouray and Buckskin Charley Memorials to honor those veterans who were laid to rest in the cemetery. The second or third Saturday in December is declared National Wreaths Across America Day and over 1.7 million wreaths are laid in cemeteries and memorials across the country. Fresh snow blankets the Ouray Memorial Cemetery and the freshly placed wreaths, Tuesday morning, Dec. 29, in Ignacio, Colo.



SKY UTE CASINO

Sky Ute Casino to create the first dedicated Esports Sportsbook in the United States

Staff report
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

GameCo LLC, the inventor of Video Game Gambling™ and pioneer of the new casino experience designed to attract and monetize Gen X, Millennial, and Gen Z players at retail and digital casinos, recently announced a new partnership with US Bookmaking, a Las Vegas-based sports betting solutions company. This partnership will launch the first-ever dedicated esports sportsbook in the United States and will be available digitally at Sky Ute Casino Resort for all players in Colorado. Leveraging its partnerships with Askott Entertainment, GRID, and 10Star, GameCo's fully integrated esports betting solution will provide the first U.S. esports book to offer 24/7 in-play wagering. GameCo's turnkey full-service esports betting offering, which launched recently under the iGameCo brand, provides casinos with a low cost, low risk, and flexible plug-and-play solution that integrates a betting platform, data and video streaming services, as well as odds making and risk management. The agreement with US Bookmaking and Sky Ute Casino Resort marks GameCo's first deployment of the comprehensive solution, which combines Askott Entertainment's Chameleon platform, GRID data and streaming services, and 10Star trading services. GameCo's partnership with US Bookmaking will be available to all Colorado residents and visitors in the state online through computer, mobile, and interactive devices. This first-ever dedicated



courtesy/Scott D.W. Smith

esports book leverages the extensive experience in esports wagering from 10Star, who will provide the odds and trading feed which includes both pre-match and in-play wagering. Chameleon, the online and mobile wagering platform from Askott Entertainment, a subsidiary of FansUnite (CSE: FANS, OTC: FUNFF), will supply the wagering system and will connect with Play+ from Sightline Payments to provide consumers a cashless and secure mobile funding solution for gaming. Leading data platform GRID will provide official and exclusive real-time data, live match streaming and viewing widgets, player engagement tools, and social cards. The entire program will be overseen by the Esports Integrity Commission (ESIC) to ensure the integrity of all wagering activities. Collectively, the offering from GameCo represents the most comprehensive and innovative esports betting solution possible. "Esports mobile betting has always been on the horizon and now the Sky Ute Casino Resort is excited to enter the arena. In conjunction with Sky Ute Casino's service providers, U.S. Bookmaking, and GameCo,

Sky Ute selected these associates to provide a unique customer experience that will infuse the world of esports with the excitement of the casino industry," said Travis Garlick, Assistant General Manager for Sky Ute Casino. "US Bookmaking has been investigating entry to the esports wagering market for over three years. GameCo brings all the pieces necessary together to finally make an esports product the most comprehensive of any we have seen. We look forward to bringing this new product to Sky Ute [Casino] and the people of Colorado," said John Salerno, Director of Operations for US Bookmaking. "GameCo is proud to work with US Bookmaking and Sky Ute to continue moving the industry forward by providing the first-ever dedicated esports book in the US," said Blaine Graboyes, co-founder and CEO of GameCo. "We are thrilled to provide a comprehensive solution that enhances the esports betting industry for our Colorado players wherever and whenever they want to play, and we're looking forward to bringing these kinds of innovations to additional US markets soon."

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICIALS • FROM PAGE 1

man. Baker was born and raised on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Throughout his political career, Baker worked on the development and implementation of the new Sky Ute Casino Resort, Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum and served on various tribal and state committees including the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs and Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority. "First, and foremost, I would like to thank everyone who supported and voted for me in this year's election run for Chairman. I look forward to working with the current Tribal Council as well as the two newly elected Tribal Council members. I ask that you all do your part in regard to the COVID-19 pandemic. Stay safe and wear your mask. Take care of our elders and our children. I want to wish everyone Happy Holidays," stated Chairman Baker. Chairman Baker enjoys spending time with his family including his partner, three children and five grandchildren. The two vacant Tribal Council seats were filled by Linda K. Baker and Stacey Oberly.

Newly Elected Council Member Baker has previously worked for the Southern Ute Museum as the Museum Director and the Denver Museum of Nature and Science in the Anthropology Department. Baker attended Fort Lewis College and received her BA in History and a secondary teaching certification, as well as attending the University of Colorado at Denver; Western Archives Institute at San Diego State University; and Native American Museum Studies Institute at the University of California at Berkeley. "I would like to thank the membership for the vote of confidence and the dialogue with the other Candidates," expressed Council Member Baker. In her spare time, she enjoys beading, functional OCR/HIIT training, and providing educational consultation on Native American and Ute history and culture. She is the daughter of the late Archie Baker and Diana Cambridge-Baker. Newly Elected Council Member Dr. Oberly has obtained a Ph.D in Linguistics, a Masters in Native American Linguistics and

Bilingual Multicultural Education, and a BA in Spanish and Early Elementary Montessori Certificate. Prior to becoming an elected official, Oberly worked as the Coordinator of Ute Language and Culture at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and an instructor for the American Indian Language Development Institute at the University of Arizona. "I look forward to serving the tribal membership with clear communication, to create unity and transparency, while adhering to our traditional and cultural ethics." Her hobbies include making moccasins, ribbon skirts and shirts, singing Sundance and gourd dance songs, and taking her family on adventures. Dr. Oberly is the daughter of Mary Inez Cloud and Pete Rivera, and the mother of three children. Chairman Baker has chosen Council Member Bruce Valdez to serve as his Vice Chairman. The Executive Office appointment will be announced in the coming days. Until the announcement is made, Executive Officer Barbara Scott-Rarick will remain in the role through the transition.

Southern Ute Tribal Offices Holiday Closures
Jan. 1, 2021 • New Year's Day
Jan. 18, 2021 • Martin Luther King Jr. Day



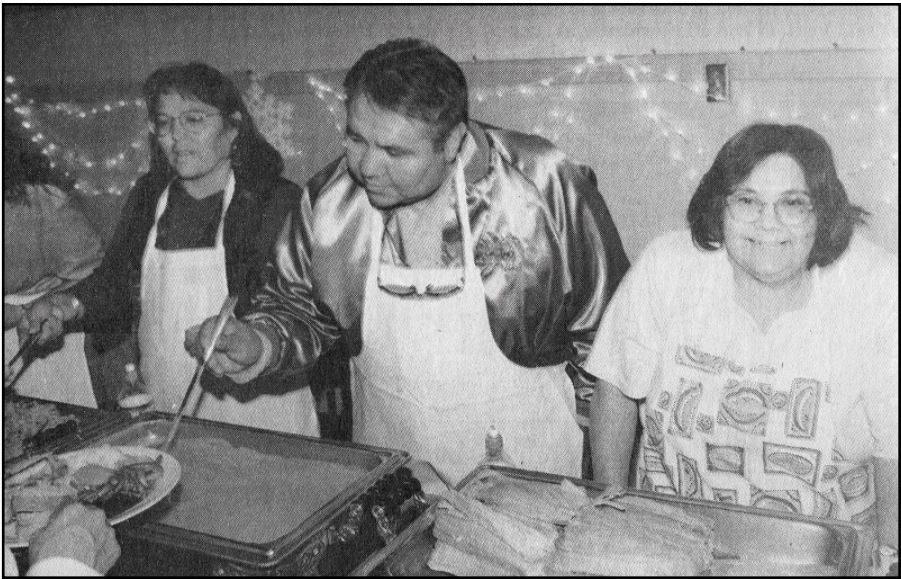
Many Moons Ago

10 years ago

Don Folsom of SUPD hands out balloons and cake to students of Upper L as part of the "Protecting You, Protecting Me" workshop. This photo was first published in the Dec. 17, 2010, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Alice Red (left) Tribal Councilman Byron Red Sr. (center) and Tribal Councilwoman Pearl Casias volunteered their time to serve the meal at the annual Tribal Christmas Dinner. This photo was published in the Dec. 15, 2000, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

30 & 40 years ago

Photos from the corresponding 30 and 40 years ago, were not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 30 and 40 years ago photos in the January 15, 2021 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

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A 'Brilliant' solar hookup



courtesy KSUT

Brilliant Solar & Electric hooked up KSUT's solar modules to the electrical grid on Tuesday, Dec. 22. Brilliant Solar & Electric are a full-service solar installation and electrical contracting company servicing the Durango area, they connected KSUT's solar panels to the inverters, which then feeds the electrical grid produced by the solar panels on the south side of the newly built KSUT Eddie Box Jr. Media Center.



NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Christmas across Indian Country, during the pandemic and before

By Dennis Zotigh

SMITHSONIAN NATIONAL MUSEUM
OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

For the last few years, Native friends have shared their Christmas plans and traditions with Smithsonian Voices. This extraordinary year, we asked how the Covid-19 pandemic is affecting people's families and communities. The introduction of Christianity to the Americas can be controversial in Native circles. Europeans knowingly replaced Native people's existing spiritual beliefs with the beliefs taught in the bible. Cruelty and brutality often accompanied this indoctrination. Yet it is also true that some tribes, families, and individuals embraced the bible and Jesus' teachings. This complicated history is reflected here, as well.

These stories were compiled by Dennis W. Zotigh (Kiowa/San Juan Pueblo/Santee Dakota Indian), a member of the Kiowa Gourd Clan and San Juan Pueblo Winter Clan and a descendant of Sitting Bear and No Retreat, both principal war chiefs of the Kiowa. Dennis works as a writer and cultural specialist at the Smithsonian National Museum of the American Indian in Washington, D.C.

The introduction of Christianity to the original peoples of the Americas can be controversial in Native circles. Europeans brought Christianity to this half of the world and imposed it on Native communities, knowingly replacing existing spiritual beliefs with the beliefs taught in the Bible. Cruelty and brutality often accompanied the indoctrination of Native peoples. Yet it is also true that some tribes, families, and individuals accepted the Bible and Jesus' teachings voluntarily.

Music played an important part in converting Native people, establishing their practice of worship, and teaching them how to celebrate the Christmas season. Perhaps the earliest North American Christmas carol was written in the Wyandot language of the Huron-Wendat people. Jesus Ahaton-

hia ("Jesus, He is born") – popularly known as Noël huron or the Huron Carol – is said by oral tradition to have been written in 1643 by the Jesuit priest Jean de Brébeuf. The earliest known transcription was made in the Huron-Wendat settlement at Lorette, Quebec, in the 1700s.

During the 1920s, the Canadian choir director J. E. Middleton rewrote the carol in English, using images from the Eastern Woodlands to tell the Christmas story: A lodge of broken bark replaces the manger, the baby Jesus is wrapped in rabbit skin, hunters take the place of the shepherds, and chiefs bring gifts of fox and beaver furs. A much more accurate translation by the linguist John Steckley, an adopted member of the Huron-Wendat Nation of Loretteville, makes clear that the carol was written not only to teach early Catholic converts within the Huron Confederacy the story of Jesus' birth, but also to explain its significance and to overturn earlier Native beliefs.

All throughout Indian Country, Native people have gathered in churches, missions, and temples to celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ by singing carols and hymns in their Native languages. In some churches, the story of Jesus' birth is recited in Native languages. Some Native churches host nativity plays using Native settings and actors to re-enact the birth of Jesus Christ. Among Catholics, Christmas Eve Mass traditionally begins in Indian communities at midnight and extends into the early hours of Christmas Day. In tipis, hogans, and houses, Native American Church members also hold Christmas services, ceremonies that begin on Christmas Eve and go on all night until Christmas morning.

In contemporary times, traditional powwow singing groups have rearranged Christmas songs to appeal to Native audiences. A humorous example is Warscout's NDN 12 Days of Christmas, from their album Red Christmas. Native solo artists also perform Christmas classics in Native lan-



"Hogan in the Snow," ca. 1985. Painted by Robert Draper (Diné [Navajo], 1938–2000). Chinle, Navajo Nation, Arizona.

guages. Rhonda Head (Cree), for example, has recorded Oh Holy Night, and Jana Mashpee (Lumbee and Tuscarora) Winter Wonderland sung in Ojibwe.

Native communities host traditional tribal dances and powwows on Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. Among the Pueblo Indians of the Southwest special dances take place, such as buffalo, eagle, antelope, turtle, and harvest dances. The Eight Northern Pueblos perform Los Matachines – a special dance-drama mixing North African Moorish, Spanish, and Pueblo cultures – takes place on Christmas Eve, along with a pine-torch procession.

In an earlier year, Grandson Maheengun Atencio and Grandmother Edith Atencio prepared for the Matachines Christmas Eve dance at Ohkay Owingeh Pueblo, New Mexico. Due to the pandemic, many ceremonial dances across Indian Country have been postponed, as Native people are very concerned for the safety of their elders.

For Native artisans, this is traditionally the busy season as they prepare special Christmas gift items. Artists and craftsmen and women across the country create beadwork, woodwork, jewelry, clothing, basketry, pottery, sculpture, paintings,

leatherwork, and featherwork for special Christmas sales and art markets that are open to the public. For the 15 years before 2020, the National Museum of the American Indian held its annual Native Art Market in New York and Washington a few weeks before Christmas. This year, the in-person event was replaced by an online program of interviews with artists from earlier Art Markets, Healing through Native Creativity.

In many communities and homes, Christian customs are interwoven with Native culture as a means of expressing Christmas in a uniquely Native way. The importance of giving is a cultural tradition among most tribes. Even in times of famine and destitution, Native people have made sure their families, the old, and orphans were taken care of. This mindset prevails

into the present. Gift-giving is appropriate whenever a tribal social or ceremonial gathering takes place.

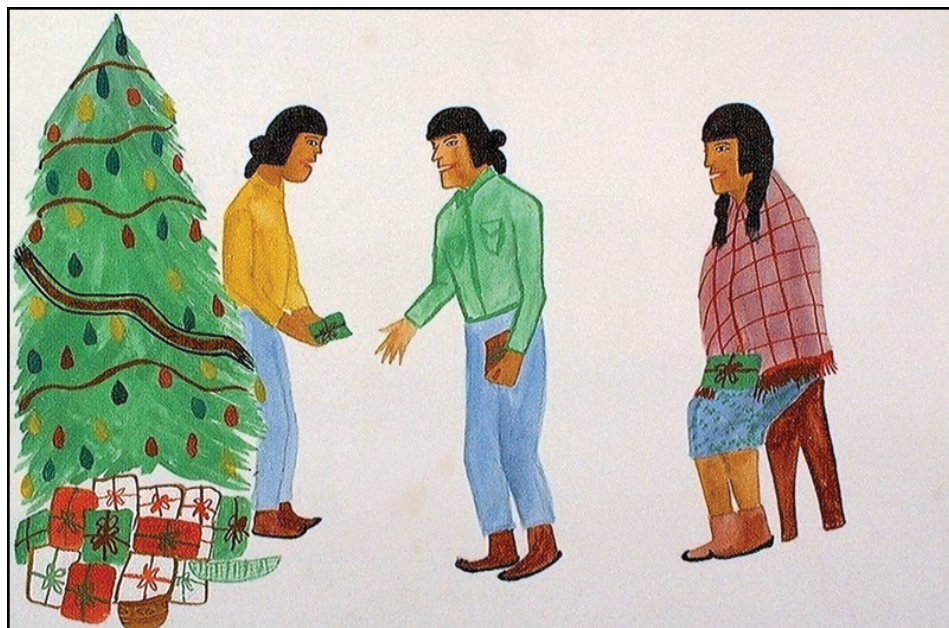
In the same way, traditional Native foods are prepared for this special occasion. Salmon, walleye, shellfish, moose, venison, elk, mutton, geese, rabbit, wild rice, collards, squash, pine nuts, red and green chile stews, pueblo bread, piki bread, and bannock (fry bread) are just a few of the things that come to mind. Individual tribes and Indian organizations sponsor Christmas dinners for their elders and communities prior to Christmas. Tribal service groups and warrior societies visit retirement homes and shelters to provide meals for their tribesmen and women on Christmas Day.

According to the Urban Indian Health Commission, nearly seven out of every ten American Indians and

Alaska Natives – 2.8 million people – live in or near cities, and that number is growing. During the Christmas holidays, many urban Natives travel back to their families, reservations, and communities to reconnect and reaffirm tribal bonds. They open presents and have big family meals like other American Christians.

For the last few years, Native friends have shared their families' Christmas plans and traditions with the museum. This extraordinary year, we asked how the Covid-19 pandemic is affecting their families and communities. Thank you to everyone who took time to tell us a little about their lives.

Those replies are published on the Smithsonian VOICES website: www.smithsonianmag.com/blogs/national-museum-american-indian/2020/12/22/christmas-indian-country.



"Christmas," 1965. Watercolor by Marshall Lomakema (Hopi Pueblo, 1935–1975). Songoopavi, Second Mesa, Hopi Reservation, Arizona.

Announcing Virtual Fashion Show January 18 - January 29, 2021

The Cultural Preservation Department and the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum is hosting a Virtual Fashion Show which is open to all Ute members and descendants. The Virtual Fashion Show is NOT a contest.

Those interested in participating may submit a maximum of five (5) photos of Ute Traditional hand-made items or regalia by mail to the Cultural Preservation Department, Special Events Coordinator Tara Vigil at PO Box 737 Ignacio, CO 81137 or email photots) to tvigil@southernute-nsn.gov Photos need to be sent in a JPG format. Along with the photo(s) please add a description, your name and if you would like, you may add your address, phone number and names of any individual(s) that model your item.

The Virtual Fashion Show will be on display January 18 thru January 28, 2021 on the Southern Ute Tribal Website. The Deadline for submissions will be December 31, 2020 at 5pm.



For more information contact:
Event Coordinator Tara Vigil at (970) 563-2985 or
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HEALTHY RECIPES

Happy holidays from Shining Mountain Health and Wellness!

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

This has been a tough year and so we pray for the New Year to bring you peace and love, good health and healing.

Yours truly, Morgann Box, Shawmarie Tso and Lisa Smith.

Make something impressive that you will be proud of, that is easy, delicious, healthy and seasonal.



courtesy Veronique

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

Holiday Butternut Squash Soup

Prep Time: 10 minutes
Stove Top Cook Time: 50 minutes
Crock Pot Cook Time: 6-8 hours
Instant Pot Cook Time: 30 minutes
Servings: 6
Calories per serving: 102

Ingredients:

- 1 tablespoons olive oil
- 2 lbs. butternut squash cut in 1-inch pieces, about 5 cups
- 1 cup carrots diced
- 1/2 cup onion diced
- 1 tablespoon garlic minced
- 1-quart vegetable stock
- 1/2 teaspoon pepper
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon turmeric

Directions:

1. Stove Top instructions
2. In a large pot, heat olive oil. Sauté squash, carrots, onions + garlic until squash has browned on edges and onions/garlic are translucent. (about 10 minutes)
3. Add stock and spices to the pot. Bring to a boil. Once boiling, reduce heat + simmer for 30-40 minutes.
4. Puree with an immersion blender or allow soup to cool + add to a blender.

Blend until smooth. You can also leave this chunky for a different texture.

Crockpot Instructions

1. Heat olive oil in a pan over medium heat. Sauté squash, carrots, onions + garlic until squash has browned on edges and onions/garlic are translucent (about 10 minutes)
2. Place cooked vegetables in crockpot. Cover with stock and add spices. Cook on low for 6-8 hours
3. Puree with an immersion blender or allow soup to cool + add to a blender. Blend until smooth. You can also leave this chunky for a different texture.

Instant Pot Instructions

1. Set instant pot to sauté. Heat olive oil. Sauté squash, carrots, onions + garlic until squash has browned on edges and onions/garlic are translucent (about 10 minutes)
2. Stir in spices and add stock.
3. Cover instant pot and set to sealing, Pressure Cook for 10 minutes.
4. Once cooked, allow the pressure to manually release for 10 minutes, then quick release.
5. Puree with an immersion blender or allow soup to cool + add to a blender. Blend until smooth. You can also leave this chunky for a different texture.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Speaking to youth about drugs and alcohol

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

First off, everyone is different and has different parenting styles, different aged youth who have different individual personalities and ideas. For that reason, in this article we will help provide information, tips, and suggestions.

What do you know now that you wished you knew when you were young? We all have some “aha” moments in life and sometimes those realizations come with learned lessons. It’s important that as adults we try to be empathetic and understanding of our youth and how they are growing up. Try to remember when you were young and how conversations with adults were for you. Maybe you were nervous, curious, or maybe it wasn’t fun. We want our youth to be comfortable and feel safe enough to talk to us about drugs and alcohol.

Why is it important to start the conversation with youth about drugs and alcohol?

Research has shown that youth are healthier and more successful when they have engaged and supportive adults in their lives. While it’s never too early to start talking with kids about substance use, misuse and abuse, the types of conversations you’re having will change as your child grows.

How can you start the conversation?

First, we need to be clear on what having a “conversation” means. A conversation is defined as an informal way of exchanging ideas, getting to know the other person’s thoughts, and sharing your own. It’s important that, when we have these conversations with our youth, the dialogue is open and that we have the conversations more than once.

It’s important to initiate



a conversation with your youth and let them know you want to talk with them about drugs and alcohol. Ask them what day and time is good for them and where they would feel most comfortable to have this talk. We want to create a “safe space” for them to express their feelings and thoughts about drugs. Here are some tips to keep in mind:

- Ask open ended questions such as “What would you do if there is alcohol at the party?” or “If a friend offered you drugs, what would you say?”
- Listen with an open mind.
- Be present and honest.
- Avoid showing judgement. This is key if you want your youth to trust you with their true feelings and thoughts.
- Hear what they have to say now and not what they’ve said in the past.
- Use facts, not fear. Fear isn’t as effective as positive alternatives.
- Even if they use eye-rolls or heavy sighs, they are still listening to you, watching you and learning from you. Just let them know you care and that you are there if they have any questions or need suggestions on how to handle a situation.

Create healthy habits for success. One way to create healthy habits is to help them create an Action Plan. Here are the stages of an action plan on how to avoid drugs

and alcohol and create positive behaviors and outcomes.

- Give them the information and reasons to avoid drugs and alcohol. For example, maybe learn together about the different drugs that exist and think of reasons to avoid them, such as maybe graduating or having a better chance at a healthy life.
- Help them identify situations and “pressure points” that might make it difficult for them to avoid substances. Some examples might be parties, a tough day at school, boredom or maybe when something happens that makes them sad, mad or even happy.
- Help them find alternatives and connect what they love and care about to their decisions. For example, if they are at a party and their friends are pressuring them to drink, maybe they can tell their friends they can’t because they want to be on their game for basketball practice or for a test coming up. Another good way to help them is to create a “code” word or symbol they can text you or a trusted adult to come pick them up. The parent or trusted adult could text them back “Come home right now, I’m coming to pick you up.”
- Help them practice this plan and know that they will make mistakes. When they make mistakes, you can help them identify how to learn from those mistakes and share ideas of how to keep going forward.

At the end of the day, we want nothing but the best for the youth in our lives. We can help by encouraging and supporting them. For more information, please contact Precious Collins with the Native Connections Program at 970-563-2487. We have handouts we can mail to you with suggestions and tips on how to talk to your youth ages 9 - 20 years of age.

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division is also available to help aid these conversations with your youth if desired. Or you can check out the Forward Together Colorado webpage at ForwardTogetherCO.com for tips and resources for parents and for youth. Remember it’s never too early or too late to have these conversations with the youth in your life.

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.

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe Health Center Hours

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

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- **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:** CLOSED UNTIL JAN. 2, 2021. No appointments.
- **OPTOMETRY:** All Optometry visits are canceled until further notice.
- **PSYCHIATRY:** Visits are no longer being offered; Patients will be treated via tele-medicine.
- All **SPECIALTY MEDICINE:** All appointments will take place via tele-medicine. 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.

LOCAL RESOURCES

- **Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavioral Health Division 69 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- **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 – SW 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:** Which seeks to serve LGBT youth, has a 24/7 suicide prevention line at 866-488-7386.



TRIBAL HEALTH

Things that don't SUHC

By Paige M. Kapp, PharmD, BCPS, CDE
SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER

As the COVID-19 pandemic wears into another month, and another year, continuing to find things in our lives that are good, successful, and uplifting climbs in importance. This is the season of giving, and the season of gratitude. I want to highlight for you some of the things that are happening in the Tribal Health Department, and the Southern Ute Health Center, that help me keep a positive attitude. The past week has been very exciting, receiving our first shipment of COVID-19. Phase 1 of the vaccine was administered to our healthcare workers. We look forward to Phase 2 and protecting our community

members at risk. The dental building has been under construction and is due to be completed in January. Work is being done to improve patient safety and access to dental care through the remainder of this pandemic. Due to the nature of dental procedures and risk for COVID spread during dental work, this department has been very significantly impacted. We look forward to having our dental team back. SUHC continues to provide COVID-safe care. We are accommodating patients with expanded options for care including telephone visits, in-clinic well visits, and outside sick visits. Many medical offices in the area are not able to provide care for their patients with COVID, but that has been a

priority at SUHC. Please call to make an appointment if you need one. We can make an appointment for you, that meets your needs, with your safety concerns in mind. The pharmacy staff has continued its operations on a shortened schedule, with decreased in-house staff. We have pharmacists and technicians working remotely to answer calls and help with desktop work, while the in-house staff works hard to make sure your prescriptions are ready when you need them. We continue to offer 90-day supplies of medications for our elders, with the hope this will help decrease trips outside the home. I'm wishing you all a safe, happy, and healthy New Year. I hope to see your unmasked faces in the near future.

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Coalition Meetings: We are going virtual! For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487. Upcoming Training: FREE online Suicide Prevention Training- Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) for Southern Ute tribal 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 970-563-2487 or email pccollins@southernute-nsn.gov to sign up. Upcoming Community Events: The Southern Ute Native Connections Program will be hosting monthly "Acting All Some How Show" via Zoom. These shows will have guest speakers, both locally

and nationally and we will be focusing on mental wellness and substance use prevention. Please contact use at 970-563-2487 to sign up for our email notifications.



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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Our family newsletter

December 2020; DSS Family Preservation



Happy holidays from our family to yours!

Christmas is not cancelled! Though many events have sadly been cancelled as a result of the pandemic, Christmas lives on and provides a wonderful distraction from Covid-19. Even if we are unable to spend Christmas in person with our relatives, there are still things that we can do together virtually. For instance, you could plan a group video call, light the same sage scent so that you're all experiencing the same smell and share a playlist with the family's favorite festive tunes so that you're all listening to the same music. No doubt, the Covid-19 pandemic has made many of us reflect on things in life including loved ones. Take the time to reach out to your friends & family to let them know how much they mean to you. You will almost certainly make their day in doing so! If your friends & family are safe and well or have recovered after having Covid-19, this is certainly something to be very thankful for.

Special events to plan for your family:

- Holiday Movie Night
- Making special goodies
- Burning cedar to welcome in new year!



"Family is the center of Nuchuu Life."

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There's lots to learn

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5 Ways to Connect Virtually with Friends and Family This Holiday Season

1. **Do some cooking together:** Video Chat, ZOOM, or facetime activities such as cooking together this holiday season.
2. **Schedule a virtual movie night:** Who doesn't love a good movie night? With some coordination and planning there are tons of ways for families who are separated this year to enjoy a movie together.
3. **Try crafting activities:** Hands-on activities are another way for the whole family to bond. Families might sew or decorate Christmas stockings together on video chat, for example.
4. **Game night can be for everyone:** There are a wide range of possibilities, so explore and discuss what your family would enjoy most.
5. **Share family memories:** Get with Elders in your family. Simple gatherings where family members can reflect and speak from the heart may be the most powerful and meaningful.



Happy Winter Solstice:

December 21st is the shortest and longest day of the year! Winter is also a time of rest and rejuvenation for Ute people! The bear is asleep rejuvenation and preparing his spirit for Spring. Now is a time to gather (social distance included) sit around campfires, ZOOM, and share stories of the Ute people. Time to share family stories so they can continue to be passed generation to generation. For indigenous peoples all over the world, it's a time to offer gratitude, honor family and ancestors, and follow a ritual observance of beliefs. The fact that theological historians also place significance on this same time period makes the Winter Solstice a vital component to holiday celebrations.





Have You Checked This Out Yet?

Ignacio Community Library is pleased to share with you the digitization of the IGNACIO CHIEFTAIN newspapers from the years 1931 to 1970. This has been made possible by a grant through the Colorado Historic Newspaper Collection, which is a service of the Colorado State Library.

Gain access to this to find information, explore the area’s history, and more at www.coloradohistoricnewspapers.org



Master of Social Work available summer 2021

The University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work Four Corners Program is accepting applications for the Advanced Standing MSW program starting this summer 2021. Students with a bachelor’s degree in social work are eligible for the one-year program. Complete your application by January 15, 2021 and we waive the \$65 – application fee. Stipends in child welfare and opioid workforce expansion and Native American tuition support to eligible students are available.

For more information, email janelle.doughty@du.edu.

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Time to relax, have some fun

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

During this season of Christmas joy and new resolutions, the teachers and staff wish for all of the students and their families to take time to relax, have fun in the snow, play with any new games they received and make a resolution that can be committed to!

Other than being our benchmark assessment month, here are upcoming events for the month of January at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy:

- Jan. 4 – Students and staff return to school
- Jan. 12 – Parent Advisory Meeting – 6 p.m.
- Jan. 18 – No school – Dr. Martin Luther King Day
- Jan. 20 – Parent Advisory Group Family Night – Storytelling



courtesy SUIMA

Ms. Daphnee built this PopTart gingerbread house with her students; the primary and elementary levels made them together through SUIMA’s Zoom classroom times.

time of remote, online learning. With your assistance, perseverance, and determination, we are able to deliver materials, lessons and activities to all of the students.

The upper elementary students are going fully online with Google Classroom, the lower elementary students

are working towards more Google Classroom lessons and the kindergarteners are receiving materials as well as getting lessons through Google Classrooms.

Thank you — parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, and even older siblings. You are all awesome!

SUIMA SPOTLIGHT

Instead of a staff member, our spotlight is on the SUIMA families.

Thank you for all you have been doing for your son/daughter during this

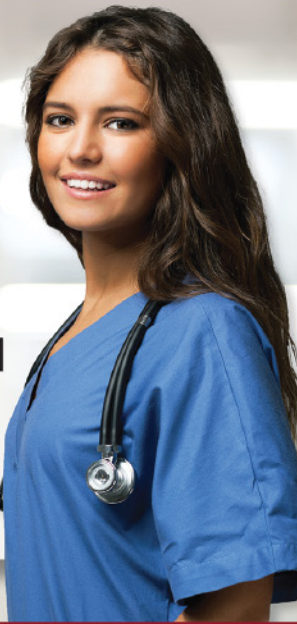


courtesy SUIMA

Pictures from SUIMA’s Parent Advisory Group Family Night Christmas stocking contest held on Wednesday, Dec. 16 — there were 35 families that joined in the fun!

CREATE YOUR FUTURE

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

Program begins **January 25**

Classes held **Monday through Friday** from **4-8:30 pm** at the **Bayfield site, 110 E. South St.**

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



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

SUIMA
PAG
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.

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

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MEETING SCHEDULE THROUGH FEBRUARY 2021

- OCTOBER 13
- NOVEMBER 10
- DECEMBER 8
- JANUARY 12
- FEBRUARY 9

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SUIMA Family Nights

+ UPCOMING SCHEDULE +

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

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



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

COVID-19 VACCINE GUIDANCE

As we near the holiday season and witness a new year on the horizon, we are met with continued uncertainty about our future. We have been center stage to an unprecedented viral pandemic, one that has not been seen in over one hundred years. We have seen, and some have experienced, tragic illness and loss throughout our community. As the year draws to a close, two biotech companies have developed and launched a vaccine against the virus, bringing much needed hope.

Both Pfizer and Moderna have been granted Emergency Use Authorization (EUA). An EUA provided by the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) allows the use of a new medical product during the time of a public health emergency. Both vaccines developed by two separate biotech companies have proven to be highly efficacious (both over 90%). The Southern Ute Tribal Council has chosen to work with Indian Health Services (IHS) to secure and administer the vaccine as it becomes available, rather than with the State of Colorado.

Types of Vaccines

Vaccines comes in three forms

- **Live** - which is a weakened virus
- **Inactivated** - which is often a killed virus
- **Genetically Engineered Vaccine** - this type of vaccine uses genetically engineered RNA or DNA that has instructions for making copies of the viruses' surface proteins. These copies prompt an immune response to the virus.

The COVID-19 is a genetically engineered vaccine.

What is the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Both Pfizer and Moderna vaccines use bits of genetic code to cause an immune response and is called an mRNA vaccine. It does not alter human cells, but merely presents the body with instructions to build immunity to Covid. The mRNA codes for a protein that triggers an immune response to your body - it tricks your body into thinking it is being invaded by a foreign substance that may cause harm.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

COVID-19 VACCINE GUIDANCE

Who will be vaccinated first?

Vaccine dissemination is divided into four phases.

- **Phase 1a** - only those that reside in long term care or assisted living facilities
- **Phase 1b** - police officers, congregate setting staff in jails and detention centers, teacher, other essential workers, and persons aged 75 years and older
- **Phase 1c** - persons aged 65-74 years, high risk persons aged 16-64, and essential workers
- **Phase 2** - elderly and those with chronic disease are considered to be high risk
- **Phase 3** - wider distribution to general public
- **Phase 4** - routine vaccination county wide.

Where are we now?

The Tribal Health Department (THD) has received Pfizer and Moderna vaccines. Vaccination of all frontline healthcare workers has been completed. We are currently in Phase 1b, vaccinating essential workers and SUHC patients and tribal members aged 75 and older.



Tawi Nuuchu Na-gukwi-vani COVID-19

Together we will fight COVID-19

For tribal members who reside off-reservation or not within driving distance to SUHC:

If you are a healthcare worker or essential staff, you will be vaccinated soon. For everyone else, Elders will be given precedence followed by adults ages 16 and older. Please call your local health department or PCP and ask about their process. You must schedule your vaccination directly with your PCP. For tribal members residing in a long-term care facility or assisted living, if you or a loved one has not been vaccinated, please call the THD at 970.563.2400.

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What is in the COVID-19 Vaccine?

Both Pfizer and Moderna's vaccines use bits of genetic code to cause an immune response and is called an mRNA vaccine. It does not alter human cells, but merely presents the body with instructions to build immunity to Covid. The mRNA basically codes for a protein that triggers an immune response in your body - it tricks your body into thinking it is being invaded by a foreign substance that may cause harm. Your immune system are your personal soldiers, they are there to protect you ... and they have memory, once they recognize an invader, they will remember the specific invader and if invaded at a later date the immune soldiers will launch a specific response against the same invader.

Will the COVID-19 Vaccine Make Me Ill?

There is no evidence that any of these ingredients cause harm when used in such small amounts. Vaccines do not give you a disease. Instead, they teach your body's immune system to recognize and fight the infection they have been

designed to protect against.

Some people do suffer mild symptoms after being vaccinated, such as muscle aches or a temperature. This is not the disease itself, but the body's response to the vaccine.

Is it safe for someone who had COVID to have the vaccine?

People will still be offered the vaccine even if they have had Covid-19 in the past. That's because natural immunity may not be long-lived, and immunization could offer more protection. However, if you are currently ill with a confirmed case of COVID-19 please consult your physician before being vaccinated.

Who will be Vaccinated First?

Vaccine dissemination is divided into four phases - Phase 1 is divided into parts a and b. The vaccine population identified in each part is as follows: Phase 1a is slated for healthcare workers and elders living in long term facilities and assisted living facilities. Elder living in their own homes or with a family member are not eligible to receive the vaccine during Phase 1a - only those that reside in long term care

or assisted living facilities.

• Phase 1b is for police officers, congregate setting staff in jails and detention centers, teachers and other essential workers.

• Phase 2 is for the elderly and those with chronic disease and are considered to be at higher risk; Phase 3 is for wider distribution to the general population and the last phase, phase 4, is routine vaccination county wide.

Where are we now?

The Tribal Health Department received 40 Pfizer vaccines and vaccinated all frontline healthcare workers; this week we are receiving 100 doses of the Moderna vaccine and will be vaccinating police officers, detention center staff, teachers and staff in social services.

We anticipate additional vaccine shipments in the coming weeks and will be reaching out to Elders 65 years and older to schedule a vaccination clinic. The vaccine is being shipped in small allotments; we are working hard to ensure all Southern Ute tribal members are vaccinated in a timely manner.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

TRIBAL MEMBER COVID-19 VACCINE SURVEY

The Southern Ute Incident Management Team and Tribal Health Department would like to solicit participation in the Tribal Member COVID-19 Vaccine Survey to determine the level of participation of the membership as well as the questions and concerns that might exist. Your participation is important to gauge the level of interest of individuals who wish to receive the covid vaccine.

The survey collection will begin on Wednesday, January 6, 2021 and conclude on Friday, January 23, 2021. Tribal Members can participate in the survey in the following ways.

1. **Via Survey Monkey** - a link to the Survey Monkey can be found on the tribal social media, Tribal Member Portal, and on Southern Ute Drum website.
2. **COVID-19 Call Center (970.563.0214)** - share responses directly with Call Center staff who will collect your survey results. Membership can also request a hard copy survey to be mailed via the Call Center.
3. **Tribal Council Comment Line (970.563.4705 ext. 7902)** - Please leave your responses in numerical order.

For questions or for more information, please contact Ms. Lindsay J. Box, Tribal Council Communication Specialist at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov



Vaccine Town Hall with SUHC Chief Medical Officer, Dr. Richard Keller

Dr. Richard Keller will host a virtual town hall for the tribal membership to share information and participate in a Q&A on the COVID-19 vaccines that will be available to the tribal membership and patients of the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC).

January 27 & 28, 2021 5:30 until 6:30 p.m. Web-Ex Event will also be streamed via Facebook.



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

CLOSED

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

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

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

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.



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

COVID-19 Cases

Southern Ute Health Center Cases

132 Positive Individuals
96 Recovered

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases

50 Positive Individuals
33 Recovered

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As of December 28, 2020



Southern Ute Indian Tribe

NEW TESTING LOCATION!



January Voluntary Drive-thru Viral Testing will now be in the Casino Event Center Parking Lot Jan 11-12, 2021

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CORONAVIRUS

Community volunteers launch “CoronaDoc” Information Program

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is pleased to announce CoronaDoc, a confidential volunteer program to assist local employers, agencies, schools, and other organizations in educating their employees/members about COVID-19 and best practices for prevention, reducing spread, treatments, upcoming vaccine distribution, and more. The program is focused on short presentations delivered by medical professionals followed by question and answer sessions for participants.

The program is approved and supported by SJBPH but implemented by volunteer administrators and doctors.

“The concept was brought to us by long-time locals Jack Turner and Dr. Joe Murphy,” said SJBPH Executive Director Liane Jollon. “The goal is to offer professional medical information about coronavirus and answer questions for front-line managers, employees, and others.”

SJBPH and other partners provide COVID-19 data and information on a variety of COVID-related subjects,

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public health

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

such as public health orders and guidance, quarantine and isolation, where to get tested, and where to find resources. Having timely access to medical professionals through the CoronaDoc program will provide a valuable connection for those who have concerns or questions.

“Television, social media, friends, and acquaintances are the primary sources of information about what coronavirus is and what it does,” says Turner, who developed the CoronaDoc program. “Our thought was that most people could benefit from and be reassured by a medical expert rather than relying on something Uncle Marvin heard at the hardware store.”

The free presentations take about fifteen minutes with an additional fifteen minutes allowed for participant questions. The program is confidential and non-judgmental. “We are not a reporting or enforcement agency. We don’t even share what businesses or organizations participate

in the program unless they give us permission to do so,” Turner said.

Volunteers will also demonstrate the “AidToAll” financial assistance application, locally developed by Matt Taylor, at the conclusion of each CoronaDoc presentation.

“We’re really pleased to partner with community volunteers to offer an additional source of information about the virus and the pandemic,” added Jollon. “With the proliferation of information, including, sadly, misinformation, out in the world, hopefully businesses and community organizations will take advantage of this program, hear from a respected local physician, and take advantage of financial assistance so we can all get through the winter as a community.”

For more information or to schedule a presentation, sign up using the CoronaDoc form here.

For more information on the COVID-19 pandemic see: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/>.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING

January 11 & 12

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:

January 11 - Tribal Staff
January 12 - Community

Due to the high volume of tests, there is a slight delay in processing time. Call Center staff will contact all individuals with negative test results. The Health Center will contact you with next steps if you are positive.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Holiday Guidance

The holiday season is spent gathering with loved ones and to celebrate reconnecting with friends. The Tribal 'Stay at Home' Order limits gathering to groups of 5 individuals or less to protect the health of the tribal membership. Please celebrate the holidays together but from afar.

Share a meal with your immediate household members only. If you must prepare a meal for others, call and arrange a time to deliver the meal while limiting close contact.

Celebrate the New Year in person with your immediate household members. Call or FaceTime with friends and family to count down the new year together.

Be sure to wear your face covering when shopping for the holidays. Continue to practice social distancing and washing your hands or using an alcohol-based hand sanitizer.

TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

“Together, we will fight COVID-19”

COVID-19: Quarantine vs. Isolation

QUARANTINE keeps someone who was in close contact with someone who has COVID-19 away from others.

- If you had close contact with a person who has COVID-19
- Stay home until 14 days after your last contact.
- Check your temperature twice a day and watch for symptoms of COVID-19.
- If possible, stay away from people who are at higher-risk for getting very sick from COVID-19.

ISOLATION keeps someone who is sick or tested positive for COVID-19 without symptoms away from others, even in their own home.

- If you are sick and think or know you have COVID-19
- Stay home until after
 - At least 10 days since symptoms first appeared and
 - At least 24 hours with no fever without fever-reducing medication and
 - Symptoms have improved
- If you tested positive for COVID-19 but do not have symptoms
- Stay home until after
 - 10 days have passed since your positive test
- If you live with others, stay in a specific “sick room” or area and away from other people or animals, including pets. Use a separate bathroom, if available.

cdc.gov/coronavirus

HAND SANITIZER DISTRIBUTION

The Southern Ute Tribal Council and Incident Management Team (IMT) have worked hard to secure hand sanitizer for distribution.

Individuals who are going through the December Voluntary Drive-thru Viral Testing Event have, and will receive a bottle of hand sanitizer that looks similar to bottles which can be purchased from a store for consumption. Please read the advisory message below.

PLEASE be sure to store the hand sanitizer in a safe location that cannot be reached by children and where label is visible. Have a conversation with members of your household explaining the contents and how to use the product safely.

Tribal Members not participating in the testing event, and who would like to request a bottle of hand sanitizer, please call the Vital Statistics office at 970.563.2248. Limit 1 bottle per household, while supplies last. For questions, please call the Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center at 970.563.0214 Monday through Friday from 8am until 5pm.

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.

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.



ENERGY

LPEA continues to explore all options for future power supply

Staff report
LA PLATA ELECTRIC ASSOCIATION

As 2020 draws to a close, La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) continues to explore all options for its future power supply that deliver affordable and reliable power to its members while also reducing carbon emissions. LPEA is particularly focused on exploring options that provide immediate cost savings to its membership, while also preserving the ability to build local renewables, adopt new technologies, deliver reliable power, and provide even greater long-term cost savings.

To accomplish this, LPEA continues to pursue a fair and equitable exit charge from its contract with current power provider Tri-State Generation & Transmission (Tri-State). The cooperative is currently engaged, at both the state and federal level, to ensure the approval of an exit methodology that will provide this fair and equitable fee.

LPEA is also exploring a



partial exit from its Tri-State contract, also known as a partial requirements agreement. This newly formed option, co-created by LPEA and other Tri-State members, would allow Tri-State members to self-supply up to 50% of their power supply needs. Preliminary analysis shows this option would deliver significant – and immediate – benefits to LPEA’s membership in terms of reliability of power, cost of power, and carbon reductions.

Because of this, the LPEA Board of Directors authorized LPEA to apply for a partial requirements agreement, provided the process does not impact LPEA’s ability to pursue a potential full exit in the future.

The board will not make

a final decision on future power supply until more details are available on the benefits and risks of all options. More details on this process will be available in February 2021.

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

LOCAL BUSINESS

Special sales tax deductions may be available to restaurants

Staff report
COLORADO DEPT. OF REVENUE

On Nov. 25, 2020, Governor Polis announced that certain restaurants, bars, and mobile food vendors may be eligible for state sales tax relief.

In special session, the General Assembly enacted House Bill 20B-1004, which permitted a limited special deduction from state taxable sales and allowed retailers to retain and spend the resulting state sales tax.

This page provides instructions for restaurants and bars to properly claim the special

deduction allowed in section 39-26-105(1.3), C.R.S., which was added by House Bill 20B-1004.

Separate instructions are available for mobile food vendors at: Tax.Colorado.gov/Mobile-Food-Vendor-Special-Sales-Tax-Deduction.

This special deduction applies only to a limited amount of state taxable sales. Eligible retailers are required to collect all applicable state and state-administered local sales taxes, file returns on time, and pay all local sales taxes (in addition to state sales taxes in excess of the amount related to the

special deduction). The special deduction does not apply to any taxes imposed by any state-administered city, county, or special district. Retailers should contact self-collecting home-rule cities regarding any similar programs they may offer.

Additional relief may be available for businesses that do not qualify for this program. For more information, visit the Colorado Office of Economic Development & International Trade’s COVID-19 Business Resource Center <https://ChooseColorado.com/covid19/>.

TRANSPORTATION

Final DUI enforcement period for 2020 begins this week

Staff report
COLO. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION

To help Coloradans transition safely into the new year, the Colorado Department of Transportation (CDOT), Colorado State Patrol (CSP) and local law enforcement agencies will join forces once again to complete The Heat Is On New Year’s Eve DUI enforcement Dec. 29-Jan. 2. Eighty-nine law enforcement agencies will increase DUI patrols to support the enforcement period. CDOT and Lyft will also continue their joint effort in offering free or discounted rides over the holidays with the “Gift of Lyft” campaign.

With COVID-19 cases on the rise, state officials urge people to refrain from gathering with people outside of their immediate household. People are also reminded to always wear a mask in public and stay six feet apart from others.

Earlier in December 329 impaired drivers were arrested during the Holiday DUI enforcement period. A total of 178 traffic fatalities involving an impaired driver have occurred so far in 2020, according to the latest data from CDOT. That number represents 32% of all roadway fatalities this year in Colorado. Alcohol use has increased nationally during COVID-19, with the

largest increases in excessive drinking observed in western states, including Colorado.

“Our DUI enforcement efforts increase during the holidays, as impaired driving is no joking matter,” said Chief Matthew Packard, Colorado State Patrol. “If you choose to drive impaired you are not only putting your own life and lives of your passenger at risk, but you are also jeopardizing the safety of every other person on the road. Stop yourself and think, is this really worth a life?”

During The Heat Is On New Year’s Eve DUI enforcement period last year, 101 participating law enforcement agencies arrested 360 impaired drivers. Enforcement provides additional safety measures across the state dedicated to impaired driving prevention during annual events and holidays. Local agency plans and arrest data can be found at codot.gov/safety/traffic-safety-reporting-portal.

CDOT and the Governor’s Highway Safety Association (GHSA) are helping Coloradans plan sober rides by providing discount Lyft ride codes valued at \$10 each as part of the “Gift of Lyft” promotion. Every Thursday in December, 200 ride credits are available on a rotating

basis in Denver, Colorado Springs and Thornton – areas where DUI fatalities were the highest in 2019. The discount codes are available on a first-come, first-served basis for those who sign the Gift of Lyft Pledge at GiftofLyft.com. The last set of free rides will launch on Thursday, Dec. 31, in Colorado Springs ahead of New Year’s Eve. Those who have claimed one of the Gift of Lyft ride codes have until Jan. 4, 2021 to redeem their ride credit.

The Gift of Lyft is part of a Safe Road Use grant CDOT received from the GHSA and Lyft to help reduce impaired driving across the state. For additional information about the Gift of Lyft, visit GiftofLyft.com.

A few of the COVID-19 safety guidelines for ride-hailing services include wearing a face mask, leaving the front seat empty, and staying home if you’re sick. Review the full list of Lyft’s latest COVID-19 precautions at lyft.com/safety/coronavirus.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) also has safety information geared toward ride-hailing service drivers at cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/community/organizations/rideshare-drivers-for-hire.html.

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>

GUN SAFETY

REDUCING MEANS TO SUICIDE AND HARM.

PROJECT

COLLABORATION BETWEEN THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE’S NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH DIVISION, WILDLIFE DIVISION AND SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT.

FREE

PLEASE CALL ANY OF THESE LOCATIONS TO MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PICK UP YOUR GUN LOCK.

SOUTHERN UTE WILDLIFE DIVISION 970-563-0130

SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPARTMENT 970-563-4401

SOUTHERN UTE HEALTH CENTER 970-563-4581

FOR ALL NATIVE AMERICANS LIVING ON THE SOUTHERNUTE INDIAN RESERVATION.

For more information, please contact the Southern Ute Native Connections Program at 970-563-2487.

HUMAN TRAFFICKING in Colorado

Tuesday | January 26th | 11:30-1pm or 7:30-9pm

Please join the Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking for an important training on how human trafficking is impacting our state and region. This human trafficking awareness training will cover federal and local laws, root causes of trafficking, identification and complexities of disclosure, and local resources to support survivors.

These trainings will be hosted online. Please RSVP to receive the link to the virtual event.

RSVP to this event by clicking on one of these links:
[AM training](#)
[PM training](#)

WHO SHOULD ATTEND:

- Anyone and everyone interested in joining the fight against human trafficking in Colorado
- Healthcare providers
- Behavioral and mental health providers
- First responders (Fire and EMS)
- Victim service providers
- People who work with systems-involved youth
- Law enforcement

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN:

- How to identify human trafficking situations and potential victims
- How communities across Colorado are responding to human trafficking
- How to connect to local anti-trafficking and victim support resources and develop protocols to protect victims

The Laboratory to Combat Human Trafficking (combathumantrafficking.org) is a leader in Colorado’s anti-trafficking movement. Since 2005, we have trained over 35,000 professionals and community members; conducted research to drive action and inform policy change; operated the statewide 24/7 human trafficking hotline; and developed over 150 future human rights leaders.



PERMANENT FUND

Tribe welcomes Naranjo as Contracts and Grants Manager

Downs-Glass retires from Finance Dept.



Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive
Lovvis Downs-Glass
Retiring Contracts and Grants Manager

courtesy Mikki Naranjo
Mikki Naranjo
Contracts and Grants Manager

By Jeremy Wade Shockley
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Southern Ute tribal member, Mikki Naranjo, will transition into the Contracts and Grants Manager position starting on Wednesday, Dec. 30, after finishing the tribe’s apprenticeship program. Naranjo has held the Contracts and Grants Manager Apprentice position for the past 15 months under the mentorship of Lovvis Downs-Glass who is retiring. “Please welcome Ms. Naranjo to the Contracts and Grants Manager position. Ms. Naranjo has done an outstanding job in learning all about the Tribe’s contracts and grants program and is well-equipped and ready to assume the manager position,” said Christine Hudgens, the Permanent Fund’s Chief Financial Officer. “Thank you to Ms. Downs-Glass for her commitment to Ms. Naranjo, which was always guided by her desire to ensure Ms. Naranjo would have the necessary training and skills to succeed and excel as the Contracts and Grants Manager.”

Naranjo was already working within the Permanent Fund’s Finance Department in 2019, as the accounts payable and receivable technician when she applied for the apprenticeship program. “I saw the position advertised and applied. It was something new for me, coming from the casino side,” she said. Naranjo has a Bachelor’s in accounting, which she earned at Fort Lewis College while working for the Sky Ute Casino Resort. She took advantage of a career development program offered by the Casino, which allowed her to finish college while still working for the Tribe.

Mikki Naranjo trained directly under Lovvis Downs-Glass during these past 15 months. The apprenticeship started in October of 2019. “Coming from a casino

environment to Contrast and Grants ... it’s been interesting,” Naranjo said. “I thought it would be a good challenge. I have a previous background with PeopleSoft and accounting, which made my apprenticeship easier and more understandable.”

Downs-Glass, the previous Contract and Grants Manager, proposed that her position in the Finance Department be advertised under the Tribe’s Tribal Member Apprenticeship Program, which lets a Southern Ute tribal member train under a director or division head in order to eventually step into the position themselves and succeed their mentor.

“I believe that tribal members should have management positions in the Tribe. I knew the right tribal member could do a great service to be Tribe, so I applied to the apprentice program, Downs-Glass said.

Downs-Glass has worked for the Tribe in a number of capacities since 2010 and has set her eye’s on retirement. “I truly am retiring; I really am ready to retire, spend time with my husband and horses – travel once covid lifts.”

“I desperately wanted a tribal member to have this job and I found the perfect tribal member. It has been a huge blessing!” she said. “This apprenticeship program has been one of the most wonderful experiences of my life. It been such a pleasure to work with Mikki, and we’ve gotten to be such good friends.

Naranjo also thought it was a positive experience. “Having Lovvis as a mentor, with all her knowledge, working for the Tribe in different departments – she brought a lot of experience,” Naranjo said. “Having a good mentor, and self-motivation and determination made the apprenticeship go pretty smooth. Work ethic, is one of the strong points I brought to the program.”

Naranjo cited her parents as her inspiration and motivation. “I’ve learned a lot from my parents, that have passed on — Dixie and Eugene Naranjo. To go to work, and make myself independent,” she said. “Once you start something, finish it all the way, I learned that from my parents.”

Although Naranjo has finished her apprenticeship, she’s still learning. “I am getting used to the government process, the procedures and the policies. Learning about BIA 633 contracts, and other contracts the Tribe has. Plus, different software systems that the granting agencies work with, Naranjo explained. “It opened up my eyes on how much the Tribe does deal with outside entities, from federal government, to state to private funding. I see this as a plus for the Tribe; it’s not giving up our sovereignty, [instead] it provides a lot of funding that benefits the Tribe.”

Reflecting on her years with the Tribe, from her position with Southern Ute Wildlife to the Finance Department, Downs-Glass said, “I took three years of Ute language with Alden Naranjo, Tom Givon and Dr. Stacey Oberly. That was an incredibly valuable experience for me, and towards the end, I attended class with many tribal members, and I’m blessed to have those friendships. I want people to appreciate how important the staff’s wellbeing and safety is to the Tribe.”

“This has been a great experience,” Downs-Glass reiterated. “[With] the wonderful treatment that I have received from the Tribe, I wanted to do what I could to support the Tribe in terms of the grant portfolio. I wanted to train a tribal member. I also wanted to have someone come in with proper training ... with enough knowledge that they are comfortable and ready to hit the ground running.”



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

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

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More than 4,500 LPEA members have already switched to our Time-of-Use rate, which charges different prices for electricity based on when you use it.

Call us to get a personalized rate analysis (970) 247-5786, and save a little extra dough this holiday season.



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Finance Department



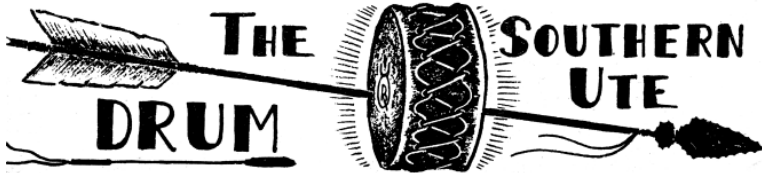
DROP-BOX

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 Quarry 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



Advertise in your newspaper call 970-563-0118!





Drive Up Window
Hours Of Operation
Monday - Friday
8:00 AM - 1:00 PM

2021 Trash Permits HAVE ARRIVED

Tribal members should request a permit to be mailed by contacting the Southern Ute Utilities Division at 970.563.5500, M-F from 8 am to 12 pm. Please verify the address on file. Permits are required to dump waste.

Permits are for enrolled Southern Ute tribal members only.



2021


NAME _____

LIC. PLATE # _____


Trash Permit Number:

0001

970-563-5500



Southern Ute Indian Tribe




Southern Ute Indian Tribe COVID-19 Call Center

New Years Holiday Hours

In observance of the New Year's Holiday, the Southern Ute COVID-19 Call Center will be CLOSED on Thursday, December 31 at 12:00 p.m. and Friday, January 1, 2021. Modified Tribal Operations will resume Monday, January 4, 2021. You can reach the Call Center by dialing 970.563.0214.


TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19

"Together, we will fight COVID-19"



Southern Ute Utilities Division

SOUTHERN UTE GROWTH FUND | 12/07/20



HOLIDAY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TRANSFER STATION

DECEMBER 2020

HOLIDAY HOURS

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**

HOURS OF OPERATION:

MONDAY—FRIDAY, 8 AM TO NOON

SATURDAY — 8 AM TO 5PM

Season's Greetings!

Wishing you a safe and joyous holiday season!

~ The Utilities Staff ~

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

Pay your Utility Account

= **NEW! Access Online at:** www.suitutil.com
Choose "Pay My Bill" tab.

= Wells Fargo Drive-Thru (Ignacio Branch)

= Automatic deductions via Tribal Distribution (call Utilities office or Tribal Finance for application).

= Mail payment made payable to "Southern Ute Utilities Division" PO Box 1137 Ignacio, CO 81137

Due to COVID-19, Modified Hours of Operation

Utilities Office
8AM to Noon, Mon– Fri

Transfer Station:
8AM to Noon Monday ~ Friday
8AM—5PM ~ Saturday
Closed ~ Sunday

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



In observance of the federal holiday, the Permanent Fund, Growth Fund, and SUSS offices will be closed Thursday, December 31, 2020 at 12:00 p.m. and Friday, January 1, 2021 for Christmas. Modified business hours under the COVID-19 Modified Tribal Operations will resume Monday, January 4, 2021.

The SUIT COVID-19 Call Center will be CLOSED on Thursday, December 31, 2020 from 12:00-5:00 p.m. and Friday, January 1, 2021. Normal hours will resume Monday, January 4, 2021. You can reach the Call Center by dialing 970.563.0214.

Created & Published by Lindsay J. Box

SOUTHERN UTE UTILITIES NOTICE


Payment Options

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

Payments can be processed in the following ways:

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

The Utility office can be reached by dialing **970-563-5500**. The office and Transfer Station is currently operating under the modified hours. Hours of operation have been modified due to the coronavirus pandemic. Modified hours while under the tribal "Stay at Home" Order are: **Monday through Saturday from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m.**



Southern Ute Tribal Elder Carbon Monoxide Program

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

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

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

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

Safety Tips

Signs of Carbon Monoxide Poisoning
Headache, nausea, vomiting, fatigue, confusion, drowsiness, increased heart rate, unconsciousness, convulsions, cardio-respiratory failure, and death.

Warning Signs of a Carbon Monoxide Leak

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

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

SUPD - 970.564.4401



OFFICE HOURS

Monday

Wednesday

Friday

8am – 12pm

CURBSIDE SERVICES AVAILABLE BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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

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

AVAILABLE BY EMAIL/PHONE

Monday-Friday

8am-5pm

TIS is not responsible for the content of distributed information

ALL TRIBAL BUILDINGS ARE CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC

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

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COLORADO SPORTS

Winter sports’ start date now January 18

CDPHE variance approvals bump ‘Season B’ up

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

’Twas the week before Christmas, and not a moment too late:

Winter sports might begin at an earlier date ...

... or so hopes the Colorado High School Activities Association, in the wake of securing variances from the Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment and other state officials which would allow all ‘Season B’ athletes – in boys’ and girls’ basketball, boys’/girls’ wrestling, ice hockey, girls’ swimming/diving, spirit, boys’/girls’ skiing – to begin official practices on January 18.

The target had just recently been set for Jan. 25, with competition to commence Feb. 1 (Jan. 25 is now the proposed date on which competition may begin), but the 18th aligns with Gov. Jared Polis’ announcement to prioritize in-person or hybrid learning models, according to a press release sent Dec. 21 from CHSAA Assistant Commissioner Bert Borgmann’s office.

“The conversations with CDPHE and the Governor’s COVID Response Team to resume Season B sports have been intentional and assertive,” Commissioner Rhonda Blanford-Green stated in the release. “Though it has taken many late nights and weekends, we are thrilled that our student-athletes, member schools and local school communities have a reso-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

lution. Educationally-based athletics are a vital extension of the classroom.” According to the release, CHSAA’s administrative staff has planned a series of virtual meetings for athletic directors and coaches to provide details on each sport’s implementation, and said meetings will begin on Jan. 4 – which had, ironically, been the date originally eyed to begin winter-sport practices, following the completion of Season A play.

Under the current dial levels, Association-sponsored events could not be conducted due to public health restrictions at the state level that limited the number of athletes practicing or competing in any given facility. (For example, current guidelines only allow basketball to have ten total – including coaches,

athletes, trainers, etc. – individuals in a gym; the new basketball variance will permit teams to have 24 players total, as well as coaches and trainers.)

Approval of these variances allows for statewide consistency and sustainability of competition when diverse local health interpretations could restrict member participation regionally, the release claimed. “We’re all in this together,” said Blanford-Green. “Our state officials, especially CDPHE, have a responsibility to prioritize student safety. We appreciate their support and advocacy for resuming athletics and activities for the state of Colorado in 2021.”

Updated Ignacio High School sports schedules will be published in the Drum as they are made available to the media.

Ignacio’s Shawn Campbell (25) re-commits plays to memory prior to kickoff in La Jara against Centauri during the 2020 season, with assistant coach Don Hayes offering extra clarification. Used at no fewer than four positions, Campbell was recently named Honorable Mention All-1A, the only Bobcat chosen for the three-tier all-classification roster.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

BOBCATS FOOTBALL

Campbell cops Honorable Mention All-1A

IHS junior did a little of everything in ’20

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Spread about as thinly as a football player can be, Shawn Campbell seldom went to the sideline to steal a breather during the shortened fall – otherwise known as ‘Season A’ on the Colorado High School Activities Association’s altered athletic calendar – football season.

Like graduated brother Clay before him, the Bobcat junior was utilized as a wide receiver, defensive back, punter and kicker and recently had his four-way contribution to a winning season – something head coach Alfonso ‘Ponch’ Garcia had known from the get-go would be essential – adequately recognized in the form of Honorable Mention All-1A distinction.

“So as long as he doesn’t lose his legs, I think he’s going to be o.k.,” joked Garcia. “He’s a fun kid to watch...all over the place. Punting and kicking, I’m pretty happy so far with how he’s doing...taking the jobs’ duties.”

Presented by CHSAA Now, ColoradoPreps.com and MaxPreps, every 2020 All-State football roster was created following a lengthy process which included nominations from leagues, and then a vote of head coaches across the state. Players were named either First Team, Second Team or Honorable Mention based upon the number of votes received.

In Classes 1A-5A, spots were reserved for linemen and one kicker/punter, and linemen also had reserved places in 1A 8-man. CHSAA does not determine who does or doesn’t make the team; they are created from the results of the coaches’ vote.

Other Southern Peaks



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Joe Garcia (23) was a happy camper on Senior Night; the Bobcats blanked Del Norte to end the abbreviated Fall 2020 football campaign. Should all go well, Garcia will see one more bit of prep-level action at the upcoming 2021 Hawaii Tiki Bowl, relocated to Orlando, Fla., due to COVID-19 precautions.

Conference gridders named Honorable Mention All-1A were Center senior TE/DT Carlos Almeida, Centauri junior WR/CB Baron Holman, Monte Vista junior TE/DE Dusty Duran and senior WR/CB/FS Tyrese Otero, plus Del Norte seniors Isaac Peerman and Fletcher Madrid.

Second Team All-1A nods went to MVHS senior RB/LB Cobi Garcia and Centauri junior RB/LB Zach Buhr, while First Team All-1A went to Centauri junior RB/CB Mason Clauch and junior WR/QB/DE Byron Shawcroft.

Limon senior RB/LB Kory Tacha was named Class 1A Player-of-the-Year, while longtime Badger boss Mike O’Dwyer was chosen Coach-of-the-Year after LHS (7-0) earned a third State Championship in as many seasons, 28-0 over Strasburg (8-1).

Because there will be two football seasons during the 2020-21 school year, there will be separate All-State rosters released following Season C action.

Able to play – and even complete – a conference-only schedule during

the COVID-disrupted fall, Ignacio’s 3-2 overall record also earned third place in the SPC behind loop leaders Centauri (7-1, 4-0 SPC) and Monte Vista (5-2, 4-1).

FINGERS CROSSED

Ignacio senior RB/LB Joe Garcia will still get one much-needed last dose of prep-level football at the upcoming Hawaii Tiki Bowl ... should everything on that event itinerary remain a “go.”

Due to pandemic-caused restrictions on group travel to the String of Pearls, however, the postseason showcase has been relocated stateside to Orlando, Fla., and the schedule shows players leaving for the Sunshine State on Sunday, Jan. 3, 2021. First practice for Garcia and his one-off teammates is presently slated for the morning of the 5th, with the long-awaited games (with eight select squads now set to attend, four contests will be played) kicking off Thurs., Jan. 7.

Garcia’s return – which IHS supporters hope will be a victorious one – to La Plata County begins the next day.



Physical Therapy
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
UNIVERSITY OF COLORADO
ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

What: CU Physical Therapy Program Information Session

When: January 8, 2021 3-4pm MST

Where: Zoom Link
<https://ucdenver.zoom.us/j/93128704125>

Meeting ID: 931 2870 4125
Passcode: 279409

Who: Durango HS Graduate – Katie Milliet & Other CU PT Students & Faculty

Why: Learn About Becoming a Physical Therapist!

Contact Us:
Email: lara.canham@cuanschutz.edu
<https://medschool.cuanschutz.edu/physical-therapy-program>



Physical Therapy Program
SCHOOL OF MEDICINE
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ANSCHUTZ MEDICAL CAMPUS

ATTENTION: All Tribal Parks and Playgrounds are closed until further notice



To help stop the spread of COVID-19, and for your Health and Safety, By authority of the Southern Ute Tribal Council all parks are closed. Violation may result in a citation for trespassing. Southern Ute Tribal Code: Title 5; 5-1-104 Trespassing. Penalty of \$150 fine and/or up to 30 days in jail. Please practice social distancing.



TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-VANI COVID-19 CHALLENGE



Together, we fight COVID-19





Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

The end of December brought snow to Southwest Colorado, blanketing the Chief Ouray and Buckskin Charley Memorials and symbolic evergreen wreaths. The wreaths were set out as part of the annual Wreaths Across America program; the organization aims to, “Remember our fallen U.S. Veterans, Honor those who serve, and Teach children the value of freedom.”

VETERANS

Wreaths Across America Day honors veterans across the country

Staff report

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

This year, on National Wreaths Across America Day, dedicated Americans in every state honored our nation’s heroes by safely placing a total of 1.7 million veterans’ wreaths on their headstones and remembering them, by saying each name out loud.

“The 2020 theme for Wreaths Across America has been ‘Be an American worth fighting for,’ and this year I have been blessed to see my fair share,” said Karen Worcester, executive director of Wreaths Across America. “The determination of the American people and their commitment to the mission to Remember, Honor, Teach, made it possible for

us to move forward this year, safely. We are humbled, and forever grateful for the outpouring of support from all across the country.”

Wreaths Across America would like to thank the dedicated volunteers in every state for overcoming the many obstacles presented and remaining focused on the mission over the last year. From the individual location coordinators working with local officials on modified wreath placement plans, to the professional truck drivers who have been keeping this country moving but found time to help deliver these truckloads of respect. Each person has played an important part in the mission to remember the fallen, honor those that serve and their families, and teach the next generation the value

of freedom.

Each live, balsam veteran’s wreath is a gift of respect and appreciation, donated by a private citizen or organization and it is placed on graves by volunteers as a small gesture of gratitude for the freedoms Americans enjoy. For centuries, fresh evergreens have been used as a symbol of honor and have served as a living tribute renewed annually. Wreaths Across America believes the tradition represents a living memorial that honors veterans, active duty military and their families and when volunteers say the name of a veteran out loud, when placing a wreath, it ensures they live on in our memory. For more information, visit www.wreathacrossamerica.org.



Susan Patton/Wreaths Across America

Wreaths are placed upon Veteran’s graves at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington D.C.

VETERANS

Wreaths Across America rolls on in 2020

Staff report

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

In spite of a snowstorm that brought record amounts to some areas, the mission to honor our nation’s veterans was not detoured.

Wreaths Across America (WAA), is a national effort that grew thanks to a simple picture of wreaths laid at soldiers’ graves covered with snow at Arlington National Cemetery. As we headed down the East Coast from Maine for the 29th time, last week’s snowstorm is a humble reminder of how our mission to Remember, Honor, and Teach, got started.

Wreaths are laid at 2,557 participating locations across America, most notably, at Arlington National Cemetery, each December. Our annual weeklong,

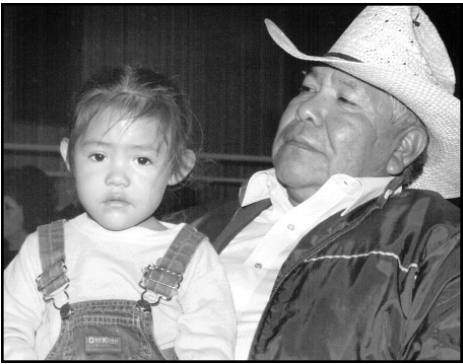
miles-long parade of tractor trailers, wrapped vehicles carrying veterans and Gold Star Families, law enforcement and motorcycle riders, leading the escort of wreaths to Arlington for placement looked a little different this year (as there was only one symbolic semi carrying 4500 remembrance wreaths) but the mission is the same as it was the very first time, we saw snow.

This year’s annual escort of wreaths had a different look and feel due to the necessary changes being made throughout the country for health and safety. The physical journey – which included one tractor trailer load of wreaths hauled by Gully Transportation professional driver JD Walker, who is also a Gold Star Father and Navy Veteran,

11 wrapped Chevy vehicles carrying Gold Star Families, and nine police cruisers hit the snowy roads for National Wreaths Across America Day.

“For those who have had the opportunity to participate in the escort of wreaths over the years, it is truly an experience of a lifetime,” said Karen Worcester, executive director, WAA. “The way we have been welcomed into communities, with flags waving and streets lined with children and veterans, is something we always wished every American could witness. And like the wonderful song that our good friend Don Campbell wrote about this effort, we’re once again doing this for every daughter and every son, beneath the snow in Arlington.”

COMMUNITY GREETINGS



To Dad “Pana-púuchivi” on your birthday

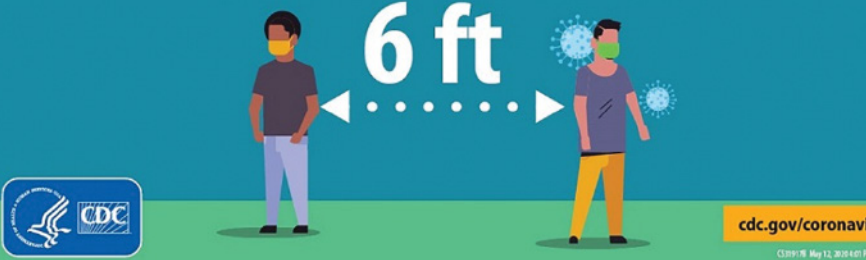
Today was the day so many years ago you came into this world. Thinking of you today you still make us proud. It’s your birthday and although you’re not around we always think of you, we miss you. We lovingly send you our birthday wishes & prayers to you today. Watch over us like you always have.

Love forever,
Mom, your daughters, sons
and grandchildren

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.



Wash YOUR HANDS!



No time to deal with the flu? Get the shot instead.

Make your health and the health of your community a priority this year. Get your flu shot now. Doing so may reduce strain on the healthcare system during the COVID-19 pandemic and protect you, your family, and our communities’ most vulnerable from health complications.

Hundreds of thousands of people in the US are hospitalized each year because of the flu. Let’s keep people out of the hospital.

Where to get your flu shot

- Phone numbers on back
- Primary care provider or pediatrician
- Pharmacies
- Grocery stores
- San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH)
- Comfort Keepers (in-home flu shots)
- Community flu clinics

When to get your flu shot

The early fall is a great time to get your flu shot. But if you didn’t get it early, there is still time to get the shot.



Community Flu Clinics

Several drive through clinics and community based clinics will be happening this fall. Reach out to SJBPH for more information about upcoming flu vaccine events at 970.247.5702.

Cost

No cost for patients with:

- Medicaid (Health First Colorado)
- Medicare
- Most private insurances



No insurance?

Your employer may cover your flu shot. Ask your HR manager. SJBPH provides vaccines for uninsured adults and children.



Who should get the flu shot?

Everyone. If you have small children or are an older adult it is even more important you get the flu shot this year.



Still need help finding where to get your flu shot?

Call SJBPH at 970.335.2003 to help find the best location for your specific needs.

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281 Sawyer Drive
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Pagosa Springs, CO 81447
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Jan. 11

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Ignacio Creative District Board Vacancy

Open until filled – 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 EDUCATION DEPT. Johnson O’Malley Committee Vacancy

JOM has TWO (2) 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 her at 970-563-0235 or by email: esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; and 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?

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Credit Committee Member Vacancy

Open Until Filled – 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

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

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.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

NOTICE OF PROBATE In the Estate Of, Juniper Goodtracks, Deceased Case No.: 2020-0164-CV-PR

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **January 25, 2021 at 10:30 AM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 4th of December, 2020
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

FOOD DISTRIBUTION NOTICE Free Wooden Pallets

Food Distribution provides free pallets every month, the pallets are open for anyone to come and pick up and are at a first come first serve basis.



photo by Possum1500

Please call 970-563-2531 for more information.

SOUTHERN UTE ELECTION BOARD Alternate Board Member

The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Alternate Board Member. The closing date is Friday, Jan. 29, 2021 at 5 p.m. Qualifications: 11-2-102, (1) & (3): Must be a Southern Ute Tribal Registered Voter. Must reside within the exterior boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. Shall not have been convicted of a felony, and shall not have been convicted of a misdemeanor involving dishonesty or fraud within five years immediately preceding appointment to the Election Board. The

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

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Indian Tribe Building Maintenance – Justice Center

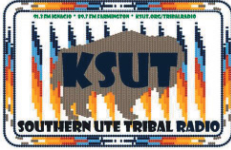
Proposals requested for the construction and installation of a new backup generator & control system to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Justice Center. Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Building Maintenance/Property and Facilities, 970-563-0261/970-563-2945. Proposals due no later than Dec. 31, 2020. New backup generator to include all associated controls. The Southern-Ute Indian Tribe’s (SUIT) Building Maintenance Division requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP). Please call Building Maintenance to schedule on site visits for building your proposals. Please email your proposals to the entire project team. All services to be provided by the selected contractor shall be in accordance and agreement with the Southern Ute Tribes contract process with specific requirements for working on the reservation. Project managers can answer questions. The selected contractor will be responsible for procurement and payment for any subcontracted services, reports, materials, surveys, documents, copies, public notices, public meetings, travel, expenses, and any other item(s) or services required to complete the scope of work.

SUIT TERO Requirements/Native American Preference/Crossing Permits
The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code, which is to be observed by all businesses operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

This RFP is an unrestricted solicitation, with Indian preference given to qualified Indian Owned economic enterprises and Indian Organizations. Firms desiring Native American preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s TERO Office as an Indian-Owned Business. For those firms seeking Native American preference, this is a mandatory requirement, regardless of any other registration or certification that may exist with other tribal TERO offices, agencies, or affiliations. The TERO policy must be applied to your selection of consultants and/or sub-contractors when putting together your bid proposal. For the purposes of this bid solicitation a 5% bid preference will be given to all TERO Certified Indian Owned Businesses. The firm awarded the contract will be responsible for paying a TERO fee at the end of the project which will amount to 4% of the final contract amount. This should be included in your Fee proposal. The firm awarded the contract and all subcontractors will be responsible for obtaining and paying for crossing permits for the duration of the project. This should be included in your Fee proposal. For more information about crossing permits please contact the Southern Ute Lands Division at 970-563-0126. For more information Contact TERO at: Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Office, 970-563-0117, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137.

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)



FOOD DISTRIBUTION NOTICE Wasted Produce

Food Distribution wasted produce: available, open to anyone. Please call 970-563-2531 to schedule a pick up. Produce is great livestock or garden composting.

<https://www.usda.gov/foodwaste/faqs>

SOUTHERN UTE FORESTRY Firewood for Southern Ute members

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.





Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of Dec. 23, 2020

- Gaming Commission, Licensing Agent – Closing 1/15/21
- Child Development Center, Family Service Manager – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Part-time Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Counseling and Treatment, CAC II Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes Prevention, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes Program/White Mesa, CNA/Health Technician – Open Until Filled
- Judicial Services, Bailiff – Open Until Filled
- Mineral Audit, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, WM Security – Open Until Filled
- Shelter, Full-time/Part-time House Parent – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Case Worker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Preservation Case Worker – Open Until Filled

Colorado Department of Human Services
Indian Child Welfare Specialist – Full-time
Salary: \$5,322 – \$7,790 Monthly
Location: Denver Metro, CO

The Colorado Constitution, Article XII, Section 13 requires that applicants for state classified government jobs be residents of Colorado

If your goal is to build a career that makes a difference, consider joining the dedicated people of the Colorado Department of Human Services (CDHS). Our professionals strive to design and deliver high quality human and health services that improve the safety, independence, and well-being of the people of Colorado. In addition to a great location and rewarding and meaningful work, we offer:

- Strong, secure, yet flexible retirement benefits including a PERA Defined Benefit Plan or PERA Defined Contribution Plan www.copera.org plus 401(k) and 457 plans
- Medical and dental health plans
- Employer supplemented Health Savings Account
- Paid life insurance
- Short- and long-term disability coverage
- 10 paid holidays per year plus vacation and sick leave
- Discounted RTD EcoPass (Denver Metro locations)
- BenefitHub state employee discount program
- Employee Wellness program MotivateMe
- Excellent work-life programs, such as flexible schedules, training and more

*Some positions may qualify for the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program. For more information, go to https://www.colorado.gov/pacific/dhr/student-loan-forgiveness-programs

Our Culture & Environment

- We believe in a people-first approach: To serve the people of Colorado, we develop a culture and work environment that creates an energized, inspired, and healthy team capable of giving their best to Coloradans.
- Balance creates quality of life: We want our team to be resilient through a supportive workplace that values flexibility, health and wellness, and employee engagement.
- We hold ourselves accountable: We take responsibility through our actions, programs, and results for the state of health and human services in Colorado.
- Transparency matters: We are open and honest with employees, our partners, the Coloradans we serve, and the public.
- We are ethical: We abide by what is best for those we serve by doing what is right, not what is easy.
- Collaboration helps us rise together: We work together with all partners, employees, and clients to achieve the best outcomes for Coloradans.

The Permanency Unit in the Division of Child Welfare works to oversee ongoing child welfare services in the State of Colorado. This unit sets policy and procedures for the 64 county departments of social/human services to practice both in home and out of home, voluntary and court involved, and foster permanency ongoing child welfare services. The unit works with county departments to ensure regulatory and statutory compliance and to offer technical assistance when practice is not in line with policy and law. Staff also researches most promising practices being utilized throughout the nation and recommends for consideration or implementation in Colorado. We are committed to increasing the diversity of our staff and providing culturally responsive programs and services. Therefore, we encourage responses from people of diverse backgrounds and abilities.

Description of Job: The Colorado Department of Human Services welcomes your interest in the Indian Child Welfare Specialist position. This position is responsible for assisting in development of program and policy as it relates to the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA), and intra/interstate tribal relations. This position serves as the state’s subject matter expert for practices that ensure ICWA compliance and tribal collaboration.

Responsibilities in this position include:

- Monitor county programs for adherence to state rules and regulations

- Research and assess promising practices in meeting ICWA expectations and support implementation of policies and practices in the 64 county departments of human/social services
- Provide technical assistance in the area of ICWA
- Work with tribes, and American Indian children, youth, and families
- Monitor contracts with Colorado’s two tribes
- Make recommendations for policy and practice improvements to the Permanency Services Unit Manager and the Ongoing Administrator in matters related to compliance with ICWA by coordinating efforts between county departments of human/social services, local district courts and other judicial entities, community stakeholders, and federally recognized tribes
- Develop programs and policies as it relates to the application of ICWA guidelines, intra/interstate tribal relations, and monitoring county programs for adherence to state rules and regulations
- Oversee and monitor Colorado tribes’ use of State funding and provide technical assistance in optimizing the use of the funds
- Facilitate tribal access to the Child Welfare Training System and coaching on an as needed basis
- Initiate and facilitate relationships between the State and county departments of human/social
- services with Colorado’s tribes and other tribes nationally

Minimum Qualifications, Substitutions, Conditions of Employment & Appeal Rights
Three years of professional work related experience in the field or specialized subject area related to human services or public administration including casework and ICWA experience
Graduation from an accredited college or university with a bachelor’s degree in a human behavioral science field or public administration related to the work assignment

Preferred Qualifications:

- Ongoing caseworker or supervisor experience
- Certification as a caseworker or supervisor in Colorado
- Experience in policy interpretation
- Knowledge of child welfare policies (i.e. Federal Law, Colorado statute and Volume VII rules)
- Experience navigating state/county partnership
- Proven experience creating and maintaining stakeholder relationships
- Established tribal relationships
- Understanding of the Indian Child Welfare Act and associated practice
- Ability to communicate orally and in writing
- Experience and knowledge of Colorado court processes

Conditions of Employment:
This position is required to work with confidential information, and may come into contact with vulnerable populations. Pre-employment screening (which may consist of fingerprinting, drug screen, and an extensive background investigation) will be conducted as part of the selection process. Felony convictions or conviction of crimes of moral turpitude or convictions of misdemeanors related to job duties may disqualify you from being considered for this position. Former State employees who were disciplinarily terminated or resigned in lieu of termination must disclose the information on the application and provide an explanation why the prior termination or resignation should not disqualify the applicant from the current position. Absent extraordinary circumstances, prior disciplinary termination or resignation in lieu of termination will disqualify the applicant from future State employment with CDHS.

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

Construction Project Manager

Closes 1/4/21 – Southern Ute tribal member only. Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, incumbent assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

Social Services Division Head

Closes 1/5/21 – Day-to-day operation and management of the Southern Ute Tribal Social Services Division, in accordance with the guidelines (fiscal, philosophical, and programmatic) established and approved by the Tribal Council. Manages programs and services including child/adult welfare protective services, family, group, and individual therapy, BIA General Assistance, Low Income Energy Assistance Program, Title IV B – Foster Care Program, Colorado State Human Services and related Programs and Contract/Grants. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

Plumber

Closes 1/4/21 – Installation, repair and maintenance of mechanical and plumbing equipment to include gas, water and sewer, pipping and fixtures. Must be capable of both small and large scale work and have the dexterity to maneuver in small spaces. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Air Quality Analyst

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, provides oversight and management of the Air Quality Monitoring Program and technical assistance to the Air Quality Planning and Assessment team within the Tribal Air Quality Program. Grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

Associate Internal Auditor Trainee

Open Until Filled – Southern Ute tribal members only. A trainee position for a Southern Ute Tribal member interested in a career in Internal Audit with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will 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. The 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. This position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 20 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

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.

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 Officer

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

Family Court Caseworker

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

Medical Assistant (Temporary)

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

Patrol Officer

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

Patrol Officer Trainee

Open Until Filled – Arainee 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, incumbent will assume the position of Patrol Officer. Pay grade 17; \$17.20/hour.

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. 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. Both part-time and full-time temporary positions.

TERO Worker

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

NOTICE OF RE-OPENING
OF THE LA BOCA BRIDGE



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

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.



FLY FISHING

Gumbo, Dixie Beer, and Redfish

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

If you are familiar with the South you know, from the title, I was in Louisiana. Louisiana, similar to other Gulf Coast states, is known for many things. But I think the gumbo, beer, and redfish, give it a unique identity.

If you don't know, gumbo is a combination stew and soup with lots of ingredients found in the South. In fact, if you don't recognize something in the bowl, don't ask what it is, just eat it. You'll be glad you did. A good French bread is also a must. It is really good for soaking up all the liquid you can't get with your spoon. A scoop of white rice also helps to absorb the liquid. Dixie beer is brewed in Louisiana and has a unique, smooth taste, that goes with most anything. Or so I'm told.

Enough of the culinary delight, I was in Louisiana to fly fish. Many Gulf states are home to redfish. Louisiana is home to what is known as bull redfish. While not as numerous as the redfish population in other states, what's missing in numbers is made up in size. While I didn't match my record from a previous red fishing trip in Louisiana, 28 pounds, I did catch some big reds.

To fly fish for redfish I recommend a nine-weight rod, with a floating line. If the wind is blowing, which it usually is, an eight-weight is a little light. Some people use a ten-weight, but this old man finds a ten-weight to be really tiring when making numerous casts. However, any of those three rods



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are capable of landing a big red. For leader an eight foot, non-tapered, twenty-five- or thirty-pound test leader, works great. You can buy leader designed for saltwater; however, I've haven't found any redfish that can tell the difference between salt or freshwater material. For flies, matching the hatch is a non-issue. The flies used are larger than any flying insect I want to see. With large flies come large hooks, so be careful not to hook yourself or guide. For patterns a crab or colorful streamer works great. Redfish are big eaters, and not real particular about the pattern. In fact, I fished for three

days, caught large redfish, and never changed flies.

When your guide spots a redfish, then makes sure you see it, put your cast right in front of the fish. Your guide will tell you what type of strip will work best, short, long, or fast. Even if you don't see the fish, he does, and will have you move your fly in a manner that makes the fish want to eat it. When you feel the strike, strip-set it. If you use an up-and-away trout set, you'll miss the fish. Once you've set the hook, get the hand you reel with out of the way. The redfish is big and will be moving fast. He will take lots of line off your reel in a hurry, and the knob on the reel will wack your hand if it's in the way. It hurts.

The winter weather along the Louisiana coast can be, cold, windy, rainy, and sunny with blue sky, all in a two-hour timeframe. My advice here is, be prepared. Since you will be in a flats boat, you'll have room for some type of dry bag. Load the bag with everything you think you'll never need to put on. I assure you at some time, during a multi-day trip, you'll put it on. It's better to have rain gear and warm clothes and not need them, than the other way around.

If going to Louisiana in the winter doesn't sound like fun, there is great fly fishing in the summer. You'll find the same great food and lots of redfish. But instead of windy and cold, it will be windy, humid, and hot. Redfish on a fly rod is a trip to have on your bucket list. And, don't forget to try the gumbo and Dixie beer!

INTERNET connectivity ISSUES?

Collecting data is important to the Tribe to evaluate where service needs to be implemented and/or improved!

Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box

The Tribe needs your help collecting data about your internet connection and speed. This data will be used to evaluate where internet service can be improved in order to keep you connected to your school, work, and healthcare providers. The Tribe is applying for grant funding in order to build the infrastructure required to increase internet availability and usability across the Reservation and surrounding areas.

IF YOU DO HAVE INTERNET : IF YOU DO NOT HAVE INTERNET

If you live on the reservation, or near its borders, please visit this site from home to conduct this test: <https://bit.ly/20SUsbT>

If you do not have access to the internet where you live (not including cellular data), please contact the SUSS Help Desk at 970.563.5050.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS DIVISION

did you know?

The winter solstice, which happened on December 21st, was the shortest day of the year.

Source: <https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/images/6125/winter-and-summer-solstice>

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

Air Quality in real time!

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

The link to the Tribe's Air Quality Stations: www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/

LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Your weekend forecast!

Friday, Jan. 1
36°F mostly cloudy

Saturday, Jan. 2
35°F partly sunny

Sunday, Jan. 3
38°F mostly sunny

Weather forecasts collected from www.weather.gov

The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle

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Across

1 Ancient Mexicans
7 Get ready for surgery
11 Elevation
12 Emma Big Bear ---, Winnebago basketweaver
13 CRIT flag designer --- McCabe
14 West Point
15 Gymnastic maneuvers
17 No piper bothered to undo in a hurry
20 Aircraft aid
23 Mrs Leonard C Burch
24 Largest Yemeni city
26 Bleat of a sheep
27 Kind of willow
29 One about to be hitched
31 Army E4s to E9s
33 --- down (made easier to grasp)
37 He created the Hopi
38 Possibly the oldest continually inhabited place in the US
39 Cease moving
40 Elapsed

Down

1 Unit of electrical resistance
2 Meadow
3 Ditched Russian space station
4 Incites
5 Aka Ojibwe
6 Ancient inscribed pillar
7 Dull sound of impact
8 "The Thieving Magpie" composer
9 "Nightmare" street
10 Harper Valley had one, notably
16 Ice nurse cracked on shaky ground
17 Curved bone
18 "Deathtrap" author --- Levin
19 Large ornamental birds
21 Computer-linking system
22 Sink or bend downward
25 The missing link?
28 Provide with funds
30 "Alice --- It Again" (Noel Coward song)
31 Degree in mathematics?
32 Auto club, up north
34 Drilling tip
35 Flow back
36 Self-help letters

Answers for this crossword will appear in Jan. 15 issue of the Drum.

Answers for Dec. 18, 2020 Crossword Puzzle:

Across: 1 So-so, 5 Crew, 9 Nuuk, 10 Higher, 13 Assiniboine, 15 GTA, 16 EVs, 17 Ton, 18 NYSE, 20 Bela, 21 Hoses, 23 Moral, 24 Ebon, 25 Yuta, 26 Non, 27 Mot, 28 Bat, 31 Retractable, 34 Isaiah, 35 Pima, 36 GNMA, 37 P-TAs.

Down: 1 Snag, 2 Oust, 3 Susan Sontag, 4 OKI, 5 Chive, 6 Ribs, 7 Ego, 8 White Rabbit, 11 Enola, 12 Renal, 14 Ness, 19 Yen, 20 Bot, 21 Henri, 22 Oboes, 23 Mutt, 25 Yocha, 27 Ma'am, 29 Alma, 30 Teas, 32 Rin, 33 App.