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Amonnie Johnson proudly shows off the dinosaur book that he bought during the Academy's 'Bagels and Books' event last year.

## TRIBAL HEALTH

# Reach out and Read Program

By **Nenette McNamara**  
**FNP-C**  
**SOUTHERN HEALTH CLINIC**

The Southern Ute Health Clinic has started a Reach out and Read program to promote literacy in young children. Having a parent read to a child starting at a young age has been shown to help the child's brain develop at a faster rate as the child enters school.

Between birth to three years old the brain produces 700 new neural connections every second! 90% of a child's brain develops before the age of five years old.

Reading helps develop the brain!

Every child will get a new book at every "well child visit" between the ages of six months to five years of age.

We also have gently used books that you can have anytime you want by coming into the clinic and asking or when you are there for a visit. All children between the age of 0-18 years can have a book anytime they want!

A few tips for reading with your family are:

- It is never too early

to start reading. Babies love to cuddle and hear your voice. Looking at board books are fun for the young child and gives you both time alone. Read if only for a few minutes a day. Young children may only sit still for a few minutes, but they will listen longer as they grow older.

- Babies and toddlers need help to turn the pages of a board book. A three-year-old likes to turn pages without any help. Read favorite stories over and over. Children love to hear the same stories over and over and this is how they learn. Ask your children questions about the story such as, "where is the moon?" "what do you think will happen next?" Give your child plenty of time to answer.
- Make the story come alive! Use a silly voice, speak with excitement in your voice, read softly or loud! Whatever suits the story you can make it more interesting and come alive!!

Talk about the pictures. You can even make up stories to go with the pictures. Read anywhere, anytime. Playtime, bedtime and naptime, waiting in a doctor or dentist office. Read under a tree or in the car. Reading is fun anytime!

- Use of cell phones and pads in younger children can have an impact that can be detrimental to their development. Diagnoses of ADHD, developmental delays, unintelligible speech, learning difficulties, sensory processing disorders, anxiety, depression, and sleep disorders are associated with technology overuse, and are increasing at an alarming rate.

Reading helps develops a child's imagination and plants the love of reading early in a child's life. All the providers at the Southern Ute Health Center are Reach Out and Read providers and can talk to you about the importance of reading in a child's life.

Let's Read!!!!

## BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

# Bobcat boys finish unbeaten SJBL run

*Road wins likely clinch early State date*

By **Joel Priest**  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Slow out of the gate for the second time in three days, once the Ignacio boys found their pace both of their upset-primed enemies were left eating dust as the COVID-limited 2020-21 regular season came to a close.

Crushing the confidence of Dove Creek, incredibly able to race out to an early 12-3 lead Thursday, March 4, inside The DawgHouse, the Bobcats hurriedly took a 20-12 upper hand before the wild first quarter expired. Visiting Telluride's MinerDome on the 6th, IHS went into the second stanza having gained a similar 20-13 advantage after THS had fought bravely for a 13-11 lead – appearing capable of withstanding the sort of outside shooting which had ultimately doomed the Bulldogs.

Unfortunately, the Miners would also collapse as the 'Cats completed a perfect 8-0 dash through the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's 2A members, as well as a 10-0 romp through all SJBL squads seen. Draining 11 three-pointers in each contest, Ignacio rode two Joe Garcia third-quarter treys to a 64-44 win at DCHS, and five Bryce Finn triples at THS to a 76-39 victory.

"They have some talent!" IHS skipper Chris Valdez said before exiting the 'Dome, of the 2A Miners but effectively also the 1A 'Dogs. "That big guy, he's tough, and they've got some



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Joe Garcia (23) drives around Telluride's Tony Ordonez (right) and into the lane during SJBL road action Saturday, March 6. Garcia scored five points in the Bobcats' 76-39 win.

nice ball-handlers, got some shooters – and they jumped on us a little bit. We missed some easy ones early and got out of rhythm, but finally got back on track in the second quarter."

"We haven't won an undefeated league title all my four years of high school; we've always dropped at least one league game," said Finn, who netted eight total threes and racked up a team-leading 36 points, 20 versus Telluride. "This year we didn't – it feels great to win out."

"Undefeated in league....

We just wanted to finish on a high note, get the highest seeding we can for State," Garcia said, looking forward to the Colorado High School Activities Association's March 8 bracket reveal. "They came out swinging ... were tough teams at the beginning, but they got gassed quick in the second half."

"And we knew what to do; we're a second-half team, I feel like," he added. "We're always referring to the third and fourth quarter."

**Bobcats boys page 12**

## Second go-around for vaccines



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Heather Frost receives her second booster for the COVID-19 vaccine from a volunteer at the Sky Ute Casino Resort on Wednesday, March 10. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe hosted the Second Dose Booster Event on Wednesday, March 10 and Thursday, March 11 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. The event was held for individuals who received their first COVID-19 vaccine dose last month in February 2021 at the tribal vaccination event.

The COVID-19 vaccines were by appointment only and were made available to those who were eligible such as tribal members and their immediate household, IHS-beneficiaries and their immediate household, tribal staff and insured dependents, residents of the Southeast La Plata County 65 and older, and Ignacio School District educators.



Tribal Information Services Receptionist, Samantha Maez checks in Andrew Hutchinson to receive his second dose booster of the COVID-19 vaccine.

## CORONAVIRUS

# Southern Ute Tribe confirms discovery of Variant COVID-19

Staff report  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

The B.1.427/B.1.429 COVID-19 (also known as L452R or CAL20C) variant under investigation has been found on tribal lands within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation boundaries. The State Public Health Laboratory identified the variant after sequencing the laboratory sample from an individual with COVID-19 who recently died.

The Tribe is working with San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) and the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) on the investigation. The Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Incident Management Team (IMT) issued and continues to maintain the public health orders taking the utmost caution to protect the



tribal community.

On Friday, February 26, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe received results from the state lab of the COVID-19 variant B.1.427/B.1.429. The origin of the variant is still under investigation. There is little known about this variant at this time, but variants become a concern when they lead to an increase in disease transmission or severity, when they cannot be detected by current diagnostic tests, or when they reduce the effectiveness of treatments or vaccines. Researchers in California, where

the variant appears to be spreading more commonly, have stated that preliminary data suggest it may spread more easily than other forms of the virus, but not to the level of other variants of concern like B.1.1.7 (UK variant).

CDPHE is taking the lead on the investigation, including contact tracing, interviews and re-interviews, and monitoring in close collaboration and communication with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and SJBPH. Mutations are common, as viruses are constantly changing. Public health officials study these variants to learn more about the virus and to control their spread.

At this time, there is no reason to believe the presence of this variant on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation is related to the

**Variant page 8**





2021 Annual Spring Clean-Up  
April 19 – 23, 2021

Southern Ute Property and Facilities  
Tyson Thompson, Director  
970-563-2945

APRIL 19 through 23 ONLY! No pickups over the weekend or the week after.

Tribal Departments, Tribal Members, and any tenant of the Southern Ute Housing Authority. We will not pick up for non-tribal tenants living in Tribal Member owned rental homes. All pick-ups must be within the boundaries of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation only. Please feel free to call with any questions or concerns.

ALL ITEMS MUST BE IN ONE AREA and general trash MUST BE BAGGED FOR PICK UP. No Pickups will be made without prior scheduling with the homeowner or department. If you have tires, only 4 tires per household will be picked up. NO EXCEPTIONS. We will not pull your trailer to the transfer station for you.

Tribal Elders. If you need assistance with bagging and piling of your trash, please contact the TERO Department at 970-563-2291.

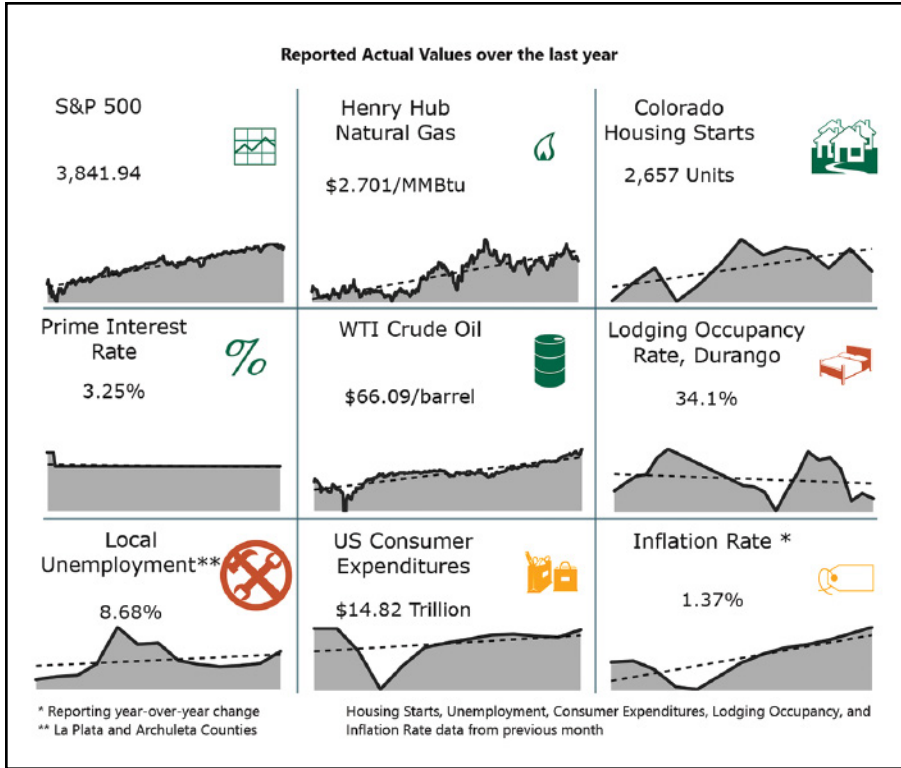
All Vehicle Disposals please call Building Maintenance at 970-563-0265.

HAZARDOUS WASTE. If think your trash is hazardous waste, or you cannot identify the waste, please call Environmental Programs at 970-563-0135. If the pickup teams suspect that your trash may contain hazardous waste, or it is not identifiable, we will call Environmental Programs. Large site or dangerous HAZARDOUS WASTE testing and cleanup will be completed at the homeowner's expense.

- Motor Pool, 970-563-0280: Tribal Member homes west of the Pine River except those listed below.
- Building Maintenance, 970-563-0265: Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes on CR 314, CR 315, CR 316, and CR 311. ALL VEHICLES.
- Grounds Maintenance, 970-563-0272: Tribal Departments, Tribal Member homes located in Cedar Point East & West, Ignacio Peak and the La Boca area west of the Pine River, Tribal Member tenants of Quichas Apartments.
- Construction Services, 970-563-0260: Tribal members within the Town of Ignacio and Tribal Member homes east of the Pine River.
- Southern Ute Housing Authority, 970-563-4575: Southern Ute Housing Authority renters and Senior Center occupants are to contact the S.U. Housing Authority.

Economic Dashboard

Please find below the Economic Dashboard courtesy of the Southern Ute Entrepreneurship and Economic Development (SEED) Program. This dashboard is intended to complement the other financial and economic data presented to tribal membership. Whenever possible we are providing data that relates most to the Tribe and its membership. All information is public data. If you have any questions, please contact Roger Zalneraitis, Economic Development Manager, at 970-563-2463.



TREASURER'S

PANA-QARU 'URU 'APAGHARU



Tribal Council Treasurer Marjorie Barry has shared the Pana-qaru 'uru 'apagharu "Money Talks" Financial Year 2020 Report on the Tribal Member Portal.

A hard copy version will be mailed to every tribal member household. To request a digital version, please contact Tribal Council Communication Specialist, Ms. Lindsay J. Box at 970.563.2313 or via email at lbox@southernute-nsn.gov.



Many Moons Ago

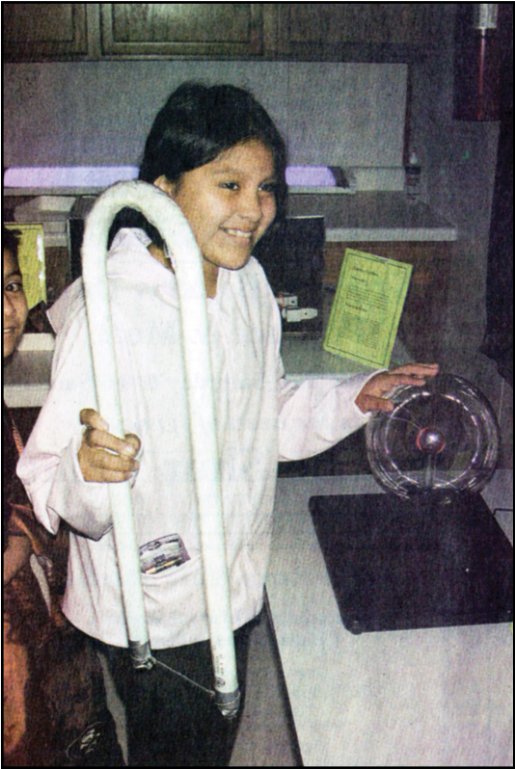


Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The annual Southern Ute Health Services Kids Fair took place Friday, March 4 in the SunUte Community Center, receiving a "healthy" attendance of 213 kids and adults from tribal departments and schools. Health Services staffers gave students a chance to see the effects of unhealthy food firsthand, while the hands-on Wildlife exhibit showcased a stuffed turkey. While most of the booths were informational, SunUte and the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy gave the kids a few athletic challenges, included an obstacle course.

This photo was first published in the March 11, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

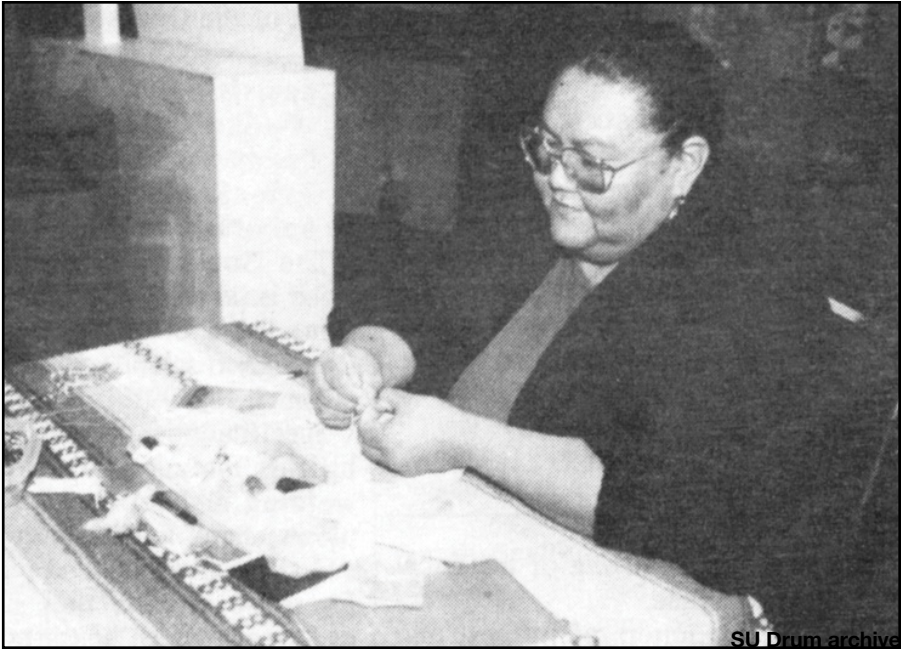


Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Jolette Dutchie takes her turn at the exhibit called "The Plasma Ball," but still holds the lightning rod from another demonstration. For three days the Southern Ute Public Education Department has hosted Colorado State University's traveling education exhibit, "The Little Shop of Physics," which students and visitors from across the region have learned more about the subject of physics.

This photo was published in the March 9, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Liz Kent along with Effie and Sherry Monte are currently working in the Sky Ute Gallery on the Tribal TEAM program. In the picture, Liz is beading a pair of earrings. This is one of several projects Liz has worked on in the gallery.

This photo was published in the March 8, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

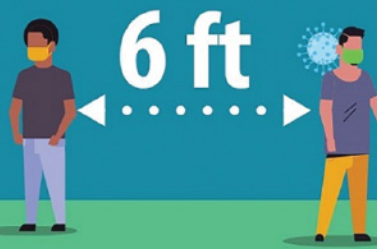
Southern Ute Tribal member Phillip Martinez talks ringside with Coach Chris Chavez at the Golden Gloves Tournament in Pagosa Springs, Colo. Phillip and brother Donald Martinez both did well to advance into the semi-finals in Roswell, N.M.

This photo was published in the March 13, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

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.



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## SMITHSONIAN

## Virtual events at the National Museum of the American Indian

**Staff report**

NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

All events are free unless otherwise noted. For info, visit [AmericanIndian.si.edu](https://AmericanIndian.si.edu).

- **Youth in Action: Native Women Making Change**  
**Thursday, March 18; on demand.**  
<https://nmai.brand.live/c/youthinaction-march>

What roles do Indigenous women uphold that serve both their communities and our society at large? Watch a conversation between two young Native women who work at local and state levels to make change: Aidan Graybill, who serves on the executive council of the Wyandot Nation of Kansas and Representative Christina Haswood (Diné [Navajo]), one of the youngest members of the Kansas State Legislature.

Youth in Action: Conversations About Our Future is a monthly program led by young Native activists and changemakers from across the Western Hemisphere who are working toward equity and social justice for Indigenous peoples. Topics vary from month to month. Advance registration is not required.

- **DC Environmental Film Festival: What Happened to the Bees?**  
**Friday, March 19; 12 p.m. EST**  
<https://watch.eventive.org/dceff2021/play/6036d9c9b1784600298008ca>

The DC premiere of What Happened to the Bees? Co-presented with the National Museum of the American Indian, the Embassy of Mexico and the Mexican Cultural Institute. This film exposes the deadly effects of regularly used agrochemicals – currently legal in countries like Mexico and the United States – on millions of bees. The documentary explores how the planting of monocultures threatens the health and environment of Mayan beekeeping

communities in southeastern Mexico and portrays their fight to protect their land from massive deforestation, groundwater table pollution and climate change.

- **Living Earth Teach-In: Traditional Foods Sustain our Bodies and Spirits**  
**Saturday, March 20, 1 – 3 p.m. EST**  
[https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/4716131436966/WN\\_\\_zCF9oEIRL6uSsgYX-ipEA](https://smithsonian.zoom.us/webinar/register/4716131436966/WN__zCF9oEIRL6uSsgYX-ipEA)

Traditional foods and the knowledge related to growing, harvesting, storing and preparing them has been practiced for millennia by Indigenous peoples. Participants can interact with Native food and sustainability experts to learn about traditional foodways revitalization and how Indigenous foods can sustain bodies and spirits.

Kick off the Living Earth Festival with the National Museum of the American Indian. The program features keynote speaker Chef Sean Sherman (@thesiouxchef), Founder/CEO The Sioux Chef, and a live moderated panel discussion about the significance of cultural foods today to get ideas for how to use NK360° classroom resources for teaching about the themes of culture, foods and sustainability.

The Living Earth Teach-In is recommended for all K–12 teachers and educators in the subjects of environmental science, history, social studies and STEAM. This program is free and will be held via Zoom, and advance registration is required.

**Native Knowledge 360°**

Native Knowledge 360° (NK360°) is the National Museum of the American Indian's national education initiative to inspire and promote better teaching and learning about American Indians. NK360° provides educational materials and teacher training that incorporate Native narratives, more comprehensive histories and more accurate information to enlighten and inform both educators and students.

## NATIVE CONNECTIONS

## Spirit. Honor. Inclusion.

### Sharing current LGBTQTS resources

**Staff report**

NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

The Southern Ute Native Connections Program is pleased to announce that the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) which is an agency within the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services just came out with their first LGBTQTS (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer or questioning and

two spirit) newsletter.

The Native Connections Program has created space to educated and have conversations about health disparities and inequalities LGBTQTS people have historically and currently still face. Tribal communities and peoples are reclaiming their two spirit members and re-creating space for them within their tribal communities. We strive to create space for our local LGBTQTS people and also

provide behavioral health providers who are educated and trained in providing services to people who identify as LGBTQTS.

For more information about our efforts here with the Southern Ute Native Connections Program, please reach out to us at 970-563-5700 or email Precious Collins, Coordinator [prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov) or Stephanie Garcia, Behavioral Health Therapist [sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov).

## NATIVE MEDIA

## Vision Maker Media celebrates Women's History Month

**Staff report**

VISION MAKER MEDIA

Vision Maker Media (VMM) is marking its 45th anniversary in 2021 with a yearlong celebration of free “commUNITY” events, including thematic online film screenings, online virtual programs and more. To celebrate Women's History Month in March, VMM will launch its first online program of 2021, a community-themed online film streaming event, titled “commUNITY: Herald Native Women.” All March programs are free and open to the public, but registration is required. The Cherokee Nation Film Office is a sponsor of VMM's 45th anniversary events.

The March celebration will include a program of seven films — two short and five feature-length documentaries — all produced and/or directed by women, and a panel discussion organized in partnership with Americans for Indian Opportunity (AIO). Founded in 1970 by LaDonna Harris (Comanche), AIO advances, from an Indigenous worldview, the cultural, political and economic rights of Indigenous peoples in the United States and around the world.

The seven films will be available all month for streaming 24/7 at [visionmakermedia.org](https://visionmakermedia.org). The films portray Native women in leadership, coming of age, and language revitalization. All are available worldwide. For more information about the films and to register, visit [visionmakermedia.org](https://visionmakermedia.org).

“Making Matriarchs – Indigenous Values-Based Leadership Development,” a panel discussion featuring four Native women leaders who are among the more than 250 graduates of AIO's Ambassadors Program, will take place via Zoom on Tuesday, March 16 at 7 p.m. CST. AIO's Ambassadors Program is the only national leadership training that encourages Native leaders to weave their traditional trib-

al values in a contemporary reality in order to affect positive social change and advance human rights.

“Americans for Indian Opportunity is pleased to partner with Vision Maker Media during Women's History Month as we showcase some of the many contributions of Indigenous women to American society,” says AIO Executive Director Laura Harris (Comanche). “Together, we can amplify Native voices, build awareness and understanding, and share a positive and contemporary Indigenous narrative.”

Panel participants include: Francene Blythe-Lewis (Diné, Sisseton-Wahpeton, Eastern Cherokee), executive director, Vision Maker Media (introduction); Laura Harris (Comanche), executive director, Americans for Indian Opportunity (moderator); Janeen Comenote (Quinault/Hesquiaht/Oglala), executive director, National Urban Indian Family Coalition (panelist); Brittany Schulman (Waccama Siouan), director of leadership initiatives, AIO (panelist) and Lindsay Early, deputy director, National Indian Child Welfare Association (panelist). The fourth panelist is unconfirmed at press time.

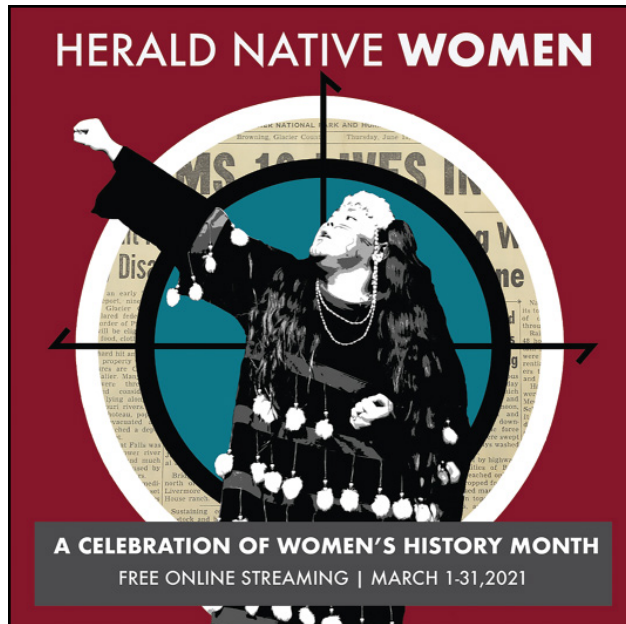
The panelists will discuss the importance of female leadership and the influence of patriarchy. They will talk about the work they do for social change and educa-

tion, and how they utilize the teachings of the AIO Ambassadors Program and their “Medicine” (personal strengths and talents) for the good of their communities and humanity.

**VISION MAKER MEDIA**

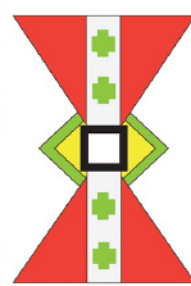
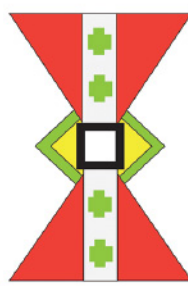
Vision Maker Media (VMM) is the premiere source of public media by and about Native Americans since 1976. Our mission is empowering and engaging Native people to share stories. We envision a world changed and healed by understanding Native stories and the public conversations they generate. We work with VMM funded producers to develop, produce and distribute programs for all public media. VMM supports training to increase the number of American Indians and Alaska Natives producing public broadcasting programs. A key strategy for this work is in partnerships with Tribal nations, Indian organizations and Native communities.

Reaching the national public and a global market is the ultimate goal for the dissemination of Native public media that shares Native perspectives with the world. VMM is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) funded in part by the Corporation for Public Broadcasting (CPB). For more information, [visionmakermedia.org](https://visionmakermedia.org), [visionmaker@unl.edu](mailto:visionmaker@unl.edu) or 402-472-3522.

**ATTENTION ALL STAFF**

The Executive Office has approved for the Blessing of tribal offices and vehicles after the Sunrise Blessing is performed on March 19, 2021. This will include Permanent Fund, Sky Ute Casino and Growth Fund. Please ensure somebody is available to open the buildings, and if you would like your tribal or personal vehicle blessed please take it to the Cultural Center and Museum where the Spring Blessing will be. For information on times please contact the Sundance Chief, Byron Frost at 970-946-4061.

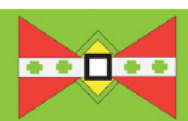
## 2021 SPRING BLESSING



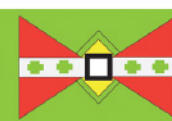
March 19, 2021

Sunrise

Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum fire pit



Social distancing and masks are required



Sun Dance Dates  
July 9-12, 2021

For more information contact  
Sun Dance Chief, Byron Frost 970-946-4061

### Southern Ute Bear Dance announcement from Bear Dance Chief Matthew Box

I am a Buffalo too and I speak to you regarding the 2021 Southern Ute Beardance. The gift, from creation, allows us to shed the last year and step forward spiritually, mentally, and physically rejuvenated. Only this one year, we will have the **SOUTHERN UTE BEAR DANCE, JUNE 18 – 21, 2021**, and I encourage everyone to become fully vaccinated before then.

**Please keep in mind that these dates are subject to cancel due to Covid restrictions, such as Stay at Home orders and CDC guidelines.**

I will be watching the status of Covid closely, as these dates approach, and will communicate any changes or concerns.

*Be safe and stay safe.*  
*Matthew Box*  
*Southern Ute Bear Dance Chief*



Photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley | SU Drum





HEALTHY RECIPES

Banana Bread is a healthy alternative!

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

An alternative to cake, quick breads are simple to make and can be healthy depending on the ingredients you use. Bananas are sweet when ripe and add potassium and fiber, natural sweeteners and the fat can be reduced when using them. Whole wheat flour and ground flaxseeds add fiber which helps with our digestion and keeps us full longer. We should be getting at least 25-30g/day! You can find ground flaxseeds or “flaxseed meal” at most supermarkets or buy whole flaxseeds and grind them in your coffee grinder.



courtesy Bowl of Delicious

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

Healthy, Delicious Banana Bread

- Ingredients:**  
5 tablespoons of coconut oil or butter  
1/2 cup real maple syrup or honey  
4 large ripe bananas, mashed  
2 eggs  
1 teaspoon baking soda  
1 teaspoon cinnamon  
1/2 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
2 cup whole wheat flour or white whole wheat flour  
1/4 cup ground flaxseeds  
Optional: 1/2 cup mix-ins (ie, walnuts, pumpkin seeds, chocolate chips, raisins, etc.)

- Directions:**  
1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees, grease loaf pan.

2. In a large bowl, melt coconut oil.
3. Add maple syrup, mashed bananas and eggs, mix well to combine.
4. Add baking soda, cinnamon, salt, vanilla and mix well to combine.
5. Slowly add in flour (and ground flaxseeds), mix until just moistened. Fold in mix-ins if using.
6. Pour batter into loaf pan and bake for 50-60 minutes or until a toothpick comes out clean or slightly browned on the edges.
7. Let cool for 10 minutes and then carefully remove from pan.

Servings: 10  
Nutrition per serving: 269 Calories, 9g Fat, 44g Carbohydrates, 3g Fiber, 16g Sugar, 4.5g Protein

TRIBAL HEALTH

Assistance when applying for Colorado Medicaid

By Savannah Benally  
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL HEALTH DEPT.

My name is Savannah, I am the Benefits Coordinator for the Southern Ute Tribal Health Department. I assist patients of the Southern Ute Tribe Health Clinic (SUHC) with applying for Colorado Medicaid. Depending on your income and number of household members, you may be eligible for Free or low-cost public health insurance from Health First Colorado (Colorado’s Medicaid Program) or the Child Health Plan Plus (CHIP+) program administered by the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing.

The COVID-19 pandemic health crisis expanded eligibility to many federal health insurance plans including Colorado Medicaid, coverage through the Insurance Marketplace or Private Health insurance. We ask that if you have been approved for any federal or private insurance, to please update the Front Desk at the Southern Ute Health Clinic with your insurance details. At this time, we can assist you with over the phone appointments, they can take from 45 mins to an hour to complete. The State of Colorado is allowing health department staff to complete Medicaid Applications over the phone, which makes the process

easier and safer for us to facilitate the application. Also, if you are reaching the age of 65, please check your mail for information on Medicare being sent to you, as you are at the eligible age to qualify for those benefits. Please remember, that if you go to any Medical Providers, always present your Medical Insurance Cards to them, always update them especially if you have new insurance. My office hours are 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Monday – Friday to assist with any questions or assistance regarding Colorado Medicaid or any other insurance plan. Contact Savannah Benally, Benefits Coordinator at 970-563-2204, Southern Ute Tribal Health Department.

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Community Readiness

Scores for Substance Use Prevention

By Precious Collins  
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

Native Connections investigates community truths about Substance Use Prevention. In 2019 the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was awarded a five-year grant under the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) to help American Indian and Alaska Native communities identify and address the behavioral health needs of Native youth.

- Grant program goals are:
- Reducing suicidal behavior and substance use among Native youth up to age 24.
  - Easing the impacts of substance use, mental illness, and trauma in tribal communities.
  - Supporting youth as they transition into adulthood.

Through this grant we have access to technical support and services and use evidence-based tools and strategies to evaluate and improve conditions. One of these tools is called the Community Readiness Model.

In February 2021, the Southern Ute Native Connections Program conducted our first Community Readiness Assessment for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, with technical assistance from the Native Connection’s Communication Specialist and Grantee Technical Assistant, Marvin “Marty” Richardson, Ph.D. We chose to conduct the assessment to find out our readiness scores for substance use prevention on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

**What is being scored?**  
Dimensions of readiness are key factors that influence your community’s preparedness to act on substance use prevention. The six dimensions identified and measured in the Community Readiness Model



el are very comprehensive in nature. It is an excellent tool for diagnosing your community’s needs and for developing strategies that meet those needs.

- A. Community efforts:** To what extent are there efforts, programs, and policies that address substance use prevention?
- B. Community knowledge of the efforts:** To what extent do community members know about local efforts and their effectiveness, and are the efforts accessible to all segments of the community?
- C. Leadership:** To what extent are appointed leaders and influential community members supportive of substance use prevention?
- D. Community climate:** What is the prevailing attitude of the community toward substance use prevention? Is it one of helplessness or one of responsibility and empowerment?
- E. Community knowledge about the issue:** To what

extent do community members know about or have access to information on substance use prevention, consequences, and how it impacts your community?

**F. Resources related to the issue:** To what extent are local resources (people, time, money, space) available to support the prevention efforts?

Our community’s status with respect to each of the dimensions forms the basis of the overall level of community readiness.

OUR SCORES

The following stage of readiness scores for each of the dimensions are:

Dimension	Stage Score
A	5.8
B	4.36
C	3.4
D	3.6
E	4.07
F	4.03

As you can see, our scores for each of the dimensions are anywhere from #3



Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Health Center:** Behavior Health; 69 Capote Dr., Ignacio, CO 970-563-4581. For local Native Americans. Call to schedule a counseling appointment.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **Southern Ute Police Dept.:** 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 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.

Vague Awareness stage to #5 Preparation stage. From these scores we have an overall readiness score of 4.24 which puts us in the “Preplanning” stage: There is clear recognition that something must be done, and there may even be a group addressing it. However, efforts are not focused or detailed.

**What does this mean?**  
According to the Community Readiness Model, we need to address both the stage we are in and strategize to increase our scores to 5, 6, and onward until we hit the score of 9.

**Suggested strategies for Stage 4: Preplanning**  
Goal: Raise awareness with concrete ideas.

- Introduce information about substance use prevention through presentations and media. Focus on reducing stigma and raising general awareness.
- Visit and get community leaders invested in the cause.
- Review existing efforts in community (curriculums, programs, activities) to determine who the focused populations are and consider the degree of success of the

**A BENEFIT REMINDER...**

**YOUR MENTAL HEALTH and COVID19**

It's important that we each take the time to maintain our mental health and overall well-being during the Covid19 Outbreak. Whether it's a walk outside, an hour with a good book, or time spent with family, one thing is true - *we all process stress and emotions differently.*

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe wanted to remind you of a valuable benefit you may want to utilize during this time.

Your ComPsych benefit offers 8 free counseling sessions with a licensed professional. These sessions can be held over the phone or via a virtual meeting.

These free sessions are available to ALL employees - both full-time and part-time, including all members of their household!

You can call 1.877.616.0508 / TDD: 800.697.0353 to get access to these counseling services. Please reference Web ID: CN3906K when asked.

You can also access videos and other helpful tools at [guidanceresources.com](https://guidanceresources.com), or via the app: GuidanceResources ®

Please know this is an unsettling time for everyone, and you are not alone in your feelings of isolation and fear. Here are a few simple and free things you can do today to help your mental well-being.

1. Call a friend, relative, or a co-worker and check in.
2. Eat your lunch in the sun; go outside and get some fresh air.
3. Sit in the fact that you are not alone. We are all in this together.
4. Stay informed, but be aware of your media consumption.

Please contact your benefits representative, Veronica Lasater at [vlasater@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:vlasater@southernute-nsn.gov) or at 970-563-2426 with questions, or for more helpful resources.

You can also find other resources and information on the Intranet PF Hub website under Human Resources > Employee Benefits > COVID19





DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

StrongHearts Native Helpline marks four-year anniversary

Staff report  
STRONGHEARTS NATIVE  
HELPLINE

StrongHearts Native Helpline celebrated their four-year anniversary on Saturday, March 6. Despite the unprecedented hardships of 2020, the team at StrongHearts grew in number and strength and added many advocacy services to help Native Americans and Alaska Natives affected by domestic, dating and sexual violence.

Over the past year, the pandemic destabilized the work environment just as StrongHearts Native Helpline advocates began to gear up and increase advocacy. The pandemic created an urgency to meet the needs of Native Americans and Alaska Natives who already suffer the highest rates of domestic, dating and sexual violence in the United States.

“Not only did we meet our goals and deadlines, but we also navigated through the pandemic by transitioning into a fully remote operation,” said StrongHearts Director Lori Jump (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “The team at StrongHearts demonstrated an unwavering commitment to provide culturally-appropriate advocacy to victim-survivors across the nation.”

In February 2020, the first round of new hires brought in eight additional positions when the StrongHearts administrators stepped up advocate training to include and enable online chat advocacy. Advocates were prepared and successfully implemented chat advocacy in May of 2020. This new method of contact resulted in increased accessibility for individuals who may be hearing impaired and/or those who are uncomfortable with calling the helpline or unable to vocalize a call for support.

In the first part of 2020, when the pandemic was taking hold of the American public, StrongHearts saw a drop in the number of callers. StrongHearts’ online presence continued to grow demonstrated by an increase in the number of people navigating the website and social media impressions.

“We suspect that the increased need was still there, but the pandemic created yet another obstacle to safety by requiring victims to shelter-in-place with their abuser,” said StrongHearts Communications Manager CC Hovie (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). “Instead, we’ve seen a noticeable increase in online activities as Native American victim-survivors continued to seek support.”

StrongHearts also initiated a mass marketing campaign to create awareness and a greater presence in Native communities. Meanwhile, the number of contacts continued to grow when administrators again amped up their training modules to include sexual violence advocacy that was launched in August 2020.

Sexual violence advocacy is a component that addresses the horrific rates of sexual violence in Native communities. In fact, Native Americans suffer the highest rates of sexual violence among all ethnicities, all genders and age groups. Sadly, the vast majority of perpetrators are non-Native which lends sup-



courtesy StrongHearts Native Helpline

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.

port to the belief that sexual violence is an extension of colonization that began with European contact.

In November of 2020, StrongHearts received its 10,000th call. December saw nine additional staff members that included more advocates and a chief financial officer. These new employees were hired to gear up for around-the-clock hours of operation.

“The most ambitious year to date was navigated without a stumble. We kept up with our benchmarks and met our deadlines,” said Lori Jump. “We will continue to strive to meet the needs of our people and all who reach out to us for help.”

BY THE NUMBERS

In 2020, StrongHearts advocates answered 3,074 calls and 406 chats. The types of abuse disclosed by Native intimate partner violence (IPV) victims are broken down into six categories and listed in order of prevalence.

- 87% Emotional Abuse
- 78% Physical Abuse
- 31% Financial Abuse
- 19% Digital Abuse
- 19% Sexual Abuse
- 10% Cultural Abuse

Prevalent Issues

Native IPV victims are facing many hardships that further complicate domestic, dating and sexual violence.

In order of prevalence, victims identified having the following issues.

- 54% Experience abuse at the hands of a non-Native partner
- 39% Disclosed they or their abusive partner have child dependents
- 12% Native victim-survivors have been strangled by their abusive partner
- 12% Disclosed being stalked
- 11% Disclosed experiencing cultural abuse

- 7% Native victim-survivors say their abuser has access to a firearm

Disparities in Shelters and Provider Services

The truth is that Native peoples have long been ignored and have suffered unimaginable abuse without remedy. The disparities in the number of Native vs. non-Native shelters and service providers demonstrate the shortfall of Native specific resources.

Compared to the 1,544 non-Native shelters across the nation, there are only 56 specifically for Native peoples.

There are 3,643 non-Native service providers across the nation, compared to only 257 that provide services specifically for Native peoples. While Native peoples suffer some of the highest rates of domestic and sexual violence, the lack of Native-centered resources continues to be a major hurdle. At StrongHearts, we know that finding a culturally specific resource can be hard which is why we exist. As a culturally appropriate, confidential service for Native Americans and Alaska Natives, StrongHearts advocates offer emotional support, safety planning, crisis intervention and referrals to Native-centered resources. Call 1-844-762-8483 or for one-on-one chat advocacy visit [strongheartshelpline.org](https://strongheartshelpline.org) 24/7 days a week.

*StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans, available by calling 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the Chat Now icon on [strongheartshelpline.org](https://strongheartshelpline.org). StrongHearts Native Helpline is a collaborative effort of the National Domestic Violence Hotline and the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center.*



STRONGHEARTS  
Native Helpline  
1-844-7NATIVE

BEE HEARD: COMMUNITY • FROM PAGE 4

- efforts.
- Conduct local focus groups to discuss substance use prevention and related issues and develop some basic strategies.
  - Increase media exposure through radio and television public service announcements.

Interested in learning more or helping us reduce substance use on the reservation?

The Southern Ute Native Connections Program will be scheduling community meetings for every month of 2021 to promote substance use prevention and our Southern Ute Prevention Coalition. Please join the coalition if you wish to know more information and to help us brainstorm our strengths, conditions/concerns, and our resources to combat substance use and mental health issues on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. See Upcoming Community Events for

more information below.

Want to help and be a part of the change?

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

**Upcoming Prevention Coalition Meetings:** We are going virtual! For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for more information 970-563-2487.

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

Please contact Precious Collins at 970-563-2487 or

email [prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov) to sign up.

**Upcoming Community Events:** The Southern Ute Prevention Coalition will be meeting on March 11th and 18th (same meeting two different dates) to go over the basics of the coalition and to introduce the framework we’ll be using to develop an action plan to address substance use on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. You can email Precious Collins for meeting registration, [prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov)

- March 11, 1 – 2:30 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 853 8571 3101
- March 18, 5:30 – 7 p.m., Zoom Meeting ID: 828 5776 6262



The Women, Infants and Children (WIC) Program welcomes all parents and caregivers

WIC is open to many incomes including working and non-working families. If you are on the Southern Ute Food Distribution Program, Medicaid, TANF, SNAP or a foster parent of a child under 5 you are automatically income eligible. For info, contact the San Juan Basin Public Health WIC program at 970-335-2018 or go to: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/wic>

**WIC is OPEN ...and easier than ever!**

<p>Participants receive a debit card to purchase healthy foods at area grocery stores.</p>	<p>Due to COVID-19, WIC is holding client appointments over the phone.</p>	<p>Dads, WIC is for you too!</p>
<p>Those experiencing a loss of income may newly qualify.</p>		

**La Plata and San Juan Counties:** 970.335.2026  
**Archuleta County:** 970.264.2409 ext 3002  
[www.coloradowicsignup.com](http://www.coloradowicsignup.com)

[sjbpublichealth.org](http://sjbpublichealth.org) **SAN JUAN BASIN public health**

Human Trafficking Can Happen Anywhere

Victims may be controlled and concealed by traffickers, making it difficult for them to seek help.

Be alert to signs that people may be experiencing trafficking in parks, refuges, tribal lands, or public areas.

Signs may include a person who:

- Displays nervous, anxious, or submissive behavior or apparent sadness
- Seems disorientated or not aware of location and time
- Appears to be monitored by another person when talking or interacting with others
- Does not have control of their money, identification, passport or other personal items

To learn more about indicators of human trafficking, visit [humantraffickinghotline.org](https://humantraffickinghotline.org). To report concerns that you or someone else might be a victim, call, text, or chat the **National Human Trafficking Hotline**.



**NATIONAL HUMAN TRAFFICKING HOTLINE**

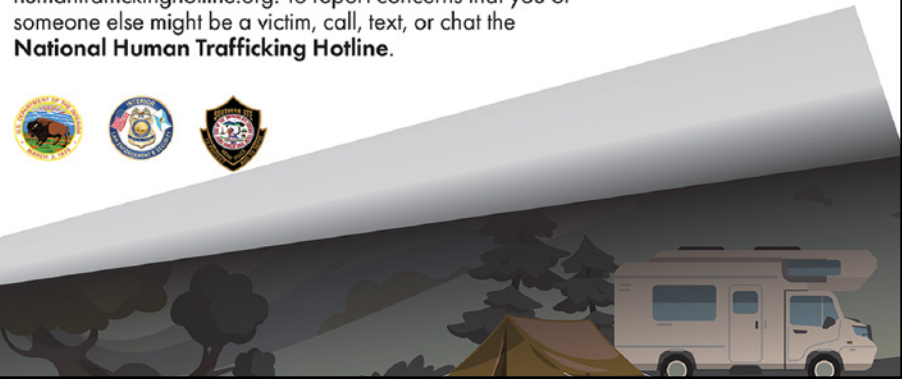
Phone **888-373-7888**  
Free | 24/7 | Confidential

Text **233733**

TTY **711**

[humantraffickinghotline.org](https://humantraffickinghotline.org)

**LOOK BENEATH THE SURFACE**



WONDER

The Ignacio Community Library, in conjunction with the Ignacio School District, the Southern Ute Montessori Academy and Hope Christian Academy have planned a unified, one book read for local students. Using the books “We’re All Wonders” and “Wonder” by R.J. Palacio, we will be hosting book discussions and activities toward the end of March. The students will also have the opportunity to hear Colorado resident Michael Casey discuss growing up with Treacher-Collins Syndrome, kindness, and believing in yourself as part of the reading program. The main theme: look with kindness and you will always see wonders...seems fitting and encouraging after the last year. We hope you will talk with the children in your life about this book and about the fact that they, too, are wonders (as are you)!





## SOUTHWEST COLORADO

### Grant and internship opportunities for nonprofits, High School youth

**Staff report**  
THE COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

The Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado and Business Education Connection (BEC) have designed an intensive paid summer internship program with in-person learning opportunities for 13 local high school students that will benefit selected La Plata County nonprofits. Nonprofits will receive a complete social media campaign for their organization.

Nonprofits selected to participate would host a rising junior or senior high school intern for four weeks, 36 hours a week from June 7 to July 2. In addition to helping at the office, students will be assigned social media tasks. The work environment would need to include engaging onsite opportunities working directly with non-profit staff, in person Tuesday through Friday. There will also be prearranged offsite workshops for the students, with a full day on



Mondays and half days on Wednesdays and Fridays. These workshops will be coordinated with local experts to help create social media products for the selected nonprofits.

In addition to the assigned intern, nonprofits will receive an operational grant, which will be a minimum of \$2,000, upon successful completion of this program. These grant funds are designed for execution of the marketing efforts created by the intern.

“With COVID restrictions last summer, the funders wanted to create a meaningful workplace experience for high school youth,” says Briggen Wrinkle, Community Foundation

executive director. “The ultimate goal is to make this a win-win for the students and the nonprofits.”

For nonprofits to be considered for this grant and internship opportunity, a letter of consideration needs to be submitted to the Community Foundation by March 24. Requirements for the application letter can be found at [swcommunityfoundation.org/intern](http://swcommunityfoundation.org/intern). Submitting a letter of consideration does not guarantee selection.

Rising junior and senior high school students will be able to apply for these paid internships beginning March 29. Interested students can contact Janae Hunderman, work-based learning coordinator for BEC, at [janae@businesseducationconnection.org](mailto:janae@businesseducationconnection.org).

As a community facilitator, the Community Foundation serving Southwest Colorado works to increase efficiency, resiliency, and success for area nonprofits, while maximizing effective grantmaking for philanthropists in our region.

## SUIMA

### From the Eagle’s Nest

*Music, a point of interest and a way to express yourself*

**Staff report**  
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN  
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Music. It can be heard everywhere and there is a style and sound for everyone.

As COVID-19 arrived, many musical venues, concerts and local celebrations had to be postponed or cancelled, along with the music that was going to be enjoyed. Yet, musical artists still created; radio stations still announced; and people still sang.

Looking back over the past year, music has continued to be a point of interest and a way to express our frustrations. Musicians started creating songs and lyrics in their basements. Whole choirs offered their music through virtual platforms, and artists that were unknown, have become hits with the public.

In Nashville there is even a singing doctor! He is quick to point out that music helps heal and can reach people the way medicine can’t. If it weren’t for the pandemic, we may have never known the talents out there.

According to the Rolling Stones magazine, there has been an increase in sales of acoustic guitars. Songs about family and togetherness have become forefront in the musical arena.

Musicians have found ways to collaborate with one another through other avenues and Paul McCartney even wrote a song and played all the instrumentals using computer technology! Dancing, which is tied so strongly with music, has also been creative.

Via virtual means, ballerinas still choreograph dance moves; dance lessons can be done at home; and there are even social groups that have met through the internet.



McKayla Lee/SU Drum archive

Lower Elementary and Primary students dance around the cafeteria during the school dance party in 2019.

In the recent Montessori conference, hundreds of teachers danced together via a virtual platform. Here at SUIMA, during the virtual classroom time, the students are singing and dancing almost every day. Whether it be the baby shark song or a song for handwashing, music carries on.

While COVID-19 has caused problems and a few disruptions, music and dancing are still here. As we have all been in this together, keep a song in your heart and dance, dance, dance!



Aislinn Ryder  
Educational Assistant

but is now an Educational Assistant, working with the 3-6-year-old students.

Before coming to work at SUIMA, Aislinn was in school here in Ignacio. Including her mom and dad, Aislinn has three brothers, along with three pets. In her spare time, she hangs out with her friends and enjoys working on art projects.

The advice that Aislinn would like to pass on to students out there is to “Keep believing in yourself and work hard at anything you want in life.”

Thank you Aislinn for being part of the SUIMA family.

#### STAFF SPOTLIGHT

For this edition of the Eagles Nest, our focus is on SUIMA staff member Aislinn Ryder, who has worked with SUIMA for two years.

In the past, she was an After-School Program aide,

#### Upcoming SUIMA events

- **Spring Break:** March 15-19
- **Parent Advisory Group Family Night:** March 24 – Topic: Ute Bingo
- **Parent Advisory Group meeting:** April 13

## PARENT EDUCATION NETWORK

### One-hour Virtual Meetings



**Contact: Linda K. Baker**  
Southern Ute Tribal Council Member

Office: 970-563-2407 • Mobile: 970-553-0491

Fax: 970-563-0396

Email: [lkbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:lkbaker@southernute-nsn.gov)



**SUIMA Family Nights**

**+ UPCOMING SCHEDULE +**

MARCH 24	+ UTE BINGO
APRIL 21	+ FAMILY TREE
MAY 19	+ TBD

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**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.**

## JOM Tutoring Invitation - Middle School

You're invited to get some help with your schoolwork and homework!

I can help you remotely and in-person (\*by appointment only).

You can reach me many different ways.

School Email and Google Hangout —  
[tarchuleta@ignacioschools.org](mailto:tarchuleta@ignacioschools.org)

You and your parents/guardians can also email me at my work email —  
[tarchuleta@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:tarchuleta@southernute-nsn.gov)

If you are a JOM students and are behind on your work, please contact me so we can get you the help that you need. I will also be reaching out to you through your parent/guardian's emails and student school emails, so just look for that message from me. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

**Miss Tori Archuleta - JOM Tutor**





ENVIRONMENT

# Climate champion Deb Haaland’s Confirmation Hearing

Staff report  
CLIMATE POWER 2020

As a member of the Laguna Pueblo people, Deb Haaland would be the first Indigenous person to serve in the Cabinet. Honoring Tribal sovereignty and advancing climate proposals that justly work in partnership with Tribal governments must be a critical focus for the next Interior secretary after a history of the U.S. government ignoring Indigenous communities’ rights to clean air, water, and sacred lands.

Lori Lodes, executive director of Climate Power, issued the following statement ahead of the second day of Deb Haaland’s confirmation hearing to head the Department of the Interior, “Haaland demonstrated precisely why she will make an excellent Secretary of the Interior. Her passion for our nation’s natural and cultural resources was palpable as she spoke about her commitment to workers, families, farmers, ranchers, and communities across the country, including Tribal communities and communities of color. Haaland



**Deb Haaland**  
U.S. Representative  
New Mexico 1st  
Congressional District

land understands that bold climate action is good for the economy and good for workers, creating millions of good-paying union jobs while protecting our air, lands, and water. Today, as Haaland’s hearing resumes, we can expect her to continue welcoming bipartisan cooperation to address the climate crisis and build a clean energy economy.”

Haaland’s historic nomination has broad support, including from nearly 500 groups representing Indigenous, environmental justice, Western communities, and outdoor businesses.

These groups note that Haaland is “a proven leader and the right person to lead the charge against the existential threats of our time – tackling the climate, extinction and COVID-19 crises and racial justice inequities on our Federal public lands.”

At Interior, Haaland will play a vital role in the fight against COVID-19 and protecting public health by restoring public lands and transitioning to a clean energy economy that will reduce the pollution that exacerbated COVID symptoms, especially for communities of color.

In Congress, Haaland serves as the vice-chair of the House Natural Resources Committee and she led a coalition of Members of Congress to introduce an aggressive land and ocean conservation strategy. Haaland also introduced a bill to expand access to public lands and legislation to build a 100% clean energy future. Along with Sen. Cory Booker, Haaland also introduced a \$100 billion plan to clean up legacy pollution that disproportionately impacts Black, Brown, and Indigenous communities.



Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

Planting lettuce is the perfect cold-weather vegetable to plant in the spring. This bed was planted in the spring season of 2020 and includes mixed lettuce. I was making my own salads as early as May!

GARDENING

## What are cold-weather plants?

By Denee Bex  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Spring is almost upon us and gardening our own vegetables is just around the corner! During the month of March, you may have noticed a change in the weather. The nights are not as frosty, and the days are just a little warmer. I love this time of year because the gardening season feels full of promise and I can start digging around in the dirt.

This month, I am starting a few cold-weather plants to see how they do. Cold-weather plants are plants that usually do a little better in the cold spring and fall, instead of the hot summer. They prefer the cool and moist periods of this time. While they may not survive a hard freeze such as the high teens and low 20’s, they can get through and thrive in temperatures in the 40’s and 50’s. Our area is a little trickier because of our cold nights and hot days during the spring, but with a little love we can make it work.

There are many types of cold weather plants that will provide you with some tasty veggies. The three main cold-weather plants are the root vegetable family, the cruciferous family, and the



Denee Bex/Special to the Drum

This garden bed was planted in the spring of 2019. It includes cold weather veggies such as broccoli, kale and peas. The garden bed was amended with aged manure and compost to help it thrive.


leafy greens. The root vegetables include beets, carrots, radish and turnips. The cruciferous family includes broccoli, cabbage, kale, and kohlrabi. Finally, the leafy greens include vegetables such as spinach and lettuce. Many of these vegetables take about 30 to 60 days from seed to harvest, depending on growing conditions and variety.

Cold weather vegetables also are ok with being planted in partial shade. In fact, during the summer when it’s hot, I like to plant some cool weather vegetables in a shaded area. This way, I’m creating a microclimate for the plant so it will thrive. They do need some sun, about four hours a day, but they are a little more for-

giving if you have them in a shaded part of the garden.

When you are planting cold-weather vegetables, make sure the soil has plenty of organic matter worked into it. Organic matter is any material that was once living, usually plants. Organic matter decomposes and feeds nutrients back into the soil so that your vegetable can take it back up into the roots. This includes aged manure, compost, worm castings, and old leaves. This helps feed the soil and helps your veggies thrive.

Cold weather vegetables offer a wide variety of vegetables you can grow in the early spring. Try it out this spring and you’ll be snacking on fresh produce as early as May or June.



**UMU continues**  
**USDA’s “Farmers to Families” Program**

**Upcoming Fridays**  
**March 12 & 26, 2021**


**Pick-up at Southern Ute Agriculture Division**


The Ute Mountain Ute Tribe is facilitating the distribution of food boxes donated by the USDA Farmers to Families Program to UMU tribal members who reside on the Southern Ute Reservation and all community members.

**UMU Households**  
11 to 1

**SU & Community Households**  
1 to 3

Boxes distributed on a first come, first serve basis per household, not member. Remaining boxes will be available Saturday at ELHI. Questions? Call Southern Ute Ag at (970) 563.2900.



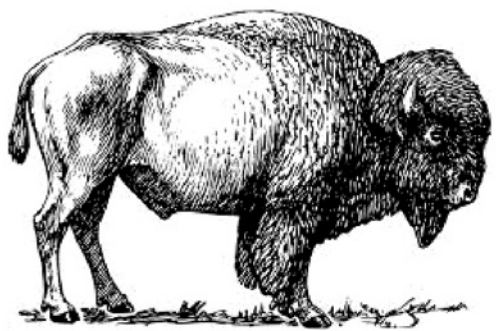


**Due to the “Stay At Home Order” Office hours are limited**  
**Tuesday-Thursday**  
**8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.**  
**By appointment please call 563-0130**


## Bison Meat is Available

Locally grown, grass-fed & USDA processed

Now available at the Wildlife office





**Five pounds of bison meat per SUIT tribal member household, per month.**



### Early Detection Matters.

Get health screening tests and wellness check-ups each year at your local Urban Indian Health facility.

Watch the video and learn more at [ncuih.org/wisdomkeeper](https://ncuih.org/wisdomkeeper)



## 2021 Season Schedule for Lake Capote



**Season Dates: Thursday, March 4 through Sunday, Oct. 31**  
**Days Open: Thursday – Sunday (+ Holiday Mondays)**  
**Baitshop Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

**NOTICE: Due to COVID-19, access to Lake Capote at this time is open only to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and their immediate family.**

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

Also, please note the following:

- Fishing has been restricted to shoreline and docks.
- No boating allowed at this time.
- Camping is permitted.
- The Baitshop is closed to foot traffic, but limited sales are available through the window.



If you have questions, please call the Lake Capote Manager at 970-883-2273 or the Southern Ute Wildlife Division at 970-563-0130. Thank you for understanding.

Photo: Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum



## Casino hosts mobile testing



photos McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Jennifer Cihlar, team member for the CDPHE rapid response unit checks in Charlene Sutherland for her COVID-19 test on Tuesday, March 9, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort. Testing was offered through collaboration with the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Tests were open to enrolled Southern Ute tribal members, Southern Ute tribal staff and all other community members for the duration of the testing event.

Jerry Schafer of the CDPHE rapid response team conducts Aaron Denny's COVID-19 test on Tuesday, March 9, at the Sky Ute Casino Resort.



## TRIBE CONFIRMS CV19 VARIANT • FROM PAGE 1

Southern Ute Indian Tribe's case count.

### Symptoms of the virus include:

- Fever
- Cough
- Shortness of breath
- Fatigue
- Muscle or body aches
- Headache
- New loss of taste or smell
- Sore throat
- Congestions or runny nose
- Nausea or vomiting
- Diarrhea

If you are sick, please self-isolate and seek testing. If your symptoms begin to worsen, please call your primary healthcare provider or the Southern Ute Health Center at 970.563.4581. Do not arrive at your doctor's office without calling to notify them of your symptoms.

Quarantine is more stringent for people who are exposed to a variant. Individuals who are exposed or produce a positive test, should quarantine for 14-days unless instructed to quaran-

tine for a longer duration by a public health or medical professional.

Enrolled Southern Ute tribal members and IHS-eligible individuals can call the Southern Ute Health Center at 970.563.4581 to schedule an appointment to receive a COVID-19 test. Individuals who are not IHS-eligible can find testing locations by visiting the San Juan Basin Public Health department website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/testing/>

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has upcoming vaccination and testing events on the following days:

### April 4 & 5, 2021 Voluntary Drive-thru Viral Testing Event


COVID-19 tests will be optional at the upcoming tribal vaccination events. Those who are not eligible for a tribal vaccination event can find information on local vaccination providers on the SJBPH Vaccination website at: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19/vaccine/>

More information is available on the Southern

Ute Indian Tribe's website and social media, in the Southern Ute Drum, and on the air at KSUT Tribal Radio. Individuals can also call the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's COVID-19 Call Center Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 970-563-0214.

It is important that all individuals within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation follow the safety guidance in place to help slow or stop the spread of the virus. The tribal 'Stay at Home' Order and public health order requiring the use of face coverings remain in effect.


Please continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects in your home. As a reminder, please stay home and only leave for essential activities. When you must leave your home, continue to practice social distancing by staying six feet away from others. Stay connected with your loved ones and our tribal elders.



**Can a COVID-19 vaccine give you COVID-19?**

**NO**

No parts of the vaccine can cause disease in our bodies, but they do give our immune system guidelines to build the tools that fight the virus.



**SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE**

**VOLUNTARY DRIVE-THRU VIRAL TESTING**

**April 5th & 6th**  
**9:00 AM - 4:30 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:

April 5 - Tribal Staff  
April 6 - 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.

## ENERGY

## Bennet, Klobuchar introduce legislation to promote use of wind energy

### Staff report

OFFICE OF SENATOR BENNET

U.S. Senators Michael Bennet (D-Colo.) and Amy Klobuchar (D-Minn.) introduced legislation to modernize and extend the small wind investment tax credit (ITC) to help farmers, ranchers, and small businesses offset the up-front costs of developing and owning small wind turbines that generate electricity. Companion legislation was introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives by U.S. Representative Earl Blumenauer (D-Ore.).

"As small wind technology has grown over the past decade, federal renewable energy tax policy has failed to keep up with its expansion and is stifling further innovation," said Klobuchar. "This legislation will provide stability and certainty for the small, distributed wind market while helping Americans take advantage of clean, renewable, and affordable power."

While small wind turbines allow farmers, ranchers, and other consumers to cut their energy bills and, at times, sell power back into the grid, existing law limits eligibility to projects with a single tur-

bine at or below a 100-kilowatt limit. These limits prevent farmers, ranchers, small businesses, and others from utilizing distributed wind models that provide for alternative deployment models such as subscription-based or shared-ownership programs.

The Rural Wind Energy Modernization and Extension Act would update and expand small wind ITC by:

- Striking the existing 100-kilowatt nameplate limitation for small wind systems and expanding the maximum wind turbine size to 10 megawatts;
- Changing the definition of small wind to "distributed wind energy property" to ensure that innovative small wind models qualify for the credit; and
- Extending the ITC to cover 30 percent of a project's cost until 2028, before phasing-down to a permanent 10 percent, which will ensure that distributed wind technology achieves equity with other renewable energy investment tax credits and is given time to grow and deploy across rural America.

"Colorado is leading the nation's shift to a clean energy economy, with cutting-edge developments in renewable energy technologies like small wind turbines," said Bennet. "The Rural Wind Energy Modernization and Extension Act will drive greater investment in our state and make these turbines more affordable and accessible for rural communities and energy consumers alike. This bill will provide better federal support for innovators in our energy economy and fuel economic growth in rural communities."

"Modernizing the Investment Tax Credit for distributed wind power will help rural communities play a major role in America's clean energy transformation. The Distributed Wind Energy Association thanks Sen. Amy Klobuchar, Sen. Michael Bennet, and Rep. Earl Blumenauer for supporting small businesses, farmers and citizens in rural communities who create jobs and economic growth opportunities through renewable energy," said Mike Bergey, Distributed Wind Energy Association Board President.



did you know?



**Benjamin Franklin was the first to suggest the use of Daylight Savings Time in 1784!**

Source: <https://www.britannica.com/topic/Daylight-Saving-Time>

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

## 2021 Lake Capote season dates, weekly schedule, and operating parameters

### 2021 LAKE CAPOTE SEASON

Opening Day: Thursday, March 4, 2021  
Closing Day: Sunday, Oct. 31, 2021

### LAKE OPERATING HOURS

Days Open: Thursday – Sunday  
(+ Holiday Mondays)  
Baitshop Hours: 8 a.m. – 6 p.m.



**NOTE:** Per the Stay Home Order, which remains in effect, the Lake will be operating under the same general COVID related restrictions that were in place during 2020.

- Closed to general public. Only enrolled Southern ute tribal members and accompanying, immediate family allowed for camping, fishing, and day-use.
- Limited 4-day week – gate is closed Mon., Tue., Wed. (except holiday Mondays).
- Social distancing and face masks required.
- No boating allowed. Fishing from shoreline and docks only.
- Some services/facilities may be limited for safety reasons.

Contact the Lake Capote Manager 970-883-2273 or Wildlife Office 970-563-0130 for more information, or go to the Lake Capote website at [www.lakecapote.com/](http://www.lakecapote.com/)





KSUT TRIBAL RADIO

Native Lens: Strength through storytelling

Premiers Sunday, March 14!

Staff report  
Rocky Mountain PBS

Visit NativeLens.org to watch short films from Native and Indigenous storytellers across North America. You will find information there about the March 14, virtual screening and Q & A celebrating several storytellers with three awesome hosts: Ernest House Jr., Tanaya Winder, and Enrique Jimenez.

KSUT Tribal Radio and Rocky Mountain PBS host a virtual screening to highlight several of the storytellers featured in the crowdsourced Native and Indigenous digital storytelling project, Native Lens. The virtual event is free to all who register.

Guests will gather virtually on Sunday, March 14, at 5 p.m. Mountain Time to watch short films submitted from Native and Indigenous communities across North America, with commentary from three insightful hosts: Ernest House Jr. (former Executive Director of the Colorado Commission of Indian Affairs), Tanaya Winder (poet, speaker, and musician - Pyramid Lake Piaute, Southern Ute, Duckwater Shoshone), and Enrique Jimenez (Digital Producer and Musician - Mixteca Alta).

Guests will also see exclusive behind-the-scenes footage from storytellers on their lives at home, their artistic process, and what they are doing now. Contact Debbie Higgs for more information at 970-960-2803 or by email: debbiehiggs@rmpbs.org | Website: NativeLens.org | Social: IG @Native\_\_Lens

KSUT TRIBAL RADIO

When KSUT signed on for the first time on June



14, 1976, it was one of only eight stations in the country airing tribal programming. The station was founded by the Southern Ute Tribe as a communications service for Southern Ute tribal members.

Programming includes culture, news, Native American and popular music, and live broadcasts of tribal meetings, Ignacio High School sports, and other events. Tribal Radio is an affiliate of Native Voice 1. To this day, KSUT Tribal Radio continues to fulfill this mission and more, expanding the terrestrial signal to reach over 30,000 listeners and Native communities living outside of the Southern Ute reservation including the Navajo and Jicarilla Nations of Northern New Mexico, as well as the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe of Southwest Colorado.

KSUT Tribal Radio was one of the first Native radio stations to broadcast via internet streaming providing a connection home for tribal members living outside the area and exposure to Southern Ute cultural programming to anyone in the world. With the development of the Tribal Media Center, KSUT will continue to be an innovator and leader in Native broadcasting, broadening its circle of influence throughout Native America. KSUT Tribal Radio's sister signal is KSUT Four Corners Public Radio.

A 501c3 organization, both signals operate from the brand new, state-of-the-art Eddie Box Jr. Media Center in Ignacio, Colo.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN PUBLIC MEDIA

Rocky Mountain Public Media (RMPM) is Colorado's largest statewide, member-supported, multimedia organization and the parent company of Rocky Mountain PBS (RMPBS), KUVO JAZZ and THE DROP. Rocky Mountain Public Media has more than 90,000 members representing every county in Colorado and reaches 98 percent of the state through television, radio and digital platforms.

RMPM creates high-quality local and multimedia content through Regional Innovation Centers in Denver, Colorado Springs, Durango, Grand Junction and Pueblo. RMPBS, started in Denver in 1956 as Colorado's first public television station, is now a statewide television network, with stations in Denver (KRMA), Pueblo/Colorado Springs (KTSC), Steamboat Springs (KRMZ), Grand Junction (KRMJ) and Durango (KRMU). KUVO JAZZ broadcasts jazz, blues, and a lineup of locally produced diverse music programs. Launched in 2019, THE DROP 104.7 FM is the People's Station for R&B and Hip Hop.

KSUT PUBLIC RADIO

Important update for 2021 Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass Festival

Staff report  
KSUT PUBLIC RADIO

Dear Festival Family, We know so many of you have been patiently waiting for our team to bring you news of the 2021 festival season. While we understand that we are all so eager to gather again and revel in the magic of live music on Reservoir Hill, we have had to thoroughly consider every aspect of creating an environment that is safe and enjoyable for our entire community.

At this time, we cannot, in good conscience, move forward as initially planned with the Pagosa Folk N' Bluegrass Festival, Jam Camps, and workshops scheduled for June 4-6, 2021. We know that this is heartbreaking news for all of us, but our number one priority remains the health and safety of our festival family and community.

We will be issuing refunds to all of you amazing folks who still have live tickets in our system, which will be processed by March 15. If you are a ticketholder, you do not need to contact us to request a refund, as they will



courtesy KSUT

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be automatically processed. We cannot express how valuable your support is to the future of the festivals, and we welcome any contributions. This link will direct you to our website, should you be interested in making a donation to support our festivals: <https://donate.nprstations.org/ksut/support-ksut-festivals>

We are hard at work behind the scenes re-imagining a hybrid offering of in-person and/or live stream performances for that weekend, and are deferring to state, regional, tribal, and local restrictions and advisements, as well as monitoring vaccine distribution

as we craft an experience for all to enjoy.

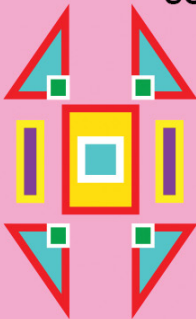
We are still holding out hope that we will be able to proceed with the Four Corners Folk Festival over Labor Day weekend. We also acknowledge that we may all need to embrace a few logistical changes that will make it possible for us to gather and will only proceed if we are able to do so safely.

Please feel free to contact Festival Director, Jill Davis at [festivaldirector@ksut.org](mailto:festivaldirector@ksut.org) with any additional questions. We appreciate your patience as we forge ahead with music in our hearts and the safety of our community in our minds.

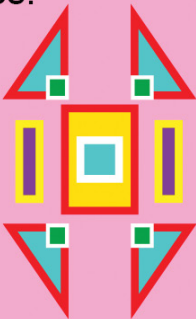
Attention Tribal Members



Cultural Preservation Department is seeking instructors for classes:



Dresses, shirts  
Belts, moccasins  
Shawls



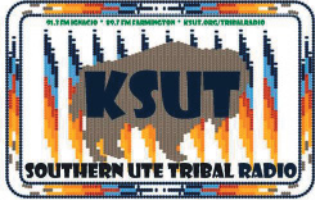
For more information please contact Dedra White Eagle at 970-563-2306

Tune in to KSUT Tribal Radio!

Visit the new KSUT Tribal Radio website at [www.tribalradio.org](http://www.tribalradio.org) and download the Radio Rethink app to your favorite mobile device.

Tune in locally on your radio dial to:

- KSUT Tribal Radio 91.3 FM (Ignacio)
- KUUT 89.7 FM (Farmington/nw N.M.)
- KZNM 100.7 FM (Towaoc)
- Online at [www.TribalRadio.org](http://www.TribalRadio.org)



VALUES

Culture and Language

The school will be guided by Nuchiu culture and language where all students and school community members will strive to understand the developmental and appropriate aspects of the Nuchiu language and culture.

Competency

The school strives to ensure that every student reaches high expectations in every academic area as well as achieving high levels of character, personal health, and community engagement.

Community Connections

Each member of the school community is aware of and builds on their community connections through acts of service, friendships, and mentorships.

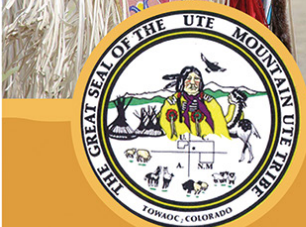
Character and Wellness

Through activities that integrate Nuchiu culture students will learn skills such as respect, responsibility, integrity, generosity, humbleness, and the appreciation of the living world. Gain knowledge in the discipline and fortitude necessary to have a healthy body and positive mindset.



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"Past generations had to block their way of life, their Native way of life, and learn a new way of life and now they (young people) are coming back and asking more about the old ways."

- Betty Howe -  
Ute Mountain Ute Elder



[www.UteKCA.org](http://www.UteKCA.org)

★★★★ Update ★★★★★

We will not be able to hold the Denver March Powwow in March 2021 because:

1. We received notification from the Denver Coliseum that they are not scheduling events for February, March, April and probably May. It is being used as a Homeless Shelter.
2. Colorado is under Orange Level mandates which means for Indoor Seated/Unseated events a maximum of 50 people are allowed.

We are hopeful with the Covid 19 Vaccination Program underway that we can have our event later in the year. As soon as the state mandates are lifted we will be able to solidify plans for 2021.

Ultra Health

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CORONAVIRUS

Jollon recognized for outstanding leadership throughout pandemic

Staff report  
OFFICE OF SENATOR BENNET

Colorado U.S. Senator Michael Bennet congratulated Liane Jollon, the executive director of San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH), on receiving the American Medical Association (AMA) Nathan Davis Award. The annual award recognizes elected and public servants at the local, state, and national level for outstanding government service. Bennet nominated Jollon for the award for her tireless work to support Coloradans through the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) pandemic.

“For over a decade, Liane has driven SJBPH’s mission to serve Coloradans in La Plata and Archuleta counties. Liane’s leadership and scientific integrity throughout the COVID-19 pandemic is a model for thousands of public health leaders throughout Colorado and the country, who have worked under extremely difficult conditions to keep us safe,” said Bennet. “I am proud that the American Medical Association has recognized Liane’s tireless work throughout the pandemic. On behalf of all Coloradans, I’d like to congratulate Liane and thank her for her leadership and service during a time of great need.”

“From the beginning of



Liane Jollon  
Executive Director  
San Juan Basin  
Public Health

the COVID-19 pandemic, Ms. Jollon has worked with leaders in the region and throughout the state to develop and communicate a coordinated public health response,” said AMA Board Chair Russ Kridel, M.D. “The fight against COVID-19 is just the latest challenge Ms. Jollon has taken on during a career devoted to improving public health. I am pleased to present her with our Outstanding Government Service Award.”

Since the beginning of the COVID-19 pandemic, Jollon has been a critical part of the public health response in southwest Colorado. She organized the first testing events in the region and staffed teams to investigate and contain the disease. She has been a calm, informed, and resourceful

leader, advocating not just for SJBPH, but for public health agencies across the state. In all of Jollon’s work, it is clear how deeply she cares and is focused on the health and safety of each and every person in the two counties SJBPH serves and all Coloradans.

Jollon’s approach to the pandemic has proven effective. Throughout much of the past year, the counties she serves have been in the bottom twenty percent in Colorado for cases per capita – despite high tourism and in-person learning. And under her leadership, southwest Colorado has the lowest cumulative infection rate in the state, as well as the highest vaccination rate.

Jollon joined government service late in her career, having spent fifteen years in the non-profit sector, working to bring an array of services to Coloradoans related to health care access, housing, violence prevention, and economic development. In 2010, after earning her nursing degree, Jollon joined SJBPH as a clinic nurse. She was named Executive Director of SJBPH in 2013. In 2019 she was selected as the president of the Colorado Association of Local Public Health Officials (CALPHO) and from that position she has helped lead Colorado’s response to the pandemic.

CORONAVIRUS

SJBPH marks one year of COVID-19 emergency response

Staff report  
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) marks one year of COVID-19 emergency operations on March 2nd by highlighting the response, resilience, and collaboration that have protected the health and safety of our communities.

Like the rest of the world, residents of Archuleta and La Plata counties have suffered during the COVID-19 pandemic. Despite the impacts of the virus, communities in Southwest Colorado remain strong economically, educationally, and epidemiologically.

The southwest region has the lowest cumulative infection rate in the state, according to the Colorado School of Public Health, despite sharing a workforce and health-care providers with northwest New Mexico and the Navajo Nation, which tragically had some of the highest infection rates in the United States. SJBPH kept infection rates low by making testing widely available, performing 100% contact tracing and 100% outbreak investigations, and providing consistent recommendations to businesses and events.

Both counties and the municipalities of Durango and Pagosa Springs have had stronger economic performance and tax receipts than most Colorado counties. Durango had the highest lodging occupancy in the state in summer 2020, and Pagosa Springs and Archuleta County lodging tax saw its highest ever year-over-year increase in 2020.

“While COVID-19 has shaken us to our core and broken the hearts of families and individuals across our nation, in this time of profound loss we have learned to lean on strong collabora-



tions with local partners in every sector of our community,” said SJBPH Executive Director, Liane Jollon. “Together we have demonstrated true resilience in the face of monumental challenges. SJBPH is extremely grateful for everyone’s deep sacrifices and hard work throughout this crisis. Our hearts ache for the lives we’ve lost and the loved ones still ailing, and we know we must keep working together for better days ahead,” Jollon added.

“La Plata County has worked closely with SJBPH over the past year in the emergency response to COVID-19,” said La Plata County Manager, Chuck Stevens. “In particular, the county has supported the emergency response, committing and securing additional state and local resources to bolster our community efforts. We have appreciated the subject matter expertise delivered by SJBPH and their ability to pull together numerous community partners to ensure the health and safety of all community members,” added Stevens.

For the last year SJBPH quickly pivoted to meet changing needs while maintaining vital public health services for the community. SJBPH’s pandemic response includes performing testing, disease investigation and control, mitigation, vaccine distribution and administration, crisis communications, and enacting policy to protect the communi-


ties it serves.

Over 52,224 diagnostic tests were performed in La Plata County, and over 10,036 diagnostic tests were performed in Archuleta County during a one-year period. Through its strong community partnerships, SJBPH is the only Local Public Health Agency (LPHA) in Colorado to stand up a community testing site without support from the state or National Guard. SJBPH continues to coordinate numerous testing options for the community, including community testing sites, serial asymptomatic testing for essential workers and first responders, and targeted testing for underserved populations.

SJBPH has performed over 4,000 individual case investigations and over 71 outbreak investigations. SJBPH has maintained 100% contact tracing throughout the pandemic and continues to investigate outbreaks, including ones not defined as ‘priority’ or reportable to the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE). These actions have been vital to maintaining low transmission in La Plata and Archuleta counties. According to the Colorado School of Public Health, 10.9 percent of Southwest Colorado has been infected to date, the lowest percentage in the state.

Visit SJBPH’s website: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/coronavirus/> for up-to-date information about COVID-19.





## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

All tribal buildings on the tribal campus are

# CLOSED

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

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

**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-YANI COVID-19**  
“Together, we will fight COVID-19”

Designed and Published by Lindsey J. Bink

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 Health Center Hours

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

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

- S.U. HEALTH CENTER (CLINIC):** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Daily.  
Covid-19 Testing: Mon. & Fri., 8 a.m. to 2 p.m.; Tue., Wed., Thur., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.;  
Lab hours: Mon. through Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- PHARMACY:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Only window service will be offered. No Pharmacy access from inside the clinic.
- NURSING VISITS:** 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. daily. Appointment only. NO WALK-INS!
- DENTAL:** Mon., – Fri., 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- OPTOMETRY:** Mon., and Wed. only, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.
- 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.





CORONAVIRUS

Janssen vaccine now available in Colorado

**Staff report**  
COLO. DEPT. OF PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT

Colorado received its first allotment of Janssen’s COVID-19 vaccine last week. The Food and Drug Administration (FDA) granted an Emergency Use Authorization (EUA) for the Janssen vaccine on Feb. 27. The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) anticipates receiving an order of 45,500 Janssen vaccines by Friday, March 5. The state treats all orders as estimates until it receives the doses. The Janssen vaccine will be available to eligible Coloradans at a number of community vaccination sites across the state.

“We are thrilled to be able to distribute a third safe and effective vaccine in the state of Colorado,” said Dr. Eric France, chief medical officer, Colorado Department Public Health Environment. “The authorization of the Janssen vaccine will make it easier for the state to reach its vaccination goals as more people become eligible in the weeks to come. When it’s your turn to get a vaccine – whether it’s Moderna, Pfizer, or Janssen – I hope you choose to get it. With every dose administered, we are all safer and closer to ending this crisis.”

The FDA’s authorization comes after a series of clinical trials showing that the Janssen vaccine is safe and effective. Unlike the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, which each require two doses, the Janssen vaccine requires only one dose. The Pfizer and Moderna vaccines are both mRNA vaccines, while the Janssen vaccine is a modified adenovirus vaccine, which means it uses a different delivery system to train the immune system to fight COVID-19. Modified adenovirus DNA vaccines, like the Janssen vaccine, use a piece of double-stranded DNA to teach your body how to fight COVID-19. mRNA vaccines, like the Pfizer and Moderna vaccines, use single-stranded mRNA. The goal of every vaccine is the same – they just use a different strategy to achieve that goal.

None of the currently authorized vaccines is currently recommended over any other. All three vaccines are safe and work well to prevent moderate to severe COVID-19 disease.

For more information about COVID-19 vaccines, please visit CDPHE’s vaccine webpage. Continue to stay up to date by visiting covid19.colorado.gov.

CORONAVIRUS

A year later, remembering and honoring those we have lost

By Colo. Governor  
Jared Polis



Jared Polis  
Governor  
State of Colorado

My Fellow Coloradans,

One year ago today, we announced the first case of COVID-19 in Colorado, and just eight days later, on March 13, 2020, I shared with Coloradans that our state had experienced its first death from COVID-19. Over the last year, Colorado has lost 5,995 souls to this deadly virus. That’s nearly 6,000 grandmothers and grandfathers, mothers and fathers, sons and daughters. They are our neighbors, our loved ones.

Each of us have felt the impacts of these last 12 months, and we’ve all made sacrifices. Many of us have experienced loss, and it’s not only the loss of a loved one that we grieve. We mourn the loss of a job, or the loss of the daily routines we once relied on. But despite it all, Coloradans never ceased to display the grit, perseverance, and kindness that has carried us through this pandemic and helped us rise to meet the moment time and time again.

I want to express my sincere gratitude to each and every one of you, for all you’ve done over this last year. You’ve all experienced your own hardships. Many of you had to learn how to work remotely while balancing your child’s at-home learning, others went in every day even at risk to themselves. You traded family dinners for phone calls and virtual game nights. You adapted to the new way of life that this pandemic forced upon us. And all while continuing to provide the essential services that our fellow Coloradans rely on. I applaud you.

One year into this pandemic, many are wondering, ‘when will this end?’ We can all see that light at the end of the tunnel - but we’re not there quite yet. And as we work to reach that finish line, every Coloradan has the power to slow the spread of this deadly disease and help protect themselves and their loved ones. And we can’t stop now. We have to continue doing everything in our power to protect each other and save lives until we can get the vaccine to every Coloradan who wants one.

We continue making great progress in vaccine distribution, having recently reached our goal of vaccination 70% of all Coloradans 70 and older. And we continue racing to get the vaccine to those who continue to be most at risk. There are currently 965,945 Coloradans immunized with one vaccine dose and 521,567 Coloradans vaccinated with two doses.

This past year has been hard on us all. But Coloradans are resilient. We’ve proven time and time again that we don’t back down when things get tough. In the weeks and months to come, we all have a role to play in keeping ourselves and each other safe. So please, do it for those we have lost, do it for each other. Continue wearing a mask in public, maintaining at least six feet of physical distance from others, limiting contact with anyone outside your household, washing your hands often, and staying home when you are sick.

Everyday we take another step closer to the end of this pandemic. Together, we can get through this.

# SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

## COVID-19 Call Center

Hours of Operation  
Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.  
**970.563.0214**

PRACTICE SOCIAL DISTANCING

STAY HOME

STAY IN TOUCH

PRACTICE GOOD HYGIENE

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

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# SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

(As of March 10, 2021)

## COVID- 19 UPDATE

Southern Ute Health Center Cases	SUHC Vaccination Update
175 Positives	Upcoming 1st Dose Clinics & Availability
145 Recovered	3/12 (Moderna) 46
7558 Total Tests	3/15 (Johnson & Johnson) 43
	3/19 (Moderna) 49

Eligibility Includes: Southern Ute tribal members, IHS-beneficiaries residing in SUHC service area, members of both households, tribal staff & insured dependents.

Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

**TAWI NUUCHU NA-GUKWI-YANI COVID-19** "TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID- 19"

# When parents get support, families get stronger.

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**970.335.2041**

# SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

## Effective Public Health Orders

### Stay at Home Order

### YOU CAN:

Care for Family & Pets

Buy groceries or supplies for your home.

Obtain medical supplies

Engage in banking

Go to work or get things from work

Exercise and engage in non-group activities

Get or buy educational supplies

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.**

Designed & Published by Lindsay J. Box

### Don't forget! We offer monthly Take-and-make Kits!

Each kit has a craft project for all ages and includes most of the supplies. (any tools requires are listed on the front of the kit.) You can pick up yours in the entry area of the Ignacio Community Library or if you call 970-562-9287 you can have the materials delivered. March's kit includes: Blue Bird Houses & Feeders





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ters, and always going hard – extra hard – in practice.”

Frighteningly consistent, Ignacio (12-2 overall) out-scored Dove Creek 39-14 after intermission, helped by four Brady McCaw threes, and Telluride 39-15 with three Finn bombs fueling a postseason-promising 25-point final frame.

“They came out just hitting everything; the ball just kept bouncing their way,” said McCaw, who booked 14 points against DCHS and 16 against THS. “But luckily in the second half we were able to get more bodies on people, get rebounds so there were not as many second-chance shots – and we started getting more second-chance opportunities.”

“We kind of just calmed down, stopped being so nervous,” he noted. “And we just focused on making our shots and moving the ball around, playing good defense. Trying not to get too excited – I think that was the major change.”

IHS’ young reserves, however, couldn’t wait to close each game out – particularly in Telluride, where Jace Carmenoros, who’d cashed six treys during JV action Feb. 23 at Dolores, logged Ignacio’s last long-distance make, and Zane Olguin managed an unexpected blocked shot to convincingly bury the Miners (2-10, 2-9 San Juan Basin, 1-7 2A SJBL).

“I think they were excited to get in there one last time,” said Valdez. “I think they know this is the last opportunity they’re going to get ... the rest of the year; the rest of it’s going to be for those starters – those seniors especially – down the stretch. Win or lose we’re going to be going with who we got here with.”

Incendiary early on and featuring a slick turnaround jumper when posted up against shorter guards, junior Gabe Tucson racked up 18 points against THS, and also registered 11 against Dove Creek.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Gabe Tucson shoots over Dove Creek’s Kendall Gardner (31) during SJBL road action Thursday, March 4. Tucson scored 11 points in the Bobcats’ 64-44 victory.

“I just kept my composure,” he said. “I was confident about the games, but wasn’t overconfident; I just knew I had to step up, help the team somehow. And that’s what I did.”

Often a fearful runaway train when in transition, senior forward/center Dylan Labarthe reached double digits at DCHS and totaled 19 points in the conquests, while Garcia’s combined count hit 13 – including a happy-birthday eight in the defeat of Dove Creek, believed to be IHS’ 250th overall varsity triumph (against 59 losses) since joining the SJBL for the 2008-09 season.

“For the seniors, I’m glad they got a win in their last league game – and hopefully that helps us earn another home game, but we’ll see how the rankings go, you know?” said Valdez, alluding to CHSAA’s approaching bracket announcement. “We’re going to focus ... now and look forward, not back.”

Senior guard Jack Court-

er paced Telluride with 12 points and senior center/forward Hayden Tealdi – the ‘big guy’ Valdez had mentioned – battled for nine, but only one after half-time. DCHS’ jump-hooking big Hayden Gray, the Bulldogs’ lone senior, scored 16 points (12 in the first quarter) against Ignacio and sophomore guard Kade Hankins posted 15.

UPDATE: On Monday, March 8, the Association’s 2021 Class 2A State Tournament bracket reveal showed the Bobcats as receiving the No. 10 seed and an initial Round-of-24 home game Tuesday, March 9, versus No. 23 Crested Butte (8-4, 4-2 Southern Peaks). Results from the 7 p.m. clash were unavailable at press time.

Included in Quadrant III, the victor would advance to the ‘Sweet 16’ stage to test 7-seed and first-round ‘bye’ recipient Sanford (9-4, 5-1 SPL) – coincidentally Ignacio’s very first opponent this season – on Thursday, March 11.



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Ignacio’s Harmony Reynolds (34) tries stretching as far as she can to vie for a rebound against Dove Creek’s Rylee Hickman (20) during SJBL road action Thursday, March 4. Reynolds scored nine points offensively, but the Lady ‘Cats fell short, 51-48.

BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady ‘Cats mangle Telluride, 56-18 in the Miner Dome

Ignacio hoping for home State game

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Hoping to snap out of a rare funk, laughter may have been the Lady Bobcats’ best medicine.

And Saturday afternoon, March 6, freshman Maci Barnes generated a much-needed dose.

Enthusiastic as could be over receiving more varsity minutes coming off the bench, but even more so about intercepting an opposing pass in the paint, her humorous wrong-way basket (after she’d already netted one in IHS’ favor) during Ignacio’s final regular-season quarter ensured the team would begin the wait for Class 2A State Tournament bracket placement with smiles on their faces.

“This was the sort of game the girls needed,” head coach Justa Whitt said, following a 56-18 rout of Telluride coming on the heels of a home loss to non-league Cedaredge (49-43), then 2A/1A San Juan Basin League losses to Mancos (38-32) – on Senior Night, no less – and at Dove Creek (51-48). “They needed to have a little fun.”

“We’re trying not to hang our heads,” said senior Charlize Valdez after scoring a team-high 17 points at DCHS. “I mean, no one likes to lose; it’s a tough thing ... coming off a winning streak and then you go on a losing streak. We’ve just got to regroup and get ready for Saturday.”

Having hung tough with the unbeaten Lady Bulldogs until the final 9.2 seconds, when sophomore Laci Brunson fouled out – allowing DC senior star Grace Hatfield (19 points)



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio posts Solymar Cosio (44) and Shelcie Gosney (30) share a laugh while warming up coming out of halftime during SJBL road action Saturday, March 6, at Telluride. The Lady ‘Cats, getting six points between the pair, had little difficulty in defeating the Lady Miners 56-18.

to sink a clinching free throw – it didn’t take Ignacio long to fire up inside THS’ MinerDome.

Getting nine first-quarter points from senior Jayden Brunson (held by Dove Creek to seven before fouling out with 1:25 left in regulation) and six from junior Avaleena Nanaeto, the Lady ‘Cats (9-4, 6-2 SJBL, 5-1 2A SJBL) went into the second stanza up 15-2 and eventually into halftime ahead 35-6 after the younger Brunson went off for 10 points in the quarter.

She would total 13 points, trailing only sister Jayden’s 18 for the game high. Valdez scored eight, while Nanaeto was more or less content with her half-dozen as nine individuals chipped in at least two points (including Barnes, with three) apiece.

One of five active and six total seniors playing their final game in Telluride togs, center Morgan Watkinson led the Lady Miners (1-12, 0-10, 0-6) with 10 points, while classmates Kyra Levan and Melena Krownapple each booked three.

With neither Ignacio nor Dove Creek having led each other by more than five points, IHS got 10 points from senior center Shelcie Gosney in the tight defeat, and reserve Harmony Reynolds contributed a vital nine in helping Gosney and others operate against DCHS’ frontcourt size. 5’10” freshman Kalie Gatlin proved particularly problematic, going off for two three-pointers and 12 total first-quarter points, en route to totaling 14, while senior guard Kobie Beanland registered five points.

Behind 18-15 after eight minutes but ahead 26-24 through 16, Ignacio went into the fourth quarter trailing 39-38 but would pull even – for the last time, as it turned out – at 44-44 via a Valdez trey with 4:12 remaining.

“Our game ... against Mancos really lit a fire under us; we wanted to come out and play as hard as we could,” Valdez said. “Personally, I felt like I was playing my hardest. I did get tired, you

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BOBCATS WRESTLING

IHS grapplers done at Meeker regional

Young ‘Cats 14th out of 17 squads

By Joel Priest  
SPECIAL OF THE DRUM

Pit against a man on a mission, eager junior Jeremy Roderick had possibly the most difficult opening draw of any Bobcat competing at the Class 2A-Region I Championships, March 5-6 in Meeker.

Victim of a first-round upset at last year’s State Championships inside Denver’s Pepsi Center, Cedaredge senior Derek Sanchez made virtually no mistakes in pinning Ignacio’s emerging talent in just 31 seconds of heavyweight division action – beginning his run to the tourney title and, ultimately, a long-coveted State return.

Roderick wasn’t about to bow out quietly, however. Paired with San Juan Basin League rival Joe Summers of Dolores in the first consolation round, Roderick outlasted Summers 3-2 to keep alive a chance at third place. Unfortunately, said chance disappeared in the consolation semifinals

when Rangely junior Byron MacKay pinned him in an elapsed 4:48 under quickened 1-2-2 regulation timing used in consolation bouts and wrestlebacks (the normal 2-2-2 applied to championship-bracket bouts).

MacKay would then capture third, needing about half as long to stick Lyons senior Garrett Roberts.

Roderick would finish his breakout campaign with a 13-4 record; Sanchez, by comparison, improved to 17-2 after defeating Hotchkiss’ Christian Matus – also State-bound, with only the top two in each weight earning the honor – for first place.

At 106 pounds, IHS freshman Cayle McCoy (4-12) went 0-2, eliminated by Norwood sophomore Aiden Walton by pin in 0:21 – McCoy’s second such loss in fewer than 30 ticks. Devante Montoya (5-12) lost immediately to MHS’ Ty Goedert at 113 by pin in 57 seconds, then after receiving a bye into the consolation semis, fell 10-6 to HHS senior Anthony Scanlon.

At 152, John Riepel’s first prep wrestling season ended with a loss to Hayden senior Wyatt Murphy by pin in 1:03, leaving him with a 5-10 mark, while at 160 freshman Kaleb Welker (4-8) lost by pin in 0:16 to Mancos junior Chase Moore.

Closest to grabbing a ticket to State was sophomore Keaton McCoy, who placed third at 138 despite winning four of five matches, beginning with a pin 14 seconds into the second period against Olathe junior Trenton Fletcher.

In the quarterfinals, he then stuck Meeker sophomore Kaden Franklin at the second-period buzzer to reach the semis, where he unluckily lost against Mancos senior Ty Everett via pin 1:03 into the second.

Having clinched his State spot, Everett (17-2) would finish in second place after losing 6-0 to unbeaten Hayden junior Dylan Zimmerman (18-0). McCoy, meanwhile, battled back in

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Youth Spring Soccer  
Register Online @ www.ourbayfieldparks.org

Registration Deadline: March 13  
League Game Dates: April 17 – May 15  
Practices: Will begin the week of April 12

- **FUN TEAM SOCCER (AGES 4-5):** Tuesday nights from 5:45 – 6:45 p.m. at Eagle Park, Bayfield, CO. Fun Team Soccer is a high-energy program introducing children to fundamental soccer principles, such as using your feet and dribbling a soccer ball. Through fun games and positive reinforcement, children will begin to experience the joy of playing soccer and being active. There are no games at this level and practices are once a week for 5 weeks.
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- **KIDS EASTER SCAVENGER HUNT:** Follow the bunny trail on the first ever Bayfield Parks and Rec Easter Egg Scavenger Hunt. Giant eggs will be hidden in business windows on Mill Street and in Joe Stephenson Park and Eagle Park. Participants will have between March 31 – April 7 to locate the giant eggs and complete a word search that can be turned into Town Hall for an entry into a drawing to win prizes at www.ourbayfieldparks.org





## EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

### THANK YOU NUUCHE,

I would like to thank all the Sun Dancers that kept the Sun Dance ceremony going during the COVID-19 deadly virus pandemic. Your belief in the Sun Dance spiritual ceremony is very important. When you first began your journey as a Sun Dancer, you committed yourself to the creator to heal and pray for not only your family, but for all our relations. Thank you for your prayers. I would also like to thank the Sun Dancers that couldn't attend, thank you for your support and prayers.

I also would like to thank the drummers that also attended, the drumming and the songs is the heart of the spiritual ceremony. The spirit of the human being gets strong as they listen to the drum and Sun Dance songs, while meditating and praying for positive healing for everyone to receive.

I also would like to thank the people for their prayers that attended, and families that put their shade houses up on the grounds. I also would like to thank all the volunteers: Fire keepers, water carriers, council members and executive officer that helped out at the entrance, volunteers that did the feast. Tribal staff that help put up the Sun Dance lodge. I also like to thank the people for the prayers who couldn't make the Sun Dance.

I am very thankful for my family that supported me, my wife Etta, my daughter Deanna, my son Brian and Aaron and my brothers and sisters.

Blessing to all of you, May Grandfather be with you all.

*Byron Frost  
Sun Dance Chief*

### LET US PRAY TO ST JOSEPH

In our Catholic ways and traditions, each day of the week is dedicated to a particular focal point for reflection: **SUNDAYS** are dedicated to the Remembrance of Christ's

Resurrection from the death; **MONDAYS** to the Holy Spirit and the Souls in Purgatory; **TUESDAYS** are dedicated to the Holy Angels; **THURSDAYS** are devoted to the Blessed Sacrament and prayers for vocations to the priesthood; **FRIDAYS** are dedicated to Christ's Passion and His Most Sacred Heart praying for the sanctification of priests; while **SATURDAYS** are devoted to our Blessed Mother, Mary, because it was a Holy Saturday that she patiently awaited her Son's Resurrection.

*"Father! What about Wednesdays? ..." I almost forgot...* **WEDNESDAYS** are dedicated to St. Joseph, the Foster Father of Jesus. This means that Wednesday is the perfect day to reflect and be grateful for the gift of Fatherhood, both spiritual and biological.

In the same way, every month of the liturgical calendar (that is the calendar we use to run our Catholic Ceremonies), emphasizes a particular devotion. March in fact is dedicated to St. Joseph, the Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary, with his solemnity being celebrated on March 19.

In this spirit of tradition, I invite you to pay closer attention to the life and example of St. Joseph. As Catholic men, we are called to be good fathers and good husbands, and spiritual leaders of our community.

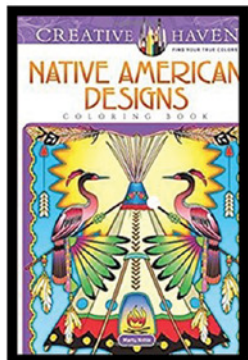
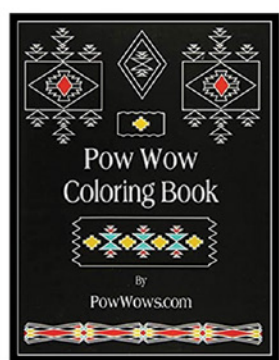
This month of March, on this year dedicated to St. Joseph, I invite you to join me in the contemplation of his life. To ask for his intercession and seek the grace to imitate him in his love for Mary and her son Jesus. So, that we may become the men we are called to be as disciples of the Lord. Join us for the Solemnity of St. Joseph on Friday, March 19, at St Ignatius Parish at 8:30 am and Sacred Heart Parish in Durango at 12 p.m.

*Father Cesar M. Arras, CR  
St. Ignatius of Loyola Parish*

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### Available to Tribal Member Elders

Call the MPF to request a Book at 970-563-2641

or e-mail [eredd@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:eredd@southernute-nsn.gov)

Books will be mailed or delivered by Elder Services

Available March 5, 2021

## Multi-Purpose Facility March Craft Project



**There is a limited supply of kits to distribute.**

**If you have received a kit  
in the past and haven't sent  
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Mar. 26**

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Mar. 22**

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## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE UTILITIES

### Important information our customers are going to need to know about the online payment system

**Switch from Internet Explorer before March 31 for a better E-Bill Express experience.**

**Important message:** Beginning March 31, 2021, our third-party vendor for the E-Bill Express service, Transactis, will no longer support the Internet Explorer (IE) browser. As a result, if you are currently using IE, you may experience issues when attempting to use E-Bill Express. We're encouraging all IE users to switch to a fully compatible browser today for a better experience going forward.

**What you need to know:** If you continue to use IE, you may have limited access or an interruption to service unless you move to a compatible browser before March 31.

**What you need to do:** Switch to a fully compatible browser today. There is no need to wait. Switching browsers now will help you to avoid a disruption in access to E-Bill Express features and functionality later.

Transactis recommends that current

IE browser users switch to one of the following supported browsers:

- Chrome
- Edge
- Firefox (Windows only)
- Safari (Mac only)

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**Questions?** If you have questions about the change or the E-Bill Express service in general, please contact the E-Bill Express Production Support team at [ebillxpress@wellsfargo.com](mailto:ebillxpress@wellsfargo.com) or 1-877-562-3840, Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Eastern time.

Thank you. We appreciate your business.

Sincerely,  
Kellie Thomas  
Global Product Manager  
Treasury Management

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

### ETHICS COMMISSION VACANCY

Open until filled – The Ethics Office is accepting letter of interest from tribal members to fill a **ONE-TIME** Member-at-Large, to fulfill one special case. Qualifications are: Be a member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe at least 18 years of age or older; Have a reputation for fairness and impartiality; Have a familiarity with tribal government; Satisfactory completion of a background investigation for criminal history showing no convictions or guilty pleas for felonies or any misdemeanor involving dishonesty. Please submit letters of interest to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737-MS#10, Ignacio, CO, or in person at the Justice and Regulatory Administration Building, 71 Mike Frost Way. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Tribal Council for their consideration.

### BOYS & GIRLS CLUB BOARD

Open until filled – The Boys & Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is seeking a volunteer Board Member positions. A majority of the committee shall be tribal members. The Board of Directors is responsible for knowing and effectively articulating the mission, vision, core values, goals, policies, and program areas of the Club. Members of the Board must attend meetings regularly and attend applicable committee meetings on a regular basis; also attend a minimum of one priority event and one Club event annually. Members must maintain confidentiality of sensitive information and conduct oneself as a model for children in a manner that exemplifies high character. Interested parties must pick up an application available on the [www.bgcusu.org](http://www.bgcusu.org) website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or [bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:bleclair@southernute-nsn.gov). Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

### CREDIT COMMITTEE

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](mailto:dlarsen@southernute-nsn).

gov. If you have any questions, please speak with Daniel Larsen, Tribal Credit Division Head, at 970-563-2458.

### ELECTION BOARD

Closing 4/23/21 – The Southern Ute Election Board is seeking one (1) Regular Board Member AND one (1) Alternate Board Member. 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](mailto:electionboard@southernute-nsn.gov)

### GAMING COMMISSION

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.

### JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE

Open until filled – 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. Email: [esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov](mailto:esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov). Requirements: Two-year term; Meet once a month as a committee; You must have a student(s) attending Ignacio and/or Bayfield School District K-12 (enrolled with JOM program); Write a letter of interest on why you would like to be a part of the committee; and What changes do you want to see in order to help our JOM students?

## SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Notice Of Draft Title V Operating Permit and Request For Comment

Notice is hereby given that a significant Title V permit revision application and a Title V renewal application have been submitted to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Environmental Programs Division's Air Quality Program, P.O. Box 737 MS#84, Ignacio, Colorado 81137, for the following sources of air pollution:

#### Applicant: Harvest Four Corners, LLC

Facility: Ignacio Gas Plant  
Section 36, T34N R9W, 8.5 miles west of Ignacio, Colorado

#### SIGNIFICANT PERMIT REVISION

##### Applicant: Red Cedar Gathering Company

Facility: South Ignacio Compressor Station  
Section 32, T33N R7W, 4 miles south of Ignacio, Colorado

#### Permit Renewal

The Air Quality Program (AQP) has prepared the draft Title V operating permits based on the information submitted by the applicants. The

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

## SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL COURT Court Hearings now on Zoom

Tribal Court is pleased to announce that we have moved from Webex to Zoom for court hearings, a more user-friendly platform! Below you will find the weblinks to each judges' courtroom. Please consider saving them to your desktop for future hearings; the same links will be used each time.


#### JUDGE WHISTLER

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16193457773>. To join by telephone, dial: 1-669-254-5252 or 1-646-828-7666 or 833-568-8864 (Toll Free) **Meeting ID: 161 9345 7773**

#### JUDGE MOORE

<https://www.zoomgov.com/j/16188540595>. To join by telephone, dial: 1-669-254-5252 or 1-646-828-7666 or 833-568-8864 (Toll Free) **Meeting ID: 161 8854 0595**

Once you have entered the meeting you will be placed in a "waiting room" where you will remain until the clerk begins the hearing and invites you in. Please be patient and allow a moment for this entry. If there are any changes, interested parties will be notified of the changes by the Court.



## Finance Department

## DROP-BOX

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

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

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

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

## FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

Requests received after the published cut off will be processed the following week.  
\*\*Unless listed the cutoff for a Friday Minors distribution is 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

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|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| • Distribution Friday, April 30:    | NOON, Friday, April 23, 2021  |
| • Distribution Thursday, May 27:    | NOON, Monday, May 24, 2021    |
| • Distribution Friday, July 30:     | NOON, Friday, July 23, 2021   |
| • Distribution, Friday, Oct. 29:    | NOON, Monday, Oct. 25, 2021   |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 10: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 5, 2021    |
| • Distribution, Wednesday, Nov. 24: | NOON, Friday, Nov. 19, 2021   |
| • Distribution, Thursday Dec. 9:    | NOON, Monday, Dec. 6, 2021    |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 20:  | NOON, Friday, Dec. 17, 2021   |
| • Distribution, Thursday, Dec. 27:  | NOON, Thursday, Dec. 23, 2021 |

## 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>



## 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,**  
**Case No.: 2019-0180-CV-PR**  
**Crystal Watts Lucero Hanson, Deceased**

Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **March 23, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons

interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 12th of February, 2021  
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

#### NOTICE OF HEARING

**Case No: 2020-0133-CV-DV**  
**Mercedes Thompson vs.**  
**Kyle Thomas Thompson**

The above mentioned parties are hereby notified that the above-entitled matter has been scheduled for DIVORCE before the above named Court on **March 30, 2021 at 4:00 PM**.

Paula Trujillo, Southern Ute Tribal Court  
February 19, 2021





### TERO – Job announcements

Application/Information at 970-563-2294  
71 Mike Frost Way (by appointment), Ignacio, CO 81137 • Email: lsanchez@southernute-nsn.gov

#### TERO is in search of the following construction jobs:

- Heavy Equipment Operators
- CDL Drivers
- Concrete Laborers
- Construction Laborers
- Certified Flaggers (TERO can assist with certification for those that meet TERO Preference)

We will also accept resumes or applications for any other construction fields on future projects. All postings open until filled.

### 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, wear a mask, temperature will be taken upon entry.

### Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

Attention: We prefer all applications by email [Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org](mailto:Carla.Cuthair@utemountain.org) or [ceyeto@utemountain.org](mailto:ceyeto@utemountain.org) or fax to 970-564-5528. Thank you.

#### Job Openings as of March 1, 2021

- Recreation Center, Weight Room Attendant/Main. – Closes 3/19/21
- Brunot Wildlife, Ranger – Closes 3/19/21
- Natural Resource, Office Manager – Closes 3/19/21
- Child Development Center, Part-time Assistant Cook – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Counseling and Treatment, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Finance, Accountant (2) – Open Until Filled
- Judicial Services, Bailiff – Open Until Filled
- Mineral Audit, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, WM Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Firefighter/Paramedic – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Relief Propane Driver – Open Until Filled
- Public Works, Propane Driver – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes Prevention, Registered Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes Program/White Mesa, CNA/Health Technician – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Preservation Case Worker – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Case Worker I – Open Until Filled
- WM-Recreation, Part-time Director's Assistant – Open Until Filled

### Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

#### ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

#### Air Quality Compliance Technical Manager

Closes 3/17/21 – Under general Air Quality Program Manager supervision, manages the technical and regulatory tasks of the air permitting section, directs Air Quality Planning and Minor Source Program development of the Reservation Air Program. Pay grade 23; \$69,597/year.

#### Construction Project Manager

Closes 3/19/21 – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. After a period of no more than 2 years, this employee will train and mentor a Tribal member as a Project Manager "Trainee" or Apprentice type position. Pay grade 22; \$61,872/year.

#### Natural Resources Director

Closes 3/12/21 – A professional management position with overall responsibility for the analysis, formulation, planning, implementation and management of a variety of tribally managed natural resource programs and activities. Provides leadership, direction, guidance, and general supervision to divisions within the Department ensuring compliance with approved plans, policies and procedures, applicable federal, state, and tribal laws and regulations and delivery of services to Tribal Members.

#### Permits & Rights-of-Way Coordinator

Closes 3/22/21 – Negotiations/management of rights-of-way for ingress/egress and utilities and business leases with the Tribe and outside entities or persons. Manages Crossing Permits for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Department of Natural Resources. Pay grade 20; \$23.51/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. Position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Pay grade 19; \$21.32/hour.

#### Caseworker II

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

#### 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.

#### Coordinator of Ute Curriculum (Southern Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – Design and development of the Ute curriculum taught to students and staff at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), including students at the local school district, and the community. Working with the Ute Language Teachers, and parents on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials to assist in learning and retaining the Ute language and culture. Assists all students in reaching the goals and objectives of SUIMA and the Education Dept. Incorporating the Ute history, culture and folklore into the language instruction. Position paid on the Education Scale.

#### 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.

#### Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. 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. Position is both Tribal funded and grant funded. Full-time status is contingent on grant funding. Pay grade 20; \$48,898/year.

#### Language & Culture Educator (Part-time) (So., Ute Mtn., No. Ute members only)

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

#### Patrol Officer

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

#### Physical 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.

#### Plumber

Open Until Filled – Installation, repair and maintenance of mechanical and plumbing equipment to include gas, water and sewer, piping 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.

#### Senior 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 18; \$18.96/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 (Southern Ute tribal member only)

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

#### TERO Worker

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

#### Tribal Water Attorney

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

### Summer internship opportunity at AASTEC

AASTEC is seeking eligible AI/AN undergraduate and graduate student applicants for a paid internship during the summer of 2021. These internships will conducted remotely and the internship period is anticipated to run from mid-May through mid-August (between 20-35 hrs/week) with flexibility on start and end dates as needed.

.0AI/AN students enrolled in a public health, health education, or another allied field degree program at any accredited university nationwide are invited to learn more about the internship program and apply online by 5 p.m., on Monday, April 5 here: <https://sites.google.com/view/aastecinternship>. If you have a student interested in completing a practicum/capstone, or fulfilling a field experience course requirement with AASTEC, please have them reach out to me directly: [adixit@aaihb.org](mailto:adixit@aaihb.org). First-time applicants will need to submit a letter of recommendation, a current CV/resume, and up-to-date transcripts. Undergraduate applicants must have completed a full year of college coursework before they can be considered for an internship position.



## CONSTRUCTION SKILLS TRAINING

#### Training Dates:

**March 22<sup>nd</sup> – April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2021**

**Monday-Friday**

**9:00 am – 3:00 pm**

Limited Space – 12 participants Maximum

**Location: PCC-Bayfield Site**  
**110 East South Street**  
**Bayfield, CO 81122**

**For registration form and additional information, contact:**  
**Bethany Powell**

Pueblo Community College – Southwest  
Email: [Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu](mailto:Bethany.Powell@pueblocc.edu)  
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# Become a CNA

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

**Program begins May 24**

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





## FLY FISHING

# A place to call your own

By Don Oliver  
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

The pandemic, plus the San Juan River and Southern Ute Reservation closures, and lots of snow, may have inspired you to start tying your own flies. I know the local fly shops, and probably the non-fisher you share a habitat with, are very happy about this. After all, you can only watch a limited amount of Fox and CNN News before you, and anyone you're close to, goes absolutely bonkers.

To get started you most likely purchased some type of beginner tying kit. These kits usually contain a vise, a few spools of thread, a dozen hooks, some tools, hackle and feathers. Just enough stuff to set up on a small out-of-the way table in the den, that no one will really notice. You can also keep all these things neat and orderly. This soon ends.

As you get more into tying you discover the large amount of space dedicated to tying in your favorite fly shop. You also have now, most likely, subscribed to some publication dedicated to tying flies. There is an endless amount of materials and tools to help you become a dedicated tier. Welcome to my world. As all your new purchases needed to support your new habit begin to expand exponentially, a small voice whispers in your ear, "Clean up this mess or I'll do it for you, and you won't like the end result." It is now time to find a place that allows you to spread lots of stuff out,



*Just enough stuff to set up on a small out-of-the way table in the den, that no one will really notice. You can also keep all these things neat and orderly. This soon ends.*

and tie flies in peace and solitude. It's time to have a place to call your own.

You will need a location large enough for a tying bench, shelves and cabinets where you can keep all your new purchases neat and orderly, extra ventilation for cigar smoke, a non-carpeted floor that cigar ash won't bother, T.V., and an extra chair for a tying buddy, or to just sit and watch T.V. shows about tying flies. All of this fits nicely into a prefab tool shed, or a room added to your home. If you

buy a prefab tool shed remember to add a couple of windows and a good heater. A screen door is also nice for the summer.

Most of my friends and I would have a hard time justifying that type of expense for a hobby. So, now you are relegated to finding an unused location in the house. The first place I would look is a study or library where studying and reading no longer occurs. Both of those sounded good when the house was built, but in actuality don't receive that much use anymore. That space probably already has shelves built-in that will hold all your tying paraphernalia.

Next, I'd look at that small guest room that hasn't seen a guest in a really long time. Even if that location has been converted to a project room, your new tying habit ranks right up there as an ongoing project. Still no luck? How about a really large walk-in closet that is filled with all sorts of holiday decorations. If you have a closet similar to this you will have to empty it in secret and put a lock on the door to which only you have the key. What you don't want to happen is to get tricked into a corner in the garage. It will be cold, and the light is really bad.

Regardless of where your tying room ends up, make it a happy place, a place that allows you be creative. Those creations you can use to fool fish when we're all allowed to go outside and fly fish with other people again.

## LADY CATS MANGLE TELLURIDE • FROM PAGE 12

know; we play with a solid six players rotating, so we were all tired. And I think what hurt us most was fouls ... and we've just got to work on that; I think, again, it's from tiredness."

"But as a team we just have to push through it."

UNLUCKY: The only one of Telluride's seniors not suited up, Margaux Lovely had a perfectly good and visible reason. Benched much of last season by a right ACL injury, she grinned while explaining her braced left knee ... and its now-damaged ACL, likely to also claim her imminent soccer season.

"Same team, and almost the same spot on the floor!" she said, alluding to the incident occurring, like last winter's, against Mancos near the low-block area just outside the lane. "I couldn't believe it, you know?"

UPDATE: On Monday, March 8, the Colorado High School Activities Association's 2021 Class 2A State Tournament bracket reveal showed the Lady 'Cats receiving inclusion in Quadrant II and the No. 12 overall seed, as well as an initial Round-of-24 home game Tuesday, March 9, versus No. 21 Hoehne (8-6, 5-3 Santa Fe).



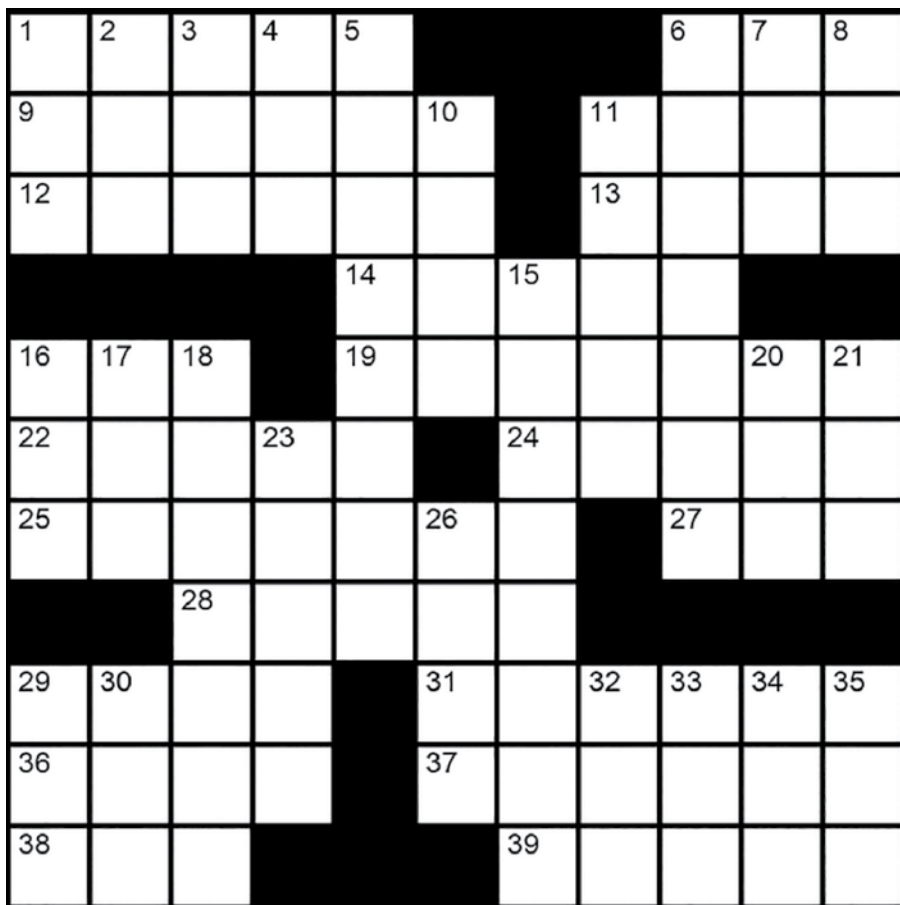
Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Avaleena Nanaeto (35) puts up a running shot between Telluride's Morgan Watkinson (15) and Lila Renke (left) during SJBL road action Saturday, March 6. Nanaeto scored six points in IHS' 56-18 win.

Results from the 5 p.m. showdown were unavailable at press time.

The winner would then advance to meet 5-seed (and first-round 'bye' recipient) Rocky Ford – the same squad Ignacio ousted in last year's Region VIII championship, held inside IHS Gymnasium – on March 11 in the 'Sweet 16.' Second place in the SFL with a 7-1 mark, the Lady Meloneers entered that contest 11-2 overall.

## The Southern Ute Drum's Crossword Puzzle



### Across

- 1 Old food label standard
- 6 Musically superquiet
- 9 Poito was a Northern --- war chief
- 11 --- Kive, Garden of the Gods, 1913
- 12 Red-rocked Arizona resort town
- 13 Distinctive flavor
- 14 Killer whales
- 16 Ransack
- 19 Surround completely
- 22 Replay technique puts looms out of action
- 24 Missiles with many warheads
- 25 --- Hudgens, "High School Musical" actress
- 27 Army E-7
- 28 Relay race essential
- 29 Effigy that is worshiped
- 31 Gather
- 36 Mouache Chief ---- Attle
- 37 Gets on film
- 38 --- Deimos, once known as SS Chief Ouray
- 39 WW2 torpedo craft

### Down

- 1 They go with downs
- 2 Motor oil can letters
- 3 Completely free
- 4 Batman and Robin, for example
- 5 Free as cotton, cut up
- 6 Enterprise weapons
- 7 Criticize heavily
- 8 Country in Oceania, for short
- 10 James --- Jones, actor
- 11 Former East German secret police
- 15 Utes signed a peace treaty with them in 1977
- 16 Bible completed in 1952
- 17 Wave in Mexico
- 18 Candies
- 20 One way to become a parent
- 21 Washington defense planners
- 23 Dry and powdery
- 26 "--- I was saying ..." (after an interruption)
- 29 Critical hospital area
- 30 Courtroom VIPs
- 32 Corn eater's leftover
- 33 "Who Slew Auntie --- ?" (1971 Shelley Winters movie)
- 34 Old-time actress --- Hagen
- 35 "Humanum --- errare"

Answers for this crossword will appear in March 26 issue of the Drum.

### Answers for Feb. 26, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

**Across:** 1 Mama, 5 Cached, 11 Odin, 12 Sluice, 13 Herd, 14 Pledge, 15 Alaska, 17 Rest, 18 Wig, 19 Univ, 21 Keels, 23 Rooms, 27 Oh so, 29 Nut, 30 Attu, 33 Angina, 35 Gwaitu, 37 Lost, 38 Air sac, 39 Unsee, 40 Steamy, 41 Eyed.

**Down:** 1 Mohawk, 2 Adelie, 3 Mirage, 4 Ands, 5 C-SPAN, 6 All, 7 Cuervo, 8 Hide, 9 ECGs, 10 Deet, 16 Kush, 20 Iron, 22 Louisa, 24 Oniony, 25 Munsee, 26 Stated, 28 Saucy, 30 A gas, 31 Twit, 32 Tare, 34 Glue, 36 Tam.

## IHS GRAPPLERS DONE • FROM PAGE 12

the consolation semis, pinning CHS junior Lucas Horr in the second period to reach the third-place match – where he then flattened LHS freshman Jaden Gardner in the second to end the COVID-abbreviated 2020-21 slate standing 12-5.

All told, Ignacio accumulated 21 team points at the meet and finished in 14th place. Ranked fourth in On The Mat's Class 2A poll going in, Cedaredge piled up a winning 218.5 – easily bettering the event-hosting, No. 5 Cowboys' 152.5 and SJBL force Mancos' impressive third-place 144.

With brackets cut in

size from 16 wrestlers per weight to eight in order to accommodate a one-day format, the 2021 Class 2A (as well as 3A) State Championships will be held Fri-

day, March 12, at Southwest Motors Events Center in Pueblo, Colo. All bouts will be streamed online via the NFHS Network (www.NFHSNetwork.com).

### Class 2A-Region I Wrestling Team Scores

- |                       |                          |
|-----------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Cedaredge 218.5    | Rangely 35               |
| 2. Meeker 152.5       | 10. Olathe 32            |
| 3. Mancos 144         | 11. Oak Creek Soroco 27  |
| 4. Lyons 106          | 12. Walden North Park 22 |
| 5. Hayden 87          | 13. <b>IGNACIO 21</b>    |
| 6. Hotchkiss 86       | 14. Nucla 6              |
| 7. Paonia 82          | 15. Tie – Kremmling West |
| 8. Norwood 38         | Grand & Dolores 3        |
| 9. Tie – Dove Creek & |                          |

## 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/](http://www.southernute-nsn.gov/justice-and-regulatory/epd/air-quality/ambient-monitoring/)

## LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

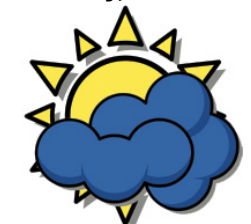
### Your weekend forecast!

#### Friday, March 12



47°F partly sunny  
20% chance showers

#### Saturday, March 13



42°F mostly cloudy  
Rain/snow showers

#### Sunday, March 14



45°F partly sunny  
Chance of rain/snow showers

Weather forecasts collected from [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov)

