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CORONAVIRUS

Council moves to Phase II ‘Safer at Home,’ Level 3

Key Metrics and Restrictions for Phases of the COVID-19 Pandemic

	PHASE I "STAY AT HOME"	PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME"			PHASE III "PROTECT OUR NEIGHBOR"
Metrics		LEVEL 3 HIGH RISK	LEVEL 2 CONCERN	LEVEL 1 CAUTIOUS	
PERSONAL GATHERING SIZE	No greater than 5	No greater than 5	No greater than 15	No greater than 25	125 CAP
INDOOR SETTING CAPACITY	CLOSED	25% 25 Max Capacity	25% 75 Max Capacity	50% 150 Max Capacity	51-90% 500 Max Capacity
OUTDOOR EVENTS	CLOSED	25% 50 Max Capacity	50% 100 Max Capacity	50% 200 Max Capacity	51-90% 500 Max Capacity

Staff Report

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Effective Monday, March 29, 2021, the Southern Ute Tribal Council approved lifting the tribal “Stay at Home” Order and moving into a less restrictive Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3.

Tribal Council, in consultation with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Incident Management Team (IMT), approved and updated Appendix A of the Tribe-wide Recovery Plan for the COVID-19 Pandemic. The update defines Phases of the COVID-19 Pandemic, outlines Key Metrics to be monitored to determine the Phase, and specifies restrictions and protective measures to be followed during each of the Phases. The Phases of the COVID-19 Pandemic include: Phase 1: “Stay at Home”, Phase 2: “Safer at Home” which include 3 levels, Phase 3: “Protect Our Neighbors” and Phase 4: “Full Recovery”. Phase 1: “Stay at Home” is the most restrictive phase

while Phase 2 and 3 have fewer restrictions until Phase 4: “Fully Recovery” is achieved.

Three Key Metrics which include: New Cases, % Positivity, and Hospitalizations – will be monitored and, as transmission rates increase or decrease, the Phase for the COVID-19 Pandemic will be adjusted accordingly. The actual phase will be determined by the most stringent of the three metrics. Restrictions will also be adjusted through the various phases to control spread of the virus. The following graphic outlines the Key Metrics and Restrictions to be followed during each of the Phases.

Although the Tribe moved to “Safer at Home,” the Tribal offices remain closed to the public. The anticipated reopening plans and target date are forthcoming. The Sky Ute Casino Resort reopening date will also be forthcoming. The Casino’s operations will be reduced as the Tribe enters Phase II “Safer at Home,” Level 3, and continue to adapt operations to the tribal COVID-19 Phases detailed below. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe will continue to prioritize the health and safety of the tribal membership, tribal staff, guests, and community as we continue through the pandemic and while cautiously reopening.

Below is what to expect as the Tribe moves to Phase II “Safer at Home” Level 3.

The following activities are allowed:

- Allowed to shop for groceries and all necessities. Go to the grocery store.
- Allowed to visit your local pharmacists Pick up medications.
- Allowed to visit your doctor’s office. Go to medical appointments.
- Allowed to dine in a restaurant, provided all protective measures of the establishment are followed.
- Allowed to visit and take care of a family

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Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal members, Elijah Weaver and Cyrus Naranjo, were among those invited to have the first official skate at SunUte’s new skate park, Sunday, April 4.

SUNUTE

Skate Park open to public, tribal youth get first run

By Jeremy Wade Shockley

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Sunday, April 4, members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) were invited, along with their friends to have the first official skate at Sunute’s new skate park in Ignacio.

With temporary fencing scheduled to come down a day later, Monday, April 5, SunUte Recreation and the Southern Ute Education Department wanted to give this opportunity to the youth leaders, who made this dream a reality for their peers and the community.

“I’m excited to finally see this day come for the youth to skate their park,” said SunUte Recreation Manager Virgil Morgan. “They have the chance to work on their skills. I could definitely see the next pro skateboarder come from out of here.”

Unseasonably warm temperatures and blue bird skies

nacio’s main traffic thoroughfare, and across from Ignacio’s Thriftway convenience store. Preliminary planning proved difficult, and the site required costly infrastructure upgrades, in addition to general safety concerns surrounding the proximity to the highway.

“The SCSYAC were a part of every major decision made for an idyllic afternoon in the skate park. Located at SunUte park, between the basketball courts and recently remodeled SunUte playground; the Tribe’s new skate venue borders the nature trail neighboring the Pine River and offers scenic views of the Southern Ute Reservation.

Early design plans had earmarked the location of the park at the old Sky Ute Casino site, adjacent to Ig-

Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum

Temporary fencing was removed from around the skate park by the Tribe on Monday, April 5 — the park is now open to the public.

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McKayla Lee/SU Drum

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe opened the Sky Ute Casino Event Center to the public for a vaccination event on Thursday, March 25. First doses of the Moderna vaccine were made available for people age 18 and older, over 700 vaccinations were administered in total.

CORONAVIRUS

Phase II is less restrictive, maintains emphasis on health and safety

By McKayla Lee

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

On Thursday, April 8, the new Tribal COVID Resource Page went live on the Southern Ute tribal member portal. This page will have the most up to date information, financial resources, as well as educational material for the membership to access. Access is limited to enrolled tribal members only. <https://members.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-member-covid-19-resources/>

Phase II “Safer at Home”, Level 3 has been in effect since Monday, March 29, 2021 following the approval of the Southern Ute Tribal Council. Phase II is a less restrictive phase and will help the community move forward in the latest tribe-wide recovery plans. The

COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected many tribal communities and this “Safer at Home” phase is the next step towards returning to business as usual, pre-pandemic.

Currently all tribal buildings and offices are closed to the public, entrances to these buildings will remain locked. Staff members are

Phase II page 5

Damon Toledo/SU Drum archive

Emcee Eddie Box Jr. smiles as he introduces the floats rolling through the streets of Ignacio during the 94th Annual Southern Ute Tribal Fair Parade in 2014.

STRATEGIC PLANNING

Tribal member small business spotlight: Eddie Box Jr.

By Trae Seibel

SMALL BUSINESS SPECIALIST

What is your small business?

SandMan/HummingBird Mobile Entertainment. We offer DJ Services and Sound Reinforcement. We are in the music industry.

What inspired you to start your own small business?

My Father Edward Bent Box Sr. had a band during the 1950’s. They were

called “The Pine River Boys.” Music became my interest in my life. During my Junior High years, my folks took me to Durango for piano lessons. I then started my own band, we were called “The Century Men.” The band started in 1965, we played in Al-

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FINANCIAL LITERACY

Pana-qarꞑ ‘urꞑ ‘apagharꞑ
“Money Talks”

Good day to all of you,
The following article was written by Michelle Kress, Human Resources Director of the Sky Ute Casino Resort.
Every day we make important decisions that impact our lives. Decisions concerning our children, school and work. The onset of Covid 19 has compelled us to “Expect the Unexpected”, to prioritize “Budgeting”, to “Pay Yourself First”, and also consider “Other Big Financial Events”. The onset of Covid 19 has served to complicate our already complicated lives.



Margorie Barry
Treasurer
Southern Ute Indian Tribe
I would like to encourage everyone to continue following the health and safety pro-

ocols of wearing our masks wherever we go, washing your hands and socially distance. Being conscious of our health and safety will have positive results, and we will be able to return to our normal way of lives sooner.
Creator bless you and your families; we will get through this together.

Marge Barry,
Southern Ute Tribal Council member/Treasurer

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Planning for Big Financial Events

By Michelle Kress,
Human Resources Director
SKY UTE CASINO RESORT

Maykh,
If the global pandemic has taught us anything, it’s that life can change dramatically at a moment’s notice. Millions of us lost our jobs, had to shutter our businesses, or figure out how to juggle being our children’s educators while struggling with new technology for remote working and learning. Some of us have had to cope with sickness or have suffered the tragic loss of members of our friends and family. Without a doubt, most of us have worried about the future at some point this past year and have felt the stress of trying to deal with the unknown. One main stressor that many of us have faced – whether in this past year or some time in our lives – is an unexpected financial hardship. These events range anywhere from an unexpected loss of income to having a home appliance break down or needing a new set of tires for your car. Thankfully, with some simple planning and a little saving, you can make those times much easier to handle when they come your way.

Expect the Unexpected
The first thing we can do to make unexpected financial events easier to overcome is to know they are possible and plan for when they arrive. Things break. Accidents happen. Natural disasters like wildfires are now relatively common in our area. One way to prepare for these events in case they happen to you is to get insurance to cover your health, home, car, and life. These types of insurance will reduce the amount of out-of-pocket expense you may have in an emergency and will offset replacement costs for items that are damaged or lost. Life insurance protects your loved ones in the event of your unexpected death. Other types of insurance, such as short term or long-term disability insurance, protects you if an accident causes you to no longer be able to work.

The second thing to do is to start an Emergency Fund for when life throws something unexpected your way. Having an Emergency Fund to fall back on not only alleviates the stress of trying to figure out how to pay for something, but also allows you to use money that doesn’t cut into your normal living expenses. It is definitely a lot easier to pay for a new water heater if you already have the money saved up, and with an Emergen-

cy Fund already established, you don’t have to worry about whether you can pay other bills when an unexpected expense like that comes up. An Emergency Fund gives you the ability to easily handle these financial hiccups and gives you financial peace of mind when you have to deal with them. Financial experts say that we all should have enough money put away to cover at least 3-6 months of standard living expenses, but if you are new to saving, that sounds almost impossible to achieve. It’s not, however, if you stick to two simple principles: budgeting and “paying yourself first”.

Budgeting
“I’m on a budget” sounds similar to “I’m on a diet” to most people. It sounds boring, limiting, unfun, and ultimately hard to follow. Most people equate a budget to “going without,” but that is not the case. In reality, a budget is a powerful tool that helps you gain financial security and overcome financial emergencies when they arrive. Creating a personal or household budget is also quite easy and doesn’t take much time. There are numerous budgeting worksheets and apps online, but you can also just take pen to paper as a first step. A personal or household budget keeps track of how much money comes in to your household and how much money goes out on a monthly basis. More importantly, it tracks where and on what the money is spent. If you have ever said to yourself, “I wonder where all my money went this month?” then a household budget is right for you. If you do know where your money usually goes, but want to start or add to a savings account, then a budget is right for you. Even if you are hardly ever “over budget” (spending more than you make), knowing where your money goes can help you decide how much you can add to an Emergency Fund each month and how quickly you will achieve your goal of being able to handle an unexpected financial hardship.

The goal of creating a household budget is to see how much money you can set aside for a rainy day. The next step is to take a good hard look at your expenses and see if there is anything you could stop spending your money on. Do you really need that Starbucks coffee every day? Or that cute pair of shoes you’ve been eyeing? Or that sports package you’ve been paying for on your cable bill, but haven’t

really been using? If the answer is yes, so be it. If the answer is no, then set aside that extra money for your Emergency Fund, and sooner than later you will be able to handle unexpected expenses with ease. Budgeting is not about “going without”, it is about making choices with your money and ultimately taking control of your personal finances.

“Pay Yourself First”
Once you have established how much money you can put into your Fund, then commit to adding that money on a monthly basis. The best way to do this is to “pay yourself first”. Pretend that Fund is a bill that you must pay – like the electricity or water bill – without serious consequences. Then, once you’ve paid that bill (yourself), consider that money “gone.” The easiest way to do this is to transfer the money, for example, from a checking to a savings account automatically. Another way is to put the money into an envelope and seal it. Whatever way you decide is best to separate these funds, the most important thing is that you do this at the beginning of the month, not at the end. If you wait until the end of the month, it is usually too tempting to “blow” that money without thinking. After a couple of months of paying yourself this way and feeling the satisfaction of building your Emergency Fund, you will soon be on your way to worrying less about unexpected expenses.

Other Big Financial Events
While we have spent most of this article discussing unexpected hardships, not all big financial events are negative. Buying a car or a house, having a baby, getting married, taking a 3-week vacation are all fun, exciting events that we can plan for using the same methods as above. Once you have a financial cushion, you can easily turn the “Emergency Fund bill” into a “vacation bill” or a wedding fund without missing a beat. Or you can adjust your budget and have multiple funds/bills going at the same time. Regardless, the approach to planning for big financial events is always the same: create and follow a budget, pay yourself first, and feel confident that you have created a contingency plan in case the unexpected happens.

Remember, if you plan ahead and apply a little discipline, you can avoid racking up unwanted credit card balances and live a more stress-free life.

Toghoyaqh!



Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Howard Richards Sr., (left) commander of the Southern Ute Veterans Association, stands alongside Vietnam veteran Ronnie Baker (right) to lower the Ute Mountain Ute tribal flag in recognition of soldiers missing in action. The Missing Man Table Ceremony took place the morning of April 1 on the lawn of the La Plata County Courthouse in Durango. City officials, community members and veterans of the U.S. armed forces paid tribute to those soldiers who are considered prisoners of war or missing in action. An empty table stood as a reminder of those who could not join the ceremony.

This photo was first published in the April 8, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



Blenda Ortiz/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Team dancers try to attract the eyes of the judges during the 37th annual Hozhoni Days Powwow at Fort Lewis College in Durango. Team dancing incorporates the talents of dancers from different categories into one team. It’s important to dance as a team, quite different from the individual competition associated with most powwow contests. Judges look for coordination and rhythm to determine the winner. The Hozhoni Days Powwow took place March 25 – 26, 2001. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe was one of the major sponsors of the event.

This photo was published in the March 23, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Councilwoman Evalyn Hudson (third from right) accompanied Junior High and High School students who participated in the Spring Break Educational Experience. The students visited several colleges in the state, including Colorado State University in Fort Collins and the Air Force Academy in Colorado Springs

This photo was published in the April 5, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

40 years ago

This portrait of Melinda “Pathimi” GoodTracks accompanied an article about GoodTracks and celebrating her acceptance for admission to Northeastern Oklahoma State University, where she was also a candidate for the “Bio Medical Program” that would focus on scientific research.

This photo was published in the April 10, 1981, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



INDEGENOUS ARTS

Native American Visual Fellowship awarded to artist Eliza Naranjo Morse

Staff report
Ucross

Ucross continues its commitment to support contemporary Native American art and voices. The renowned artist residency program announced that artist Eliza Naranjo Morse (Santa Clara Pueblo) will receive the Spring 2021 Fellowship for Native American Visual Artists.

Naranjo Morse is the seventh Native American artist to receive this award, which includes a four-week residency at Ucross. Naranjo Morse is an artist whose work explores aspects of life's journey through drawing and sculpture. She is receiving uninterrupted time, studio space, and living accommodations on Ucross's spectacular 20,000-acre ranch at the foothills of the Bighorn Mountains, as well as a \$2,000 stipend and a featured exhibition.

"Eliza is an extraordinary multi-disciplinary artist; we are so fortunate to have her join us this year. It is contemporary and diverse artists like her that will continue to shape the artistic landscape of this country. Now more than ever artists need our support, and we are pleased to welcome Eliza as a Native American Visual Fellow," said Sharon Dynak, President and Executive Director at Ucross.

Informed, inspired, and challenged by current events, generational exchange and spiritual existence, Naranjo Morse's artworks tell stories about who we are. Her aesthetic and narrative expression weave the land-based, creative, and cultural information of her elders, the cartoons she grew up watching, and global art history together.

Naranjo Morse was born in 1980 in New Mexico where she lives and works. She is also the proud art teacher at Kha'p'o Community School in Santa Clara Pueblo.

Naranjo Morse has shown her work nationally and internationally including: Cumbre de el Tajin (Vera-



courtesy Institute of American Indian Art

Eliza Naranjo Morse is Santa Clara Pueblo, and lives in Espanola, New Mexico. She has shown her work locally as well as internationally and currently keeps her studio at an old Post Office in Chimayo, New Mexico.

cruz, Mexico), Ekaterinburg Museum of Fine Arts (Ekaterinburg, Russia), Chelsea Art Museum (New York, New York), SITE Santa Fe (Santa Fe, New Mexico), Axle Contemporary (Santa Fe, New Mexico), Heard Museum (Phoenix, Arizona), and the Museum of Contemporary Native Art (Santa Fe, New Mexico).

"Being invited to experience Ucross on this Apsaalooke land reaffirms to me two things: 1). That a stunning and interconnected strength comes from individuals who have plenty using their resources to support others to grow, and 2). That creating a respectful and loving relationship with land uncovers its all-encompassing power. I am humbled to bear witness to this combination of power expressed in this precious place and am thankful to all those who have put their hands into making it so," stated Naranjo Morse.

At Ucross, artists in residence experience an inspiring combination of solitude and community, with expansive time for private work, as well as lively exchanges at group dinners with fellow artists. Facilities include four visual arts studios, four writers' studios, two composers' studios, and a large loft space suitable for dance and theatre collaborations.

Since its first residencies in 1983, more than 2,500 artists have received the gift of time and space at Ucross. Residencies are awarded to

100 artists each year. Ten artists are in residence at one time, typically a mix of four visual artists, four writers, and two composers.

The Ucross Fellowship for Native American Visual Artists was established in 2018. Two Ucross Fellowships for Native American Visual Artists are awarded each year. Those selected for the fellowship are offered a four-week residency, a stipend of \$2,000, and a featured gallery exhibition at Ucross the following year. The current exhibition, MARKING TIME: Heidi Brandow + Luzene Hill, which features the 2019 Ucross Native American Fellows, is on view in the Ucross Art Gallery through March 26, 2021. The exhibition will then travel to the Yellowstone Art Museum to be on view April 8 to June 27, 2021.

Ucross has provided residencies to such distinguished fellows as Annie Proulx, Terry Tempest Williams, Elizabeth Gilbert, Ann Patchett, Ricky Ian Gordon, Bill Morrison, Theaster Gates, Anthony Hernandez, and Tayari Jones. Recent National Book Award winners Susan Choi, Sigrid Nunez, and Sarah M. Broom have been residents, as have Academy Award and Tony winners Benj Pasek and Justin Paul, Emmy Award winner Billy Porter, recent Pulitzer Prize winners Michael R. Jackson and Colson Whitehead, and current United States Poet Laureate Joy Harjo.



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EUTERPE TAYLOR	RENEE CLOUD
SUNSHINE CLOUD SMITH	MICHELLE TAYLOR
ANNA MARIE SCOTT	BARBARA SCOTT-RARICK
MARTHA BURCH EVENSEN	AMY BARRY
THELMA KUEBLER	LORELEI CLOUD
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INTERNATIONAL WOMENS MONTH: CELEBRATING
SOUTHERN UTE COUNCIL WOMEN

PAST AND PRESENT

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM 

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

Multi-Purpose Facility

April Elder at Home Activity



Available to Tribal Member Elders

Call the MPF to request a kit at 970-563-2641 or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Kit will be mailed or delivered.

Available April 9, 2021

Multi-Purpose Facility

Tribal Member 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 a picture of your completed project, please send before requesting this kit

Call to request your kit: 970-563-2641 or e-mail eredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Kits will be mailed, and are available on Monday March 15, 2021



HEALTHY RECIPES

Is dried fruit healthy or not?

By Lisa B. Smith, RDN

SHINING MOUNTAIN HEALTH & WELLNESS

Dried fruit has many health benefits. Prunes have a natural laxative effect due to fiber content and naturally occurring sorbitol. Dates are also extremely healthy providing fiber, iron, antioxidants and potassium. Dried apricots, figs and raisins are also loaded with fiber, potassium, Vitamins A and C and antioxidants.

While it is true that they are high in calories and naturally occurring sugars, eating dried fruit in small amounts, particularly instead of chips or other processed snacks, can be healthy indeed. The best ones to buy do not have any added sulfites if you have sensitivities and definitely no added sugars!

Don't know what to do with all of



courtesy Women's Health

those dried up prunes? Try this recipe to help "get you going" or as a delicious, filling treat.

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

3. Bring to a boil and then turn down to simmer for 15-20 minutes.

Number of servings: 6 Nutrition per serving: 183 Calories, 48g Carbohydrates, 6g Fiber, 2g Protein, 53mg Calcium, 1mg Iron, 460mg Potassium

Dried Fruit Compote

1. Use 5-6 each of pitted prunes, dates, apricots and figs (you can also remove the pit after cooking).
2. Place in a small pot and add water just to cover.

Supporting LGB2TQIA+ Individuals

Register in advance for the upcoming Community Conversation: Supporting LGB2TQIA+ Individuals. SASO is very excited to collaborate with The Rainbow Youth Center to provide information to the community for FREE about ways to improve allyship. Learn about what it means to be an active ally. This training will be held via Zoom on Thursday, April 22 from 9 a.m. – 1 p.m. The link to register is below. Please pass this along to other individuals who are interested. Thank you!

Community Conversation: Supporting LGB2TQIA+ Individuals

When: April 22, at 9 a.m. Mountain Time (US and Canada)

Register in advance for this meeting: https://us02web.zoom.us/join/join?from=invite&code=tzArcO-qrj0oHN3OAYa3pRO_IWlQ-ik88lm3

BEHAVIORAL HEALTH

BEE HEARD: Good character builds resiliency in our youth

By Precious Collins

NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

What is a good character and how does it build resiliency?

Some traits of good character can be things such as honesty, integrity, loyalty, and fortitude. These virtues characterize good behavior that can influence the choices we make in our lives, especially for young people. When young people are taught at an early age the meaning of these traits, allowed to practice each trait, and then be recognized for them, they start to build a strong foundation of who they want to be.

When young people learn good behavior, they make better choices as they go through life. So, we must help young people learn what these good behaviors are and encourage them to make healthy positive choices. When they make healthy choices, they are less likely to use substances and less likely to experience a mental health crisis.

How do we as parents, family, or adults build good character in youth?

Building good character in youth takes time and it doesn't happen overnight. There are many people and influences inside and outside the home that can build and shape your youth. Here are some tips on how to teach character, based on what The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center's "A Family's Guide to Teaching Good Character" calls T.E.A.M.

TEACH children that their Character Counts: We must teach our children about the Six Pillars of Character, what each Pillar means, and what it looks like and does not look like in action.

ENCOURAGE the Six Pillars of Character: Reward good behavior (usually praise is enough) and



discourage bad behavior by imposing fair and consistent consequences.

ADVOCATE Character: Continually encourage children to live up to the Six Pillars of Character by explaining and showing why demonstrating the Pillars matters.

MODEL Good Behavior: Everything you say and do (or neglect to do) sends a message about your values. Be sure that these messages reinforce your lessons about doing the right thing, even when it is difficult. When you slip, be accountable; apologize sincerely, and do better. What are the Six Pillars of Character?

The Six Pillars of Character are:

- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility
- Fairness
- Caring
- Citizenship

We can all agree that these traits are important to our community and our values, something we can all get behind. There are more traits that you can add but these have been proven to support good choices by building good behaviors within young people.

How do we use this tool in our home?

By using "A Family's Guide to Teaching Good Character" you can use a variety of ways to teach character to the youth in your life. Here are some ways to do that: (1) Pick which Pillar of Character you want to focus on that month, (2) introduce the pillar to your youth, (3) refer to the guide for

ideas on how to teach, encourage, advocate, and model that pillar, and (4) have a discussion with your youth about different scenarios and questions they might have around that pillar.

For example, let's use the Trustworthiness Pillar. We would want to use T.E.A.M. to TEACH our youth about being trustworthy, ENCOURAGE them by talking about times in your life and theirs too, when it was hard to be honest, or keeping promises and why it mattered, ADVOCATING by talking to them about how honesty builds trust and how trust impacts our relationships, and last but not least, MODEL good behavior by doing what you said you would do. Some ways to get the discussion started could be asking them how lying can break trust, or what makes an adult trustworthy, or what could we do better or differently to be more trustworthy?

Want to learn more? For more information about "A Family's Guide to Teaching Good Character" check out www.CharacterCounts.org. This guide is a project of The Robert D. and Billie Ray Center at Drake University. A Family's Guide to Teaching Good Character introduces families to the Six Pillars and provides ideas for adults to help teach good character in the home, school, and community.

CHARACTER COUNTS! and the Six Pillars of Character are trademarks of the Josephson Institute of Ethics.

You can also reach out to the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division to request a digital copy of the guide to help you build up your skills and tools for raising or working with young people.

Want to help and be a part of the change? WE NEED YOU! We are 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 to sign up.

Upcoming Community Events: The Southern Ute Native Connections Program along with the Southern Ute Education Department are teaming up to present to you the Virtual Youth Talking Circles! Peer support system for Native American Youth

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A SPACE FOR
YOUTH TO MEET,
TALK, AND SHARE
CHALLENGES AND
ACCOMPLISHMENTS

VIRTUAL YOUTH TALKING CIRCLES

Peer support system for Native American Youth in 9-12 grade!

MEETING DATES AND TIMES TO BE DETERMINED.



EVERY YOUTH PARTICIPANT WILL RECEIVE A GIFT CARD FOR THE ROSE CAFE!

Guidelines:

This will be an informal space to come together, talk, and respect and support one another. Our youth talking circles will be safe spaces and guided by two trained tribal employees.

How will we meet?

We will meet virtually for 45 minutes once a week. We are working on finding the best days and times that work and we need your help with this. If you are interested in attending, please contact one of the group leaders below:

- Lisa Pratchett, Southern Ute Education Department School Counselor, at lpratch@southernute-nsn.gov
- Stephanie Garcia, Southern Ute Native Connections Therapist, at sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov

Why is this important?

It's been a tough year and we want to support our Native American Youth by providing a relaxed and informal space to come and chat about what's going on, or whatever is on your mind. Our GOAL is to support you in living a happy and healthy life.



TO REGISTER OR FOR MORE INFORMATION
CONTACT:
• SGARCIA@SOUTHERNUTE-NSN.GOV
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CORONAVIRUS INFO

Stay up to date with the Coronavirus and the Southern Ute Tribe online at www.southernute-nsn.gov and on Facebook at www.facebook.com/southernute

Local Resources

- **Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division:** NEW LOCATION AND PHONE NUMBER! 4101 CR 222 Durango, CO 970-563-5700. For local Native Americans. We are here to support mental health, substance use prevention, treatment, and recovery. Please call to schedule an appointment to talk to someone.
- **Southern Ute Division of Social Services:** 116 Capote Drive, Ignacio, CO 970-563-2331 for local Native Americans needing assistance with child welfare needs and family support.
- **Southern Ute Police 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 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.



BEE HEARD: COMMUNITY • FROM PAGE 4

in 9-12 grade. Meeting dates and times to be determined. Each youth participant will receive a gift card for The Rose Café.

Why a virtual talking circle for youth? It's been a tough year and we want to support our Native American Youth by providing a re-

laxed and informal space to come and chat about what's going on, or whatever is on your mind. Our GOAL is to support you in living a happy and healthy life. To register or for more information, please contact Stephanie Garcia at sgarcia@southernute-nsn.gov or Lisa

Pratchett at lpratch@southernute-nsn.gov.



TRIBAL COUNCIL, TO LEVEL II • FROM PAGE 1

member or friend.

- Allowed to spend time-outdoors to enjoy activities such as walking, hiking, playing, or picnicking at a park, etc.
- Allowed to exercise indoors or outdoors provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are followed.
- Allowed to take your pets to veterinarian appointments.
- Allowed to assist family members and friends with tasks.
- Allowed to attend school.
- Allowed to work provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are followed. Remote work should still be maximized whenever possible.

ones who are non-household members in the hospital, nursing home, or other residential care facility.

- Not allowed to stop using a face mask or covering when away from your home.

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 3:

- Personal gatherings are restricted to 5 individuals or less.
- Indoor capacity is restricted to 25% and 25 maximum capacity.
- Outdoor capacity is restricted to 25% and 50 maximum capacity.

For more information, please visit 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 Fri-

day from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at 970-563-0214.

If you are sick, please self-isolate. 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 primary healthcare provider office without calling to notify the professionals of your symptoms.

Please continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and warm water for 20 seconds, cough and sneeze into the bend of your elbow or in a tissue then throw the tissue away. Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects in your home. Please continue to practice social distancing staying 6 feet away from others. Stay connected with your loved ones and our tribal elders.

Individuals are encouraged to contact the various tribal entities for specific information; please use the point of contact listed below:

- Sky Ute Casino Resort**, Charley Flagg at 970-563-1350 or via email at Charley.Flagg@skyutecasino.com
- Southern Ute Growth Fund & Southern Ute Shared Services**, Shane Seibel at 970-563-5006 or via email at sseibel@sugf.com.
- Southern Ute Permanent Fund**, James Olguin at 970-563-2314 or via email at jmolguin@southernute-nsn.gov

PHASE II, LESS RESTRICTIVE • FROM PAGE 1

allowed in the buildings to prepare for future reopening procedures. In person services are not allowed at this time, the Tribe is prioritizing the health and safety of the tribal membership and its staff.

Anticipated dates of reopening are still to be determined. Reopening is contingent on the data, especially if COVID-19 cases continue to rise and hospitalizations increase in the surrounding counties. Tribal Council has the ultimate authority on when phases are implemented, those phases can and will fluctuate with the virus data.

"As the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, the Southern Ute IMT and the community continue to assess and respond to the COVID-19 pandemic it is most important to remember the health and safety guidelines that have been established for the government and its people it serves," stated Amy Barry, IMT Communications Team. "It is imperative to continue to educate our tribal community on the

pandemic and promote all proactive measures to prevent the spread locally."

By providing consistent testing and offering vaccinations to the community the collected data can help to identify where any potential outbreaks can or have occurred.

The first priority is safety and any proactive, preventative measures recommended by the government in collaboration with the IMT for final approval from tribal leadership. "We want to encourage the community and those eligible for testing and vaccinations to continue to partner with the Tribe and the State of Colorado on the march to return to normalcy at some point," stated Barry.

Not only is the Tribe responsible for a wide range of governmental services on and along the exterior boundaries of the reservation, but they are also responsible for the law enforcement, public safety and social services of the Tribe.

Below are updated summaries of some modified

tribal services to the tribal membership approved by the Southern Ute Tribal Council and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Incident Management Team (IMT).

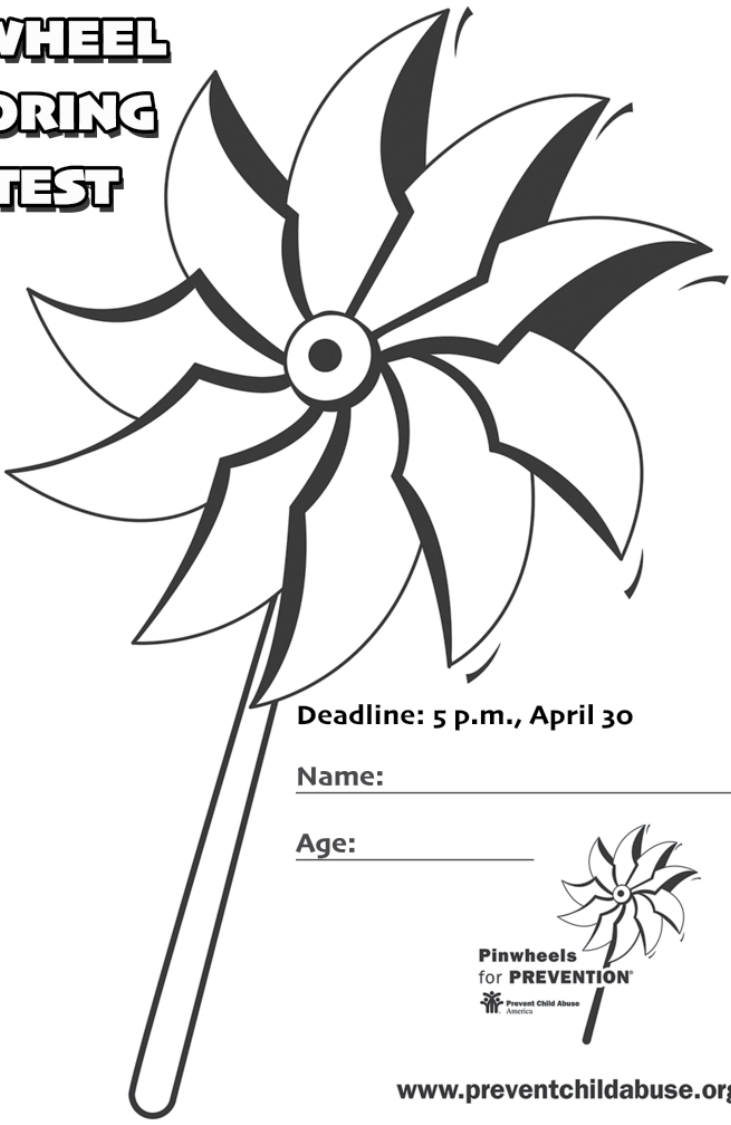
- The **Southern Ute Tribal Council and Executive Staff** can now be on-site for regular meetings.
- The **Optometry clinic** will resume full hours (8 a.m. – 5 p.m.) on Thursday, April 15.
- Tribal Courts** will be operational Monday – Thursday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m. and the public may speak to a Court Clerk on Fridays during business hours.
- Emergency Family Services** is now going to have in person coverage in the office Monday-Friday from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. and will be teleworking from 1 p.m.-5 p.m.
- Tribal Services** will have in person coverage in the office Monday – Friday from 8 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- The **Utilities Transfer Station** is now open Tuesday and Thursday from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Help stop the spread of the virus, continue to practice good hygiene by washing your hands with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds, cover your coughs and sneezes into the bend of your elbow or into a tissue.

Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects in your home. Continue social distancing and wearing a mask.

Keep one another safe, stay home and stay connected with your loved ones and tribal elders.

PINWHEEL COLORING CONTEST



Deadline: 5 p.m., April 30

Name: _____

Age: _____



www.preventchildabuse.org

Take a photo and send to: dss@southernute-nsn.gov
Prizes will be given out for various age groups.

Recognizing Child Abuse Prevention Month

Across the Nation, April is designated as Child Abuse Prevention Month. As adults, it is our responsibility to ensure every child has a chance to succeed. We must recommit ourselves to ensuring that children have a safe and stable environment that is free from abuse and neglect. The majority of child abuse cases result from conditions that can be prevented through community support and intervention.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has a proud and rich history. One of the values represented on the Tribal Seal is that

of peace. We can work together as a community to help our children learn this value and pass it on through future generations.

The entire staff of the Social Services Division invite each community member to join us in recognizing Child Abuse Prevention month through participating in some or all of the activities listed in the calendar of events below.

Respectfully,
Amber Petersen
Social Services Division Head

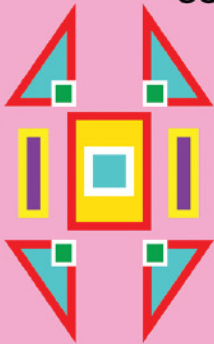
Child Abuse Prevention Month

- April 9:** Be on the lookout for the Southern Ute Tribe's Pinwheel Garden.
- April 10:** It's "National Siblings Day!" If you've got siblings, tell them how you much you appreciate them.
- April 11:** Time to get crafty! Look up how you can make your own pinwheel to put in your yard or garden and show your friends or post on social media. #pinwheelsforprevention #childrenaresacred.
- April 12:** Build a tower or a fort out of anything around the house. Allow your children to use their imagination.
- April 13:** Bake cookies together and talk! Talk about your favorite animals, your favorite activities, your favorite foods- just talk and enjoy it!
- April 14:** Teach children their rights. Teach them they are special, have the right to be safe and have the right to say no to things that make them feel uncomfortable.
- April 15:** Teach your child to have a giving spirit Donate resources to others in need-clothing, food, toys etc.
- April 16:** Role play emotions with your child. What do you do when you're happy, sad or frustrated.

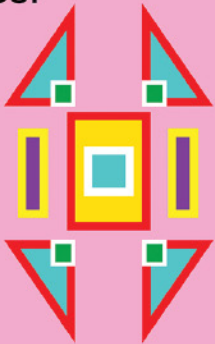
Attention Tribal Members



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

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

NEW Tribal COVID-19 Resource Page

The Tribal Member COVID-19 Resources page is now available on the Tribal Member Portal at the link below. Access is limited to enrolled tribal members only.

<https://members.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-member-covid-19-resources/>

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



SMITHSONIAN

Native American women Wikipedia Edit-a-thon

Staff report NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

On behalf of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian you are invited to help us increase the representation of Native American women on Wikipedia!

Take this opportunity to get involved with the National Museum of the American Indian and the Smithsonian American Women’s History Initiative by joining us for the Native American Women Wikipedia Edit-a-thon.

During this online free training, attendees of all experience levels will learn

the basics of how to edit Wikipedia by updating articles related to the history of Native American women. No prior Wikipedia experience is required; training will be provided.

As one of the web’s most visited reference sites, Wikipedia serves as a starting point for many individuals looking to learn about art, history, and science.

However, less than 19% of Wikipedia biographies in English represent women, and less than 10% of Wikipedia editors identify as women. By increasing representation of Native American women on the site, your impact can spark the curiosities of future generations.

This event is planned in conjunction with the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian and the Smithsonian American Women’s History Initiative, a multiyear undertaking to document, research, collect, display, and share the history of women in the United States.

- Friday, April 23, 2021 at 1 – 3:30 p.m. ET
- Register now here: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/native-america-women-wikipedia-edit-a-thon-tickets-147648724309>



Primary Four student Bryan Howe, with his Easter baskets – one from SUIMA and the other from his family. Bryan and Miracle’s parents are Amelia Howe and Tina Valdez.



Miracle Howe, former SUIMA student and sibling to Bryan, discovers the Golden Egg during her family’s Easter egg hunt.

photos courtesy the Howe/Valdez family

SUIMA

From the Eagle’s Nest

Montesorri skills: Practical life

Staff report SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

Spring break came and went, as did Easter. This time last year seems so long ago, but really in the scheme of life, it has been just a short time.

The most recent article of the Eagle’s Nest included how SUIMA used what occurred last spring as a guide to make improvements for this school year. The biggest hurdle to overcome was in the area of technology.

Using a curriculum that is based on almost 90% of hands-on learning, didn’t afford much student practice in technology. While students might be proficient in gaming technology, actual academic technology might not be forefront in

their daily activities.

For guides and teachers who have spent much of the career in Montessori classrooms, the idea of creating online classrooms, having various passwords, and relying on the often-unreliable internet was a bit daunting. This was true for some of the SUIMA parents also. Yet, together, we have helped one another.

Chromebooks and hot spots have been provided; if internet issues happen, the students can fall back on their binders and material packets; and the Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS) supports the school and parents the best they can. During the virtual platforms that we use to deliver lessons, the older, and some younger, students are able to log themselves in;

mute themselves; change their backgrounds; raise their hands; join breakout rooms and allow the camera to be on or off. The students have grown in independence just by performing these simple tasks.

In the world of Montessori, we call these skills “Practical Life.” In the world of COVID, I think the students of SUIMA have had an immense amount of “Practical Life” learning and would just like to get back to “Normal Life.” We will all get there eventually. In the meantime, continue to be safe.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

For this issue of the Eagles Nest, our focus is on Curriculum Coordinator, Carolyn Striker.

Nominations for the Annual Elbert J. Floyd Award now being accepted

- Nominations are now being accepted for the annual Elbert J. Floyd Award. Eligibility requirements for recipients of the Elbert J. Floyd Award are:
- A member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe
 - Deserving
 - A student of any age, formally enrolled in an education program, at any level, or someone planning immediate enrollment in such a program
 - Interested in continuing his or her education
 - Interested in serving the Tribe and the community
 - Approved by the Department of Education

An eligible recipient need not be living on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation at time of the nomination and need be available to return to the Tribe to receive the award in person. Any teacher, Tribal member or other interested person may submit the name of an eligible recipient for the Elbert J. Floyd Award to the Department of Education of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Nomination must be submitted in writing to Ellen S. Baker at the Southern Ute Education Department by **5 p.m. on Friday, May 14, 2021** and shall state the basis for the nomination. For more information contact Ellen at 970-563-2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov The selection of the recipient will be made by a committee of two members consisting of the Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and Vice-Chairman of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. This annual award is in memory of Elbert J. Floyd and is presented by Mr. Floyd’s children and grandchildren to a deserving Southern Ute Tribal student.



Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Virtual Book Fair

- You’re invited to shop our **Scholastic Book Fair** online from **April 14-April 27!** The Book Fair is open to everyone, not just SUIMA families. All purchases benefit SUIMA students and connect kids with new books, favorite characters, complete series, and more.
- You’ll love the NEW option to shop for **Book Fair exclusives** directly from the interactive booklist and enjoy these special online shopping features:
- Over 6,000 items, including new releases, best sellers, and value packs
 - All orders ship **direct to home**
 - **FREE shipping** on book-only orders over \$25*
 - All purchases **support our students**

Visit our Book Fair Homepage and click “Shop Now” to get started:
<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/southernuteacademy>
This link can also be found on SUIMA’s website www.suima.org under the “FOR PARENTS” tab.

If you have any questions, please call Debbie Lamoreaux at 970-563-2705

* Free standard shipping is available on book-only orders of \$25 or more, after all discounts are applied. Free standard shipping (books) must be selected during checkout. Orders containing products other than books are not eligible for this shipping promotion. If purchasing items other than books, it is suggested that you place your book order (if it above \$25) for the free shipping promotion, then place a second order for the additional items. This way you only pay shipping on the items that are not books.

A GOOD FRIEND...

According to SUIMA Lower Elementary Students

HELPS

HELPS YOU TO CHASE THE ICE CREAM TRUCK

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EATS ICE CREAM WITH YOU

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Be a good friend today. Chase an ice cream truck together



Carolyn Striker Curriculum Coordinator

Prior to her re-joining SUIMA in February 2020, Ms. Striker was a private tutor, a Montessori consultant and taught in area schools.

Her favorite thing to do when she is not at school is to be outdoors. Whether she is backpacking, camping, hiking or mountain biking, you can usually find her and her dog Gracie, on a high mountain top. Along with her husband, Joe, they enjoy the company of friends and delicious food at potlucks.

Carolyn says the best parts of working at SUIMA is the children, the staff, and the beautiful campus. Ms. Striker’s advice to students comes from Bob Cousy, “Anything worth doing is worth doing well. Do your best when on one is looking. If you do that, then you can be successful at anything you put your mind to.”

Thank you, Carolyn, for being part of the SUIMA family.

Upcoming SUIMA events

- April 13 – May 7: **Benchmark Assessment/Test Window**
- April 13 – **Parent Advisory Group meeting**, 6 p.m.
- April 21 – **Parent Advisory Group Family Night**, 6 p.m. Topic: Ute Chiefs
- April 26 – **Professional Development Day** – No school for students



TRIBAL MEMBER SMALL BUSINESS • FROM PAGE 1

buquerque, New Mexico at the State Fair at Indian Village. We performed at New Year’s night at Fort Duchesne, Utah and we played many times in Silverton, Colo. We played in Durango and local areas. In 1969 we went our separate ways; we enjoyed many great moments playing together.

In 1978 I decided to start a mobile DJ Company. Out first set up was two record players, two guitar amplifiers, and a RadioShack Mixer. We enjoyed music and playing for people. We have done many events including DJ dances, prom, weddings and background music.

We are now completely digital. We now use Virtual DJ, and RekordBox Software. Two laptops hooked to Pioneer Controllers. JBL Pro Speakers, and Mobile DJ lights.

We had to become an open-format DJ who is someone who plays a mix of many genres, rather than just one single genre like oldies, hip hop, western, top 40, trance.

What have been some of the challenges you’ve encountered in building your business?

We started to do sound reinforcement for bands and events. At this time we were using consumer speakers (Peavey). Any Band that was to perform for the Sky Ute Casino would send a sound Rider to the Casino. This Rider will tell the Casino, what equipment they would need for their performance. The big bands wanted professional speakers and not consumer speakers, such as Peavey speakers. We had to upgrade our speakers we were using and invest in professional speakers. We chose to invest in EAW speakers and we spent some pretty good cash for the upgrade.

We then did sound reinforcement for Vincent Craig, LiteFoot, Red Bone, Drew



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum archive

Emcee of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s 2014 Employee Appreciation Day opening ceremonies, Eddie Box Jr., explains the different dance styles of the dancers.

LaCapa, Robert Tree Cody, Paul Rodriguez, and Native American Music Festival at Sky Ute Casino feat. Native Roots, Crystal Phoenix, Shadowyze, Concert for Al Hurricane in Sky Ute Casino Pavilion, Rolling Deep Low-rider show at the Sky Ute Casino, low-rider show in Alamosa, Colorado, Pro Boxing events at the Sky Ute Casino, outdoor concert for Cinco a de Mayo in Santa Rita Park in Durango (with several Mexican Entertainers), Southern Ute Fair and Powwow, veteran’s walk event, La Plata County Talent show. We were also being asked to provide sound reinforcement for the Ute Mountain Casino’s annual powwow.

What is your vision for your business (how would you like to see it grow)?

We would like to continue to provide a good prod-

uct for our customers. To invest in the proper equipment to make this happen.

What support would you like to see offered by the Tribe to its small business owners or prospective entrepreneurs?

To provide funds for start up and provide training to carry on the business.

What short advice could you provide to an aspiring tribal entrepreneur?

Have a dream of what you want to be in your future, learn all the Pro’s and Con’s to fulfill those dreams. Learn that – you have to put the effort in it! And it takes TIME.

How can tribal members and members of the community support your small business?

By using SandMan/HummingBird MobileEntertainment our website is: SandManHummingBird.com.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

Test your financial skills!

Staff report
TRIBAL CREDIT DIVISION

If you want to be eligible for a \$50 gift card to Walmart and are a Southern Ute tribal member, please submit your answers. We are using The National Financial Capability Test that has had over 60,000 participants and has been featured in Forbes, Yahoo Finance, The Hill, CN-BC, and other news outlets. The test measures one’s ability to earn, save and grow their finances.

For tribal members that participate in the questionnaire, 10 tribal members will be randomly drawn for a \$50 gift card to Walmart. You must submit your answers to dlarsen@southernute-nsn.gov. There will be two sets of questions. 15 in this current issue and another 15 questions in the next publication. Answers must be submitted by 5pm, on Thursday, May 6.

1. Many celebrities, professional athletes, and entrepreneurs – people who can afford to live their desired lifestyles – have goals for their personal and professional achievements. Why do these successful people set goals?
 - a. Goal setting allows them to measure progress toward accomplishments or lifestyle changes they desire.
 - b. Setting goals provides them with direction.
 - c. Goal setting gives them an opportunity to show off to others.
 - f. Both “a” and “b.”
2. Which of the following states the five important components of a good goal?
 - a. General, revised, active, safe, sound.
 - b. Written, clear timeline, research-based, influenced by family, influenced by friends.
 - c. Specific, measurable, achievable, realistic, time driven.
 - d. None of the above.
3. How can I start setting personal goals now?
 - a. Daydream, think about and/or research the type of lifestyle you want to live, and write down ideas.
 - b. Organize all of your past accomplishments into an organized timeline.
 - c. Create a folder for school and extracurricular activities.
 - d. Both “b” and “c”
4. How can automating my finances save me time, protect my credit, and earn me extra money?
 - a. Having bills paid automatically will reduce time spent on accounting; paying bills on time protects credit; and setting up direct deposit from your employer means you will earn maximum interest each month.
 - b. Automating your finances cannot protect your credit or help you earn money.
 - c. Automating your finances organizes all your accounts in one place that can easily be reviewed and updated online.
 - d. Both “a” and “c.”
5. Choose the answer that best describes how to automate your finances.
 - a. Keep track of all the bills you pay on a spreadsheet, have a written budget, and set up an account with a bank or credit union.
 - b. Have your employer direct deposit your paycheck, set up automatic bill-pay, set up automatic transfers to your savings account, and track all your finances on the mint.com website.
 - c. Have all the companies you owe deduct their monthly payments directly from your checking account.
 - d. None of the above.

6. What first step should I take to automate my finances?
 - a. Graduate high school.
 - b. Write a budget.
 - c. Check your credit scores.
 - d. Open a checking and savings account.
7. Why would I want to improve my credit score?
 - a. To save money when purchasing a car with a loan.
 - b. To earn more interest on investments.
 - c. To help you get a job, because many employers check their prospective employees’ credit.
 - d. Both “a” and “c.”
8. From the following list, choose the two best suggestions for building and maintaining a good credit rating.
 - a. Have money in savings and protect against identity theft.
 - b. Keep your debt low and pay your bills on time.
 - c. Make safe investments and set clear financial goals
9. What is the safest initial step that I can take to start building my credit?
 - a. Get a credit card or student loan and pay the bill on time.
 - b. Create a credit plan that includes a budget, money set aside for emergencies, and the steps you’ll take to prove to the credit bureaus that you can repay money you borrow.
 - c. Take a cash advance on a credit card and put the money in savings where it will earn interest.
 - d. Both “b” and “c”.
10. Why should I develop a professional résumé and practice my interview skills?
 - a. To save time and get the job you want instead of wasting time unemployed or in a dead-end job.
 - b. To receive a salary at the upper end of the range for your position.
 - c. So you can take the first job offer presented to you. Both “a” and “b”.
11. What is the first thing I should do before searching for a job in my chosen career path?
 - a. Complete a clean, professional résumé.
 - b. Think about what you enjoy doing, the industries you’re attracted to, and your strengths. Then research industries/jobs that match those interests and strengths.
 - c. Earn a college degree.
 - d. None of the above
12. What steps can I take now to increase my chances of getting the job I want?
 - a. Network with others working in the field.
 - b. Build your skill set by doing volunteer work in your chosen area.
 - c. Practice your job interviewing skills.
 - d. All of the above.
13. From the list below, choose the most important factors in determining the amount of money you earn.
 - a. Skills you possess and who you know.
 - b. Your GPA and ACT score.
 - c. High school diploma and volunteer work.
 - d. Both “b” and “c”.
14. Which of the following represents a skill-building method(s)?
 - a. Attending college, trade school, or other educational options.
 - b. Surfing the web, reading articles, and watching online videos.
 - c. Hanging around with people who have the skills you’re trying to develop.
 - d. All of the above.
15. What’s the best first step toward building my skill set now?
 - a. Find out the skills you need to reach your personal goals.
 - b. Focus on building as many skills in as many different areas as possible.
 - c. Enroll in college and figure it out along the way.
 - d. All of the above.

MMIP Art Project

In honor of all Missing and Murdered Indigenous People (MMIP) our community will be spreading awareness and educating others in our community on the impact that this has within the native communities. Please be on the lookout for more information and projects! “May 5th is Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women (MMIW) Awareness Day. Though awareness for MMIW has increased in recent years, it still very much remains a crisis. According to the U.S. Justice Department, the murder rate of Native females is more than ten times the national average on some reservations. Often, these disappearances or murders are connected to domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, stalking, and sex trafficking.” – MMIWG2S (csvanw.org)

TRIBAL MEMBERS ONLY

THE BETS ARE ALMOST BACK.

REOPENING ANNOUNCEMENT COMING SOON!

PLEASE CHECK SKYUTECASINO.COM FOR UPDATES IN THE COMING WEEKS!

- Tribal Members plus One Guest
- Tribal ID will be required
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APRIL Is Financial Literacy Month!

Tribe, GF bid Roller farewell



courtesy SU Growth Fund

The Tribe, Southern Ute Growth Fund bid farewell to Justin Roller, acting Southern Ute Shared Services Chief Information Officer, Friday, April 2. On his last day of work, Roller received an embroidered Pendleton blanket from Growth Fund Director Shane Seibel for his years of service to the Tribe. On behalf of the SUSS committee – Mike Olguin, Charley Flag, Bruce Valdez and Shane Seibel, the Growth Fund and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe – we wish Justin good luck on his future endeavors!

Engman joins SUSS as new CIO



courtesy Jeff Engman

Please welcome Jeff Engman to the Southern Ute Shared Services (SUSS) team! Engman will join Southern Ute Shared Services as the Chief Information Officer on April 12, 2021. Jeff has over 32 years of experience in IT with 28 years in management and an extensive IT background including application design and delivery, process reengineering, project management, infrastructure design and operations management. He has worked for ConocoPhillips, Intel Corporation and most recently Alterra Mountain Company. Engman is from and has lived in the Four Corners, is a Fort Lewis College graduate, and has longtime family in the Durango area.

SMITHSONIAN

National Museum of the American Indian celebrates ‘Living Earth Festival’

Staff report
NATIONAL MUSEUM OF THE AMERICAN INDIAN

Youth in Action: Sustainable Agriculture, April 22–25; on demand

FILM SCREENINGS: APRIL 22–25

Online festival features Native American business representatives, films and youth leaders on sustainability and innovation in Indigenous agriculture.

In celebration of Earth Day, the Smithsonian’s National Museum of the American Indian presents its annual Living Earth Festival, available online and on demand this year. The four-day festival will bring together Native innovators and practitioners dedicated to using Indigenous knowledge to protect and sustain the environment.

Through cooking demonstrations, conversations and film screenings, this year’s festival explores agriculture trends, innovations and sustainability in Indigenous communities and Native-owned businesses. All events will stream at americanindian.si.edu/online-programs.

The festival will open with a message from Notah Begay III (Navajo/San Felipe/Isleta), four-time PGA Tour champion, sportscaster and founder of the Notah Begay III Foundation, which provides health and wellness education to Native youth.

The festival is made possible through the support of the Native American Agriculture Fund.

This program will be followed by a webinar series in the summer and fall titled “Part II: Voices from the Field: The Business of Native Agriculture.” In the second series, Native farmers and ranchers will discuss sustainable food systems and agricultural economic development in their Nations.

This panel discussion brings together young Indigenous leaders to address the role that traditional ecological knowledge plays in their work as farmers and entrepreneurs. With the onset of COVID-19 and the ever-pressing issues of climate change, investing in sustainable agriculture and food production is more important than ever. Moderated by Michaela Pavlat (Sault Ste. Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians). Panelists include Kelsey Ducheneaux-Scott (Cheyenne River Sioux Tribe), Jack Pashano (Hopi) and Marco Ovando (Shoshone-Paiute Tribe).

Cooking Demonstration, April 22–25; on demand

Mariah Gladstone (Blackfeet/Cherokee Nation), founder of Indigikitchen, an online cooking platform, will explore traditional Indigenous foods and show how to incorporate them into people’s everyday lives.

Building an Agriculture Business in Indian Country, April 22–25; on demand

Experts address a crucial issue – creating innovative, robust and ecologically sound food systems and agricultural businesses in Indigenous communities. Speakers include Dawn Sherman (Lakota/Lenape/Shawnee), CEO of Native American Natural Foods; Mark N. Fox, chairman, Mandan Hidatsa and Arikara Nation; and Leonard Forsman, chairman, Suquamish Tribe. Moderated by Carmen Davis (Makah/Chippewa-Cree/Yakama), editor of Native Business magazine.

Gather (USA, 2020, 74 min.) Director: Sanjay Rawal. Producer: Sterlin Harjo (Seminole/Creek). Gather is an intimate portrait of the growing movement amongst Native Americans to reclaim their spiritual, political and cultural identities through food sovereignty, while battling the trauma of centuries of genocide.

Voices from the Barrens: Native People, Blueberries and Sovereignty (USA, 2020, 56 min.) Director: Nancy Gherlner, Canadian Director: Brian J. Francis (Mi’kmaq). This film documents the wild blueberry harvest of the Wabanaki, who live in the United States and Canada.

Crow Country: The Right to Food Sovereignty (USA, 2020, 21 min.) Director: Tسانavi Spoonhunter (Northern Arapaho/Northern Paiute). Crow Country follows several tribal members who are fighting for better food and a better future for their community.

One Word Sawallem (USA, 2019, 18 min.) Director: Natasha Deganello Giraudie. Co-director: Michael “Pom” Preston (Winnemem Wintu). A rare look into the life of Native wisdom keepers, men and women respectively within Indigenous communities for their intimate knowledge about living in balance with the natural world.

Guardianes de semilla (Guardians of the Seeds), (Colombia, 2020, 8 min.) Director: Mauricio Telpiz. Four Pastos community members known as guardians of the ancestral seeds showcase traditional rituals.

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Smithsonian
National Museum of the American Indian

UMU continues
USDA’s “Farmers to Families” Program

SURPRISE DISTRIBUTION Tomorrow (4.9)

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.

Open to ALL Households Tomorrow (4.9) 8 am to 5 pm

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.



did you know?



The air we breath is
78% nitrogen and only
21% oxygen.

Source: <https://climate.nasa.gov/news/2491/10-interesting-things-about-air/>

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

Air Quality in real time!

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

Link to the Tribe’s Air Quality Stations:

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

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.



Cyrus Naranjo was among the first to get some action on the skate park, fences came down Monday, April 5 — the park is now open to the public.



The brand new skate park has all the features and elements the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council asked for including: a bowl, wall, rails, 1/4 pipe, and ample surface to bike or skate.

SunUte Skate Park Now Open!



courtesy Virgil Morgan/SunUte

Members of the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council (SCSYAC) were invited, along with their friends to have the first official skate at SunUte's new skate park, Sunday, April 4.

Photos by Jeremy Wade Shockley
The Southern Ute Drum



Sie and Sarafina Chackee check out the new SunUte skate park on Sunday, April 4.

SKATE PARK OPEN TO PUBLIC • FROM PAGE 1

sion during the design of the park; they were consulted regarding the color scheme they wanted for the tile and the rails,” explained SunUte Director Robin Duffy-Wirth. “They went on a skatepark tour of about six to seven parks to see what they liked and what they didn’t like, eventually putting together a list of what they wanted in their park. All the youth in the area that attended our community meetings had a vote on the final layout. Youth Council had some tough decisions to make. Originally the youth wanted the park at the old casino site. After seeing how much more park they could get if they moved it behind SunUte, they voted to move it.”

“I would like to thank all the youth (now young adults) and staff that had a hand in this along the way. This was

a long time coming and there were many hours put into it before I ever got involved,” Duffy-Wirth emphasized. “This is truly a dream come true. Thank you!!”

The Southern Ute skatepark is a state-of-the-art park. It was designed with beginners to advanced skaters in mind and by listening to input from tribal youth. The park has all the features and elements the SCSYAC asked for including: a bowl, wall, rails, 1/4 pipe, and ample surface to bike or skate.

The tribal youth who came out on Sunday, brought traditional skate boards to long boards, testing out everything from the newly painted rails to the large skate bowl.

“Not all of the sitting Youth Council members were able to make it to the event, but it was great that Elijah Weaver was able to make it as he has been working on the skate park the longest,” said Dustin Weaver, Youth Em-

ployment Program Coordinator for the Southern Ute Education Department. “Seeing the few youth that were invited and were able to make it to the Youth Council’s opening and seeing them experience the skate park finally – was great. All the smiles, laughs, horse play and teaching that went on for the event was amazing.”

“I feel great about the opening of not only the skate park, but other parks as well, [as it] will give the youth a chance to reconnect with each other and get some much-needed outdoor time,” said Weaver. “Taking safety precautions into account such as mask wearing, social distancing when able, etc.”

“I have been involved for the last ten years with this skate park; first as the Executive Officer delegated to work with the youth council and reestablish the youth council at that time,” stated Southern Ute tribal member

Amy Barry. “To help them envision what their ultimate vision would entail.”

“I recognized that prior to me, there had been numerous council members, and other individuals involved. Ten years ago, it was a reachable goal for that group, since that time the youth council has really evolved – so has the vision for the skate park,” said Barry. “That was one of the goals of Chairman Newton in the past, we really have met that goal. People and the community are pumped up, the Tribal government, leadership, youth, have stayed strong towards this vision and made it a reality.”

The official naming of the skate park is underway with the youth council and tribal leadership working together to find a fitting title. Meanwhile the park is open to the public and will certainly be a welcome addition to SunUte park and the community of Ignacio.

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



Southern Ute Skate Park

opens monday april 5

The park will open on Monday, April 5, 2021 when the fences are removed from property.

Safety Reminders

- Masks must be worn at all times
- No more than 50 people allowed
- Please practice social distancing

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Tribal Parks OPEN!

The “Safer at Home” Order restricts groups to no more than 50. Masks must be worn at all times. Please practice social distancing.

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CORONAVIRUS

State of Colorado announces general population vaccine eligibility April 2

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Governor Polis announced on March 29th that all Coloradans over 16 years of age will be eligible to receive COVID-19 vaccine starting Friday, April 2. The announcement today by the State of Colorado moved the opening of general population eligibility up by two weeks from the originally anticipated date. San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) understands many Archuleta and La Plata county residents are eager to get the vaccine, however vaccine supply remains limited, and not everyone will get vaccinated immediately.

Vaccination rates for Archuleta and La Plata counties remain above both state and national averages. As of March 27th, 28% of Archuleta County's total population and 27% of La Plata County's total population are fully vaccinated. The national average of individuals who are fully vaccinated is 15.8%, Colorado's average of individuals who are fully vaccinated is 17%. Nearly 40% of the total population and nearly 50% of the adult population in La Plata and Archuleta counties have received at least one dose of vaccine.

In anticipation of greater vaccine supply, SJBPH continues to expand local vaccine distribution with the

help of numerous partners and will continue to prioritize people in higher risk groups. As of March 27th, 69% of individuals over the age of 70 have been fully vaccinated in Archuleta County, and 75% of individuals over the age of 70 have been fully vaccinated in La Plata County. Vaccine supply coming to southwest Colorado remains limited and it may take several weeks to vaccinate all members of the general public who want to be vaccinated.

Those who do not immediately succeed in registering for a vaccine appointment should continue to check for availability on the SJBPH website or by contacting their medical provider. Residents can also sign up to receive a weekly email notification for updates on vaccine availability from SJBPH and providers. 16 and 17-year-olds are only authorized to receive the Pfizer vaccine and should confirm the type of vaccine offered by their chosen provider before making an appointment. All others are urged to take whatever approved vaccine is offered to them.

"We appreciate the commitment of our community to protect our friends, family, and neighbors," said Li-ane Jollon, SJBPH Executive Director. "We're looking forward to getting more of our community vaccinated, however at this time less

than one-third of our community is fully protected. We must remain vigilant to slow the spread of the virus by practicing precautions like wearing a mask and getting tested."

Vaccines drastically reduce the likelihood of contracting and spreading COVID-19 and are highly effective at preventing severe illness or death from the virus. In addition to getting one of the three safe and effective vaccines, SJBPH continues to urge everyone to follow these important public health precautions:

- Wearing face masks.
- Social distancing of at least 6 feet.
- Avoiding nonessential indoor spaces, and gatherings with others not in your household.
- Getting tested if you are symptomatic, think you've been exposed, or if you work in a high-contact job.
- Avoiding travel if possible.
- Washing hands well.

GETTING THE COVID-19 VACCINE

For information on local vaccine providers visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>

To sign up for vaccine notifications visit <https://bit.ly/35dzCLw> for English or visit <http://bit.ly/2LvUI0v> for Spanish.

Tribe offers Covid-19 vaccine to community




photo McKayla Lee/SU Drum

Students from Fort Lewis College attend the vaccination event hosted by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, first doses of the Moderna Vaccine were given to individuals 18 and older on Thursday, March 25 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort's Event Center – where over 700 vaccinations were administered in a single day.



Couple, Jennifer Cihlaar and Sky Neel wait in line outside the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center on Thursday, March 25. They both received their first dose of the Moderna vaccine.



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 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.

Photo Credit | Lindsay J. Box



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE
(As of April 7, 2021)


Southern Ute Health Center	Positives	193
	Recovered	151
	Tests Administered	8279

Tribal Member Specific Statistics

Positives	74
Recovered	57
Deaths	2

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

WHAT TO EXPECT WHEN THE TRIBE MOVES TO PHASE II "SAFER AT HOME", LEVEL 3

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council approved Resolution 2021-032, adopting key metrics and restrictions for various phases of the COVID-19 pandemic. The graphic below explains key metrics and restrictions for each of the phases.

Monday, March 29, 2021
the Southern Ute Indian Tribe will move to Phase II "Safer at Home", Level 3

Phase II "Safer at Home" Order Level 3 - What would this mean?

ALLOWED


- Go to the grocery store
- Pick up medications
- Go to medical appointments
- Go to a restaurant provided all protective measures of the establishment are followed
- Visit and take care of a family member or friend
- Spend time outdoors to enjoy activities such as walking, hiking, playing or picnicking at a park, etc.
- Exercise indoors or outdoors provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are in place
- Take your pets to veterinarian appointments
- Assist family members and friends with tasks
- Go to school
- Go to work provided capacity restrictions and protective measures are in place. Telecommuting should still be maximized whenever possible

NOT ALLOWED


- Do not go to work if you are part of the vulnerable population
- Do not leave your home or visit with family members and friends if you are sick
- Do not maintain less than 6 feet of distance between you and non-household members when you go out
- Do not visit loved ones who are not non-household members in the hospital, nursing home or other residential care facility
- Do not stop using a face mask or covering when leaving your home

Restrictions in Phase II, Level 3		
Personal Gathering	Indoor Capacity	Outdoor Capacity
5 or less	25% 25 Max	25% 50 Max


Stay Home & Isolate




Wear your mask



Practice social distancing



Wash your hands



For more info or updates visit: www.southernute-nsn.gov or Official Facebook



CORONAVIRUS

Medical Reserve Corps Volunteers help vaccinate Southwest Colorado

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

In a year where communities have come together to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic, over 650 volunteers have registered with the Southwest Colorado unit of the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC). MRCs are community-based units of both medically trained and non-medical volunteers. Under the MRC program, volunteers are organized and deployed to strengthen the response to public health emergencies and natural disasters. Volunteers can also be deployed to improve emergency preparedness and advance critical public health initiatives.

The Southwest Colorado Regional Medical Reserve Corps is one of 27 MRC units in Colorado. Before 2020, the Southwest Colorado Regional Medical Reserve Corps’ membership stood at 10 volunteers, it has now spiked to more than 650 people from a variety of backgrounds.

“We have an enormous

number of volunteers supporting us in our vaccination and testing efforts,” said Lori Zazzaro, who leads the MRC unit as SJBPH’s Emergency Manager. “The outpouring of support that we’ve gotten from the MRC is incredible. It’s uplifting to see the community dedicating so much of their time to keeping their neighbors safe and healthy.”

In recent months, local MRC volunteers have aided with everything from case investigation and contact tracing to helping administer vaccines at clinics and performing COVID-19 testing. Recently, the MRC’s work helped propel vaccination rates in Southwest Colorado to the highest in the state. More than 35% of residents in both Archuleta and La Plata counties have now received at least one dose of COVID-19 vaccine.

In addition to disease outbreaks, the Southwest Colorado Regional MRC can provide critical reserve capacity to respond to other emergencies affecting public health, such as wildfires

or flooding.

“What a nice thing to be a part of a community, one that comes up with hundreds and hundreds of people who are willing to give up every Saturday all day to help their community,” said Randall Hertzman, a local MRC volunteer who has been part of the emergency response since last June. “It’s just reinforced in my head how great this community is,” Hertzman added.

Aside from emergency response, the MRC can also be called on for emergency preparedness, community resilience, eliminating health disparities, increasing health literacy, and promoting disease prevention. Growth of the local MRC during the pandemic will help Southwest Colorado be better prepared for future public health emergencies and natural disasters for years to come.

To get more information or volunteer with the Southwest Colorado Regional Medical Reserve Corps visit: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/volunteer/>.

CORONAVIRUS

State of Colorado Launches New COVID-19 Dial 3.0

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

On Wednesday, March 24, the Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) released the latest update to Colorado’s COVID-19 dial framework: Dial 3.0. CDPHE expects that the new dial will remain in effect until mid-April.

Under the new dial, Archuleta County remains in Level Blue, and La Plata County remains in Level Yellow. Certified Five Star businesses in both counties are permitted to operate under Level Blue protocols. CDPHE’s Dial 3.0 makes it easier to qualify for Level Green (“Protect Our Neighbor”) and removes or loosens many protocols at that level.

While public health protocols are beginning to ease, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) strongly urges all residents to continue following proven public health precautions. These include wearing a mask when in public, getting tested if

you have symptoms or believe you’ve been exposed, and getting one of the safe and effective COVID-19 vaccines when eligible.

“We’ve come a long way together since the beginning of the pandemic, but it’s still too early to let our guard down, especially with variants circulating in the community,” said SJBPH Executive Director, Liane Jollon. “We have vaccinated just over one third of our community, including many of the most vulnerable and elderly of our friends and neighbors. We strongly urge all residents to get one of the safe and effective vaccines when eligible. It could save your life, or the life of someone in our community.”

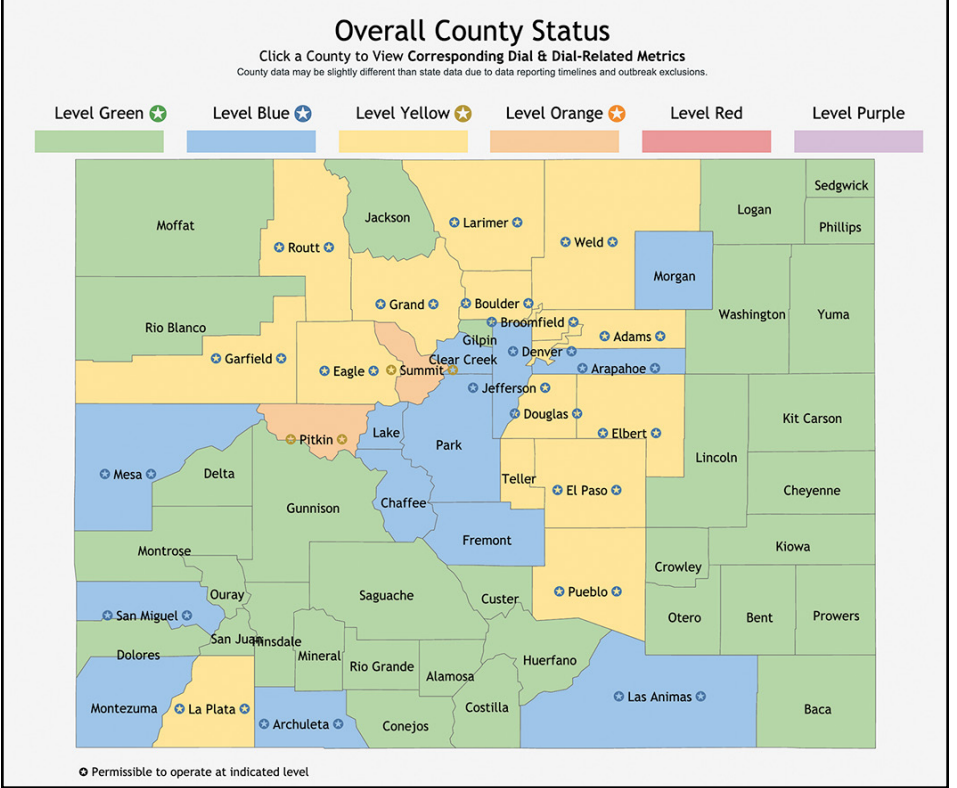
Most of the changes in Dial 3.0 apply to Level Green. CDPHE has also eased some restrictions in Level Blue and Level Yellow. These can be found on the State of Colorado’s website, and a few of those changes are included below:

- Bars can now open under Level Blue with-

out operating under the Restaurant requirements. The capacity limit is 25% capacity or 75 people, whichever is fewer.

- Outdoor events in Level Blue no longer have state-level capacity restrictions under the dial. Counties may choose to implement capacity restrictions on outdoor events at the local level.
- There is no longer a state limit on personal gathering sizes. The state will follow CDC’s guidance on personal gatherings. The CDC still strongly recommends avoiding larger gatherings and crowds to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

New information is available via CDPHE on updated dial metrics and capacity limits. SJBPH will communicate with businesses and stakeholders regarding changes to the Dial and any additional impacts on our region.



OFFICE HOURS

**Monday
Wednesday
Friday**

8am – 12pm

**CURBSIDE SERVICES AVAILABLE
BY APPOINTMENT ONLY**

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

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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.

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“Together, we will fight COVID-19”

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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.



BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Upper-tier foes pressure Volleyscats at home

IHS falls in four to both M-CHS, T-ride

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Able to pick themselves up when needed, but often unable to keep unforced errors in check, the Ignacio Volleyscats couldn't push visiting Telluride to a fifth-game tiebreaker Saturday afternoon, April 3, and entered the new week on a three-match slide after falling 22-25, 25-23, 20-25, 19-25.

"We remembered the last game," said head coach Melanie Seibel, referring to IHS' trip to THS exactly one week earlier. "We saw where they were hitting, saw that tipping and so we did our best to make sure we were covering each other, communicating with each other. It's just learning how to work together, cover each other and trust."

"We didn't give up, tried very hard on defense," sophomore Grace Gonzales said. "But we slack here and there on communication ... coming together as one."

Ignacio slipped to 3-4 overall, 3-2 in the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League (2-2 2A SJBL) following the setback – which came on the heels of the previous night's 18-25, 17-25, 25-20, 15-25 loss to undefeated Montezuma-Cortez (5-0, 4-0 3A Intermountain), at the time ranked No. 11 in the CHSAANow.com Class 3A poll.

Neither the 'Cats nor the visiting Lady Miners had tallied individual numbers as of press time, but in a match where continuity was regularly disrupted by anything from netted serves to rotation violations to rallies lasting little more than a couple seconds, first-year THS' own first-year skipper indicated relief at having come out of their opponents' house victorious.

"I'd say our x-factor is just that they're able to kind of control their emotions," said Corinne Cavender, a former defensive rock for and 2015 graduate of Grand Rapids (Mich.) Forest Hills Central not even two full years re-



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio sophomore Harmony Reynolds (12) leaps for a kill over Telluride's Emma Righetti (4) during SJBL action Saturday, April 3, inside IHS Gymnasium. Reynolds played well in place of injured soph Trinity Strohl, lost to an ankle injury during the teams' 3/27 clash inside THS' MinerDome.

moved from her studies at Grand Valley State (Allendale, Mich.) University.

"I think with every game they're able to understand that as a team we do make a lot of mistakes, but that's part of the game. Keep rolling with it, hope the other team makes more."

"It's definitely hard with the interruptions, but you've got to play through that," said junior setter Ally Tealdi, who polished off the match roofing an over-passed IHS reception of substitute server Zoe Rommel's offering. "And it helps when you get your serves over; that helps momentum and the team confidence."

Winners of a third consecutive match – including a morale-boosting sweep of San Miguel County rival Norwood the night before – Telluride improved to 5-2 overall (5-2 SJBL; 3-2 2A SJBL) despite never fully subduing the 'Cats.

After a see-saw opening

to Game 1, THS took the lead for good at 12-11 when heavy-hitting junior Emery Berry smashed a kill to offset a netted Tealdi serve. Senior Kyra Levan downed a spike to increase the Lady Miners' lead to 20-14, but Ignacio scrapped back to as close as 22-20, 23-21 and 24-22 before libero Laci Brunson and setter Marisa Carmenoros couldn't decide who should make second contact on a defended Levan attack.

Consecutive Berry aces helped the guests race out to a 4-1 lead in Game 2, and Seibel alertly called timeout. And after falling further behind, 7-2, her squad responded. A Carmenoros kill and Gonzales ace brought IHS back to 8-5, and the 'Cats clawed back into contention, finally reaching 18-all via back-to-back Harmony Reynolds kills over middle Em-

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BOBCATS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats' Finn, Tucson anchor All-SJBL roster

McCaw, Labarthe snag Second Team status

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Though a State title yet again eluded the program, the Bobcats – particularly the upperclassmen – knew they'd again elevated Ignacio Boys' Basketball this winter to contenders' height, which only a couple years ago wasn't reached.

To players like current senior forward Bryce Finn, that was unacceptable.

"My sophomore year – the 10-and-10 season – I just remember that all of us, like, didn't feel that we were 'Ignacio Basketball' players," he recalled. "The year before that we'd went to State ... and then we lost all our seniors – and Lawrence (Valdez) too – but we just thought we were good. We went into games big-headed like 'Oh yeah, we're Ignacio! We can beat whoever!' and then we ended up choking."

"A bunch of the other teams we played ... they didn't lose many seniors from the year before, so it was definitely like a wake-up call: We need to focus more," said senior guard Brady McCaw. "We can't make that assumption that all teams are going to be an easy win; we need to put in the work now."

"I remember after that season how mad people were in the locker room after we lost at districts – two straight games – and didn't even qualify for regionals," Finn added. "People were so mad that it pushed us hard. We didn't want to be



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Ignacio's Gabe Tucson (3) cleverly blocks a Dolores shot from behind during road action inside DHS Gymnasium. Tucson was recently named First Team All-SJBL.

remembered as 'that' team; we wanted to be remembered as a team that had three State Championship runs in our careers."

"Coming into junior year we spent a lot of time at the rec – like every Monday, Wednesday and Friday nights they'd hold games so we'd go play there – to get ready for the season," said McCaw. "And when the season came we just noticed an immediate improvement."

"Weren't scared of varsity level any more ... And then this year it was just 'Let's get this done!'"

Unluckily pit against size-blessed Limon in the Class 2A State Tournament's 'Great Eight,' IHS' supreme dream ran out of steam, but following an undefeated 10-0 sprint through the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League and 14-3 overall finish – all amidst the global COVID-19 pandemic, and resulting Colorado High School Activities Association-mandated safety measures including last season's

sudden termination following 'Great Eight' play, then a delayed, abbreviated 2020-21 campaign – recognition was definitely warranted.

Some came recently as All-SJBL nominations, with Finn and junior guard Gabe Tucson tabbed First Team All-League.

"Knowing that you were one of the best in your conference three years straight," said Finn, also named First Team following the '19-20 and '18-19 slates, "I kind of get emotional about it ... coming to the end of an era where I won't have the opportunity to get those awards anymore."

"The hours people don't see – going to the rec center at 5 a.m., lifting weights, shooting, then going back and playing games – can really change a player," he stressed, virtually advising future cagers, "make him one of the best ever at school."

Head coach Chris Val-

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BOBCATS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady 'Cats earn First Team All-League

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Well aware this winter that any number of opponents might have them on height, the Lady Bobcats were never out of any fight with a senior backcourt of Jayden Brunson and Charlize Valdez more than capable of shooting Ignacio back into a fray; or an opponent into submission.

"They're a great-shooting team, and they always have been; they have some really talented young ladies," 3A Bayfield head coach Josh Kitchen had said, following the Lady Wolverines' loss inside IHS Gymnasium. "We kind of thought if we'd give them high pressure it might disrupt their ability to swing that ball, get those open threes.... Sometimes they just get hot!"

And if such outside shots weren't falling, it was fast-forward into the lane – whether out of desperation or design – in hopes of forcing the enemy to keep pace if hoping to survive.

"You have to carry the same hustle, the same determination, same drive," said 1A Dove Creek's Julie Kibel, after her Lady Bulldogs managed to hold off Justa Whitt's Lady 'Cats 51-48 inside a howling DawgHouse. "You cannot back off."

"We're looking for everything, just whatever's open," Brunson stated.

"That's what we preach to the girls," explained Whitt. "They just have to play their



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Ignacio's Avaleena Nanaeto fires a mid-air pass over two Mancos players during action inside IHS Gymnasium. Nanaeto was recently named Second Team All-SJBL.

game and they'll be okay. And that's all you can do; you have to leave it in their hands sometimes."

Recently named the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League's Coach-of-the-Year, Kibel at the time viewed her squad's shot-for-shot success against the perennial circuit power as a major plus progressing through the COVID-shortened 2020-21 season.

"Sometimes you wonder if you're pushing them

too hard, but I saw tonight where it's paying off," she'd said. "Just the intensity level, the ability to run the ball, pass the ball, breathe, stay in shape ... We've worked and worked just to start building our program, get ourselves into a position to fight like that and play like that."

In the wake of IHS' 10-5 overall result and 6-2 showing against all SJBL

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Tribal Council Approved 2021 Spring Turkey Hunting

Season Dates: March 30th, 2021- May 30th, 2021

Permits Issued: Beginning March 30th, 2021

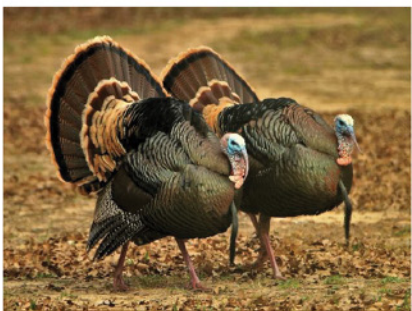
Bag Limit:

- Southern Ute Indian Reservation: 2 bearded turkeys. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.
- Brunot Treaty Area: 1 bearded turkey. No beard length restrictions, but a harvested bird must have a beard naturally attached.

Must be an enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member 12 years old or older.

Hunters under the age of 21 must possess a hunter safety card and must present it at the time permits are picked up.

For more information please call the Wildlife Division at (970) 563-0130





EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

LETTER FROM COUNCIL WOMAN
LINDA BAKER

Spring 2021
From a winter election held December 18, 2020, to a spring transition three and a half months later, the focus to operate at a higher level has been a learning curve. As a former employee (Higher Education Department) and Director (Southern Ute Museum), I have learned there is a different way of thinking that needs to occur when grasping the over-all role as a tribal government representative.

As a new Tribal Council representative, I appreciate each orientation by tribal departments and each employee who corresponded with me to provide additional information. I have also received my assigned areas of representation: Fort Lewis College Tribal Advisory Council, Miss Southern Ute Committee.

Since my swearing in, I continue to practice remaining focused on the needs of our Southern Ute tribal relatives. This focus competes with all the meetings and presentations Tribal Council hears from departments, the Casino and Growth Fund, plus other local, county, state, educational, non-profit, health, COVID, and business entities. And throughout the daily and weekly schedule of meetings and discussions, it is necessary to constantly ask one's self, "How does this directly impact the people of our Tribe?"

After much discussion, Tribal Council has developed a list of priorities, with a focus on direct impact to our Southern Ute people. In addition to priorities, Tribal Council is seeking guidance from our people. Soon, departments will be offering surveys to gather information. Please provide your input so Tribal Council can use the survey results in decision-making.

Your current Tribal Council has background experience in Housing, the Growth Fund, Tribal Gaming, Health, Education, Tribal Courts, and Museum/Preservation. This varied background provides valuable insight in current discussions, which in turn, impact the future of our Tribe. Future decisions, whether obvious, controversial, or as tiebreakers, are always being made. Please be involved and voice your thoughts and suggestions about how your Tribe can better serve you.

With this article, I will begin regular submissions to The Drum. Also, an ad with my contact information has been posted in The Drum. In closing, be safe and be well, and may the Creator watch over you as you continue your journey.

Linda K. Baker
Southern Ute Tribal Council Member

"THE LORD IS TRULY RISEN!"
(Lk 24, 34), is the message Christians have shared around the world for over 2,000 years. In fact, the words: "Christ is risen!" is

the foundational testimony of our Christian Faith. It is through the Resurrection of Christ that our horizon is illuminated and questions about the meaning of life are answered. Jesus Christ conquered Evil and Death, so that our lives find direction and fulfillment. Easter is the proclamation of a message of hope and of a new future for humanity and the world. (Rom 8, 19-22).

Like many of you, I am dishearten when I look around and see the division in our Church and in our Country that are intensified by the challenges posed by the past year. I am drained too, because it almost seems like if Christ's Resurrection has not changed anything. The dark clouds of evil, iniquity and violence appear to continue ruling and obscuring the horizon of humanity. If anyone wishes to work towards happiness and share it with others, finds itself unable to realize the dream of a beautiful and more human world. This may lead us to fall in the temptation of believing that we are capable of a better life by replacing the One True God with false images that conceal our fear, bitterness, and ease our confusion. But for you and for me, the Easter bells resound this year to remind us the joyful message: "Christ is risen from the death!"

Through Christ's Resurrection we are given the possibility to build a more just and human society that supports a new experience of life. It is possible to start a new life that establishes true and profound relationships with other people. Christ's Resurrection overturns the tombstone that contains fear, suffering and death itself. With his resurrection we are given the opportunity to transform pain, tears, troubles and failures into growth experiences in the hope of new life for all humanity. Our faith in the Resurrection of Jesus invest us with the power to overcome temporal limitations and do good things like growing in fraternity, dialogue, friendship, solidarity and justice. In his resurrection, we find the strength to eradicate from our heart all scandalous inequalities by recognizing that all human beings deserve equal opportunity and equal dignity.

St. Paul reminds us, "...you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God" (Col 3, 1), this means that if the certainty of His resurrection abides in intimacy of our heart, the work of our life and love, all our actions will express the hope and joy that comes from knowing that the Lord is in action constructing a new world that will come to fulfillment at the end of time, when we will be raised to the glory of Christ and that our participation in this world demands the observance of the two greatest commandments "to love God and to love your neighbor as yourself". I wish everyone a Holy Easter filled with hope, love and joy.

Rev. Fr. Cesar M. Arras, C.R. Theat

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Drawing From
Photographs

A free art workshop for
beginners!
• Friday, April 30
10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.
• Saturday, May 1
10 a.m. to 2:30 pm.
• Sunday, May 2
1 to 5 p.m.

A sign-up form and supply
list will be available at
the Ignacio Community
Library front desk for
anyone interested.
Let's get creative!

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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NEW EMPLOYEES



Ceriss Blackwood
Job title: Lower Elementary Teacher
Education: I hold a B.S. and M.A. from Colorado State University & was accepted to University of Colorado-Denver's Graduate School for Early Childhood Leadership as a Buell Fellow for 2021.
Hobbies: I love reading books and hiking with my kids.
Comments: I am a Tri-Ethnic Indignous Chicana that graduated from Ignacio High School in 2003 and I have been teaching since 2008.

In The Southern Ute Tribal Court
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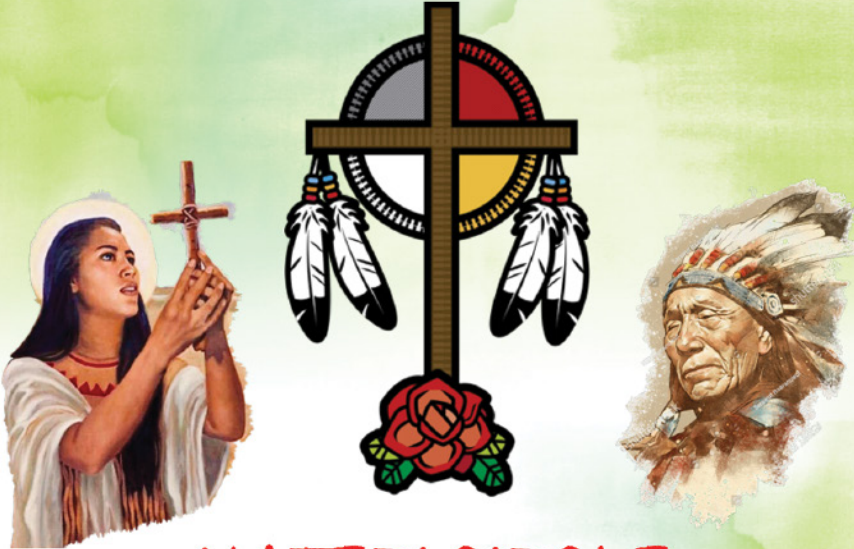
NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Lucinda Marietta Cloud, Deceased
Case No.: 2020-0172-CV-PR
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees , creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **May 3, 2021 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 25th of March, 2021
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0019-CV-PR
Mary Macias, Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, le gatees, 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 **APRIL 26, 2021 at 9:00 AM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary .
Dated this 18th of March 2021
Marlene Price, Deputy Court Clerk

NOTICE OF PROBATE
In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0018-CV-PR
Julia Marie Cuthair, Deceased
Notice to: Heirs, devisees, legatees, creditors and all other persons claiming an interest in said estate: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe of the Southern Ute Indian Reservation, Ignacio, CO: Greetings: Take notice that a petition has been filed in this cause, alleging that the above decedent died leaving certain assets, and asking for the determination of heirs of said decedent, the administration of said estate including the allowing of creditors of said decedent and for distribution thereof. You are notified that said cause will be set for hearing before the Tribal Court at the above address on **MAY 12, 2021 at 4:00 PM.** All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.
Dated this 22nd of March, 2021.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Utilities Division

Southern Ute Utilities Water Department will begin conducting annual fire hydrant flushing on Monday April 12th, 2021 and will continue flushing through the end of April. During this important maintenance, customers may experience some discolored water at your tap, due to the dislodging of debris inside the water main. If you experience discolored water, please open/flush all plumbing fixtures (bath tub/sinks etc.) for a period of not less than 10 minutes or until clean water returns. If the problem persists, please contact the Southern Ute Utilities Main Office at 563-5500. We apologize for any inconvenience as we strive to provide customers with the highest quality water. Thank you, Southern Ute Utilities, Water Department

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Rehabilitation Services for a Townhome Rental Unit

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to perform Rehabilitation services for a Townhome Rental Unit at the Townhome property located at 60 Shadow Spirit East, Ignacio, Colorado. The selected Contractor will need to start by June 1, 2021, and complete within Thirty (30) days of the start date.

The scope of the project will include, but not limited to the following:

- Cleaning unit.
- Interior painting of unit.

For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Tribal Housing Department:

- **Mail Delivery:** Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Housing Department Attn: Mandy Brown, PO Box 737-24, Ignacio, CO 81137, mbrown@southernute-nsn.gov

- **Hand Delivery:** Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Housing Dept., (Dropbox only) 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO 81137

**Proposals will be received through
April 16, 2021.**

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian-owned businesses. For information on certification, contact TERO at 970-563-0117.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Project Management and Construction Services for Environment Remediation

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to provide Project Management and Construction Services for Environment Remediation of two separate units located on the Southern Ute Reservation for the Tribal Housing Department.

For inquiries and a copy of the detailed RFP, contact the SUIT Tribal Housing Department:

- **Mail Delivery:** Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Housing Department Attn: Gary Fuls, PO Box 737-24, Ignacio, CO 81137,

gfulks@southernute-nsn.gov

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Professional Landscape Maintenance Services

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) requests a written response to the Request for Proposal (RFP) for consideration to enter into a Professional Services Agreement to perform Professional Landscape Maintenance Services for the irrigated and unirrigated areas at the Townhome property located at 60 Shadow Spirit East, including its park as well as landscaping maintenance for a second park located at the intersection of Shadow Spirit East and Lodge Pole Way Ignacio, Colo. The selected Contractor will enter into a three (3) year contract, with mutually established costs for time and material, schedules and task orders.

The scope of the project will include, but not limited to the following:

- Mow and trim all turf grass a minimum of once a week during the growing season. All turfgrass is to be mowed at 3 inches in length and use a mowing technique to ensure no scalping of turfgrass areas. The growing season is typically defined as May 1 through October 31 but dependent on weather conditions. Turfgrass areas will be kept as free of weeds as possible by mechanical or approved chemicals.
- Request only as-needed-basis by Tribal

Housing; landscaping maintenance and or weed mitigation at other locations with-in the Ignacio, Colorado area.

Colorado Commercial Pesticide applicators licenses is preferred.

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ATTENTION

Pine River Indian Irrigation Project PRIIP Water Users

Due to the Covid 19 pandemic, the Bureau of Indian Affairs PRIIP office Was not able to conduct fall and spring water users meeting.

In an effort, to keep our customers informed. We are providing this Notice to provide information for the 2021 Irrigation Season.

Due to the natural aspects of snow fall in the high country north of the Vallecito Reservoir, it is not predictable as to when the irrigation season will begin. BIA and other ditch companies along with the water commissioner are in contact to work together for a successful irrigation season again this year. It is notable that irrigation season will be on schedule before May 1, 2021.

Bills have been generated and mailed as of March 10, 2021. If there are any questions regarding bill issues, call 970-563-9484. Leave a clear message and a number to contact you back if no one is available to answer your call.

The irrigation rate for this season is \$22 per acre. These rates are implemented for operation and maintenance for the program. The program functions on dollars generated through our billing collections.

Water Request and Work Order Forms are available outside our office, located at 811 CR 517, Bldg #151, 970-563-9484 or by calling the Southern Ute Tribal Water Resources 970-563-2930, with pickup at their offices located at 575 CR 517.

The BIA Irrigation Office remains closed to the public per Agency COVID-19 Protocols. For any issues we are requesting that you leave a clear message at our office 970-563-9484, with your contact information.

REMINDER: BIA will be performing maintenance on irrigation ditches throughout the 2021 season. BIA is guaranteed legal rights-of-way for these purposes, and MUST have cooperation in accessing them. (25 CFR 171)

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.bgcso.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or 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.

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

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. 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 MONTESSORI ACADEMY Seeking School Board Candidates

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking five (5) interested candidates to sit on their school board. Interested persons must be over the age of 18.

Are you interested in helping shape the future? What about serving children and your community? The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy is seeking members for its school board. Being on a school board can be a rewarding experience when you realize you are helping ensure a good education for the tribal member youth in our community. If you are interested in working with a team of like-minded individuals who wish to bring excellence to academics, then being a SUIMA School Board member is for you.

With Resolution 2020-142, signed on Oct. 13, 2020, the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy has been given permission to form their own School Board Separate from Tribal Council.

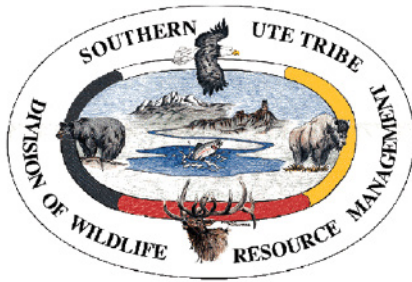
With the majority of the Board being tribal members, the School Board will uphold SUIMA's mission as it provides a strong educational foundation to preserve and share the Southern Ute Indian culture and language within a Montessori environment. The purpose of the SUIMA School Board is to work with the Tribal Council to ensure that SUIMA has sufficient resources; helps oversee SUIMA's operations and administration; and regularly updates the Tribal Council.

Interested parties may submit a letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy, PO Box 737 #52, Ignacio, CO 81137; or by bringing the letter of interest to the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy office; or by emailing the letter of interest to the SUIMA Principal at mjowens@southernute-nsn.gov.

Colorado Hunter's Education Information

Due to Covid-19, Colorado Parks & Wildlife (CPW) has determined an exemption is necessary due to public health directives and protection of public health, safety and welfare. This exemption may be extended, subject to review prior to the expiration date listed. Any student who is at least 11 years old, and finishes this 100% online course (Hunter-Ed.com/Colorado) by May 15, 2021, will be fully Hunter Ed certified for life, and no in person class will be required. Official Colorado Hunter Education cards will be mailed to graduates automatically after course completion. Go to Hunter-Ed.com/Colorado to enroll and complete the online Hunter's Safety Course.

**If you have any additional questions or need assistance please call
Southern Ute Wildlife at 970-563-0130.**





Southern Ute Growth Fund • Job announcements

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

Senior Environmental Compliance Specialist – GF SECMG (Durango, CO)

Closing 4/16/21 – Coordinates the Spill Response, Waste Management, and Environmental Due Diligence Programs and various environmental regulatory functions (including NEPA and CWA) for the Growth Fund and its business enterprises. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in life, physical or environmental science, engineering or related discipline and eight years work experience in an environmental or closely related capacity; OR a Master’s degree in life, physical or environmental science, engineering or related discipline, and five years work experience in an environmental or closely related capacity is required. Must have excellent command of federal and state environmental rules and regulations. Must have the ability to maintain environmental database systems for tracking compliance related, permits, documents, monitoring reports, audits and status of abatement/mitigation procedures. Must have experience in using AutoCAD and/or GIS systems for developing project site plans, drawings and maps. Must have proficient technical writing skills in order to prepare reports, standard operating procedures and other highly technical environmental documents. Must have experience in computer software programs within the MS Windows environment including Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint and Project. Participation in a positive and productive team-oriented environment is required. Must have valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy. Must pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

Lease Operator II – Red Willow Production Co. (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/23/21 – Under general direction of the Red Willow Operations Foremen, responsible for managing and maintaining field operations to ensure that production proceeds safely and efficiently in compliance with all regulations, and in a manner consistent with Red Willow

and Tribal priorities and concerns. Assists in collecting and maintaining accurate data related to operations including production data and equipment data. Minimum qualifications: A High School Diploma or equivalent is required. Must have two years’ experience as a Lease Operator. Must live in close proximity to RWPC field locations in order to respond to emergencies and call-outs within 60 minutes. Must be able to work a rotating on-call schedule and be available for overtime and weekend duty as needed. Must be willing to take direction from others. Must be able to train less experienced staff. Must be willing to learn to operate different or new types of equipment and to attend job-related training sessions as requested. Must be willing to work in a team environment and to share responsibility and accountability. Must have, or be able to obtain within first 6 months of employment, certification in First Aid and CPR. Must have a valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable through the Red Willow Vehicle Insurance Policy. Must pass criminal history background check and a pre-employment drug test.

Operator II – Utilities Division (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 4/19/21 – Under the general supervision of the Utilities Operations Supervisor, hauls water to hauled water customers, and operates heavy equipment during the maintenance and repair of the water distribution, wastewater collection and natural gas systems. Minimum qualifications: High school diploma or equivalent is required. Must have a valid Class “B” Commercial Driver’s License for state of residency, two years’ experience as a Class “B” water truck driver, experience operating backhoes and other heavy equipment, experience in the safe operation of power equipment and tools used in the construction industry. Must maintain a telephone for on-call duties, be able to work on-call, irregular hours (shift work), holidays and weekends, be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy, and pass a pre-employment drug test and criminal history background check.

BIA Vacancy Announcement

Supervisory Irrigation System Operator, GS-0459-11

Closes 4/15/21 – Southwest Region, Southern Ute Agency, Branch of Irrigation, Ignacio, CO. Merit Promotion Job Announcement: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/597262200>. This position is located with the Bureau of Indian Affairs, Southern Ute Agency, Deputy Superintendent-Trust Services, Division of Natural Resources, Branch of Irrigation in Ignacio, Colorado. The incumbent reports to the Deputy Superintendent and functions as the Supervisory Irrigation System Operator on the Pine River Indian Irrigation Project.

served. Participates in design reviews for new construction and the rehabilitation of existing structures. Conducts safety risk assessments for water system operations. Identifies locations to measure water for both surface flows and groundwater levels. Supervises the monitoring efforts for water levels, flow rates and operational efficiency. Trains employees in performing maintenance activities such as cleaning ditches, repairing and replacing structures, building concrete forms, placing concrete and operating hand or power tools. Exercises supervision over the operations and maintenance personnel to assign, review, and approve work assignments.

How to Apply: To apply for this position, you must complete the online application: <https://www.usajobs.gov/GetJob/ViewDetails/597262200>

Please Note - No Application Material Will Be Accepted Via E-Mail

For more information contact Human Resources by phone: 505-563-5124/5122 ext. 5130; or email: humanresourcesbia-abq@bia.gov Physical Address: BIA Center for Recruitment Albuquerque, BIA Center for Recruitment Albuquerque, 1011 Indian School Road, NW, Suite 136, Albuquerque, NM 87104

To learn more about the program, please visit our website <https://co-americanindian.quitlogix.org/index>

To be considered for the position, please submit an application for employment in its entirety at this link: <https://pm.healthcaresource.com/CS/national/#/job/4721> Minimum Qualifications: Education: Bachelor’s Degree required. A degree in Psychology, Social Work or other Human Services field preferred; Work Experience: A minimum of two (2) years of experience as a health coach preferred; Special Training, Certification or Licensure: Fluent in English and Spanish preferred. To be considered for the position, please submit an application for employment in its entirety at this link: <https://pm.healthcaresource.com/CS/national/#/job/4721>

Work From Home – Full Time

National Jewish Health – Tobacco Cessation Program

****Remote positions with our team are currently available for candidates located in AZ, CA, CO, FL, HI, IL, MN, NY, OK, and NY.***

Tobacco Cessation Health Coach

Salary Range: \$17.17 - \$22.39/hour

Be part of something big! The Keep It Sacred program operated by National Jewish Health is seeking a full time and part time Tobacco Cessation Health Coach to join their team! The program is aimed to decrease commercial tobacco use and cancer health disparities among American Indians and Alaska Natives (AI/AN) across the U.S. The selected candidate will coach American Indian participants over the phone and online on their journey to quit using tobacco products. Create personalize plans and use proven strategy to make a difference in participant lives. Please submit a cover letter along with application detailing your interest in working with the Keep It Sacred program.

Southern Ute Membership Only For Rent

60 Shadow Spirit East, Ignacio, Colo. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) has a (3) Bedroom, (2) Bath ADA Townhome unit available for rent. For more information and an application, go to www.southernute-nsn.gov/tribal-housing/cedar-point-townhomes/ Or contact Tribal Housing at 970-563-4710 to make an appointment to pick up an application. Applications can be emailed to: tribalhousing@southernute-nsn.gov or hand delivered to our dropbox located at 285 Lakin St. Ignacio, CO. Applications will be accepted until April 16, 2021.

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.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe • Job announcements

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

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE TO BE SUBMITTED ONLINE

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

Air Quality Technical Manager

Closes 4/19/21 – Under general supervision of the Air Quality Program Manager, manages the technical and regulatory tasks of the air permitting section and directs Air Quality Planning and Minor Source Program development of the Reservation Air Program. Starts at \$67,244.15/year.

Elder Services Driver

Closes 4/19/21 – Provides transportation and services for Southern Ute Indian Tribal Elders and Disabled individuals. Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Family Court Therapist

Closes 4/19/21 – Provides direct and clinical supervision to Family Court Support Office staff and program services. Assists the Chief Judge and the Court Program Analyst/Grant Writer with recommendations for new or enhanced program services requiring grant funding. Provides grant and data reporting. Assists judges in assigning court appointments to Family Court Caseworkers or Family Court Therapist. Manages a small family court caseload conducting mental health Guardian ad Litem investigations, Special Advocate investigations, parent coordination, and mediation services. Starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Manager – Health Center Support Services

Closes 4/13/21 – Supervision and management of front office operations within the Southern Ute Health Center to include reception, registration, scheduling, medical records and referral services within the Health Center. A key focus will be to establish and maintain superior customer service communications and support at all times. Starts at \$54,517.63/year.

Medical AR Technician

Closes 4/14/21 – Performs accounts receivable activities; receiving and posting payments into the tribal health accounts receivable software package, following up on unpaid claims, and recommending third party billing enhancements to improve billing efficiency and effectiveness. Starts at \$16.88/hour.

Payroll Manager

Closes 4/20/21 – Complete and accurate preparation of multi-state payroll, including paychecks, payroll tax filings, year-end reports, and other related payroll information in a timely manner, assuring consistency and adherence to federal regulations, and applicable state and local regulations, as well as policies and procedures. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Probation Officer

Closes 4/9/21 – Under direct supervision of Chief Probation Officer & Court Administrator represents the Tribal Court in a positive and professional manner in the provision of probation counseling to Tribal Members. Starts at \$19.93/hour.

SunUte Community Center Receptionist (So. Ute tribal member only)

Closes 4/20/21 – Aassuring an efficient entry and exit point for members of the Community Center, to include providing reception duties to the public by telephone and in person, greeting, screening and assisting customers, monitoring member access control, and maintaining class registration. Position starts at \$12.54/hour.

Air Quality Analyst II

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. Starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Social Worker

Open Until Filled – 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. Starts at \$54,517.63/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. Starts at \$67,244.15/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. Starts at \$15.61/hour.

Construction Project Manager

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Housing Department Director, incumbent assists in the management and coordination of all functions and activities required to initiate and manage all phases of construction projects through completion. 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. Position starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Curriculum Coordinator – Ute Language (So. Ute tribal member only)

Open Until Filled – Design and development of the Ute curriculum taught to students and staff at the So. 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. Starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Detention Cook

Open Until Filled – Assisting the Food Service Coordinator to facilitate all kitchen food service preparation and cleaning duties. Starts at \$13.47/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. Starts at \$19.93/hour.

Dispatcher

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Sr. Communications Officer, provides radio dispatch services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Starts at \$18.32/hour.

Case Manager – Family Court

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 and 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. Starts at \$49,517.56/year.

Language & Culture Educator (Part-time) – Ute Members Only (So., No., Ute Mtn.)

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.

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. Starts at \$21.75/ 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.

Plumber

Open Until Filled – Installation, repair and maintenance of mechanical and plumbing equipment to include gas, water and sewer, pipping and fixtures. Must be capable of both small and large scale work and have the dexterity to maneuver in small spaces. Starts at \$26.21/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. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

TEAM Worker (So. 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 Department, with principal responsibility for representing the Tribe on water matters. Where time allows, the attorney will represent the Tribe in other matters that require the Legal Department’s attention, including code review and drafting, litigation, contract review, and employment matters.

Water Resources Technician

Open Until Filled – Under the supervision of the Division Head, with day-to-day direction from the Water Resources Specialist, provides technical level support to professional staff to ensure that Southern Ute Tribal water resources are managed in a manner that promotes their wise use, development, and conservation while complying with Tribal policies and any applicable federal or statutory regulations. Starts at \$19.93/hour.



Foes Pressure Volleycats • FROM PAGE 12

ma Righetti.

Gonzales would hammer another kill to put Ignacio up 23-22, pressing Caven-der to call time. Levan man-aged to push a mellow shot nearly parallel to the net and out of Gonzales’ reach, but the home team responded with kills by Gonzales and Charlize Valdez to even the match at one game apiece.

“They always put up a good fight; they’re always really scrappy, get all of our stuff up. So, I think it was very similar,” Tealdi said, comparing the match with the sides’ Mar. 27 encounter (a 25-17, 25-22, 25-22 Tel-luride win) inside the Min-erDome. “They wanted it more – wanted to beat us – this time, but we came ready for that.”

Able to force Ignacio into a timeout down 7-3 in Game 3, the Lady Miners would let Ignacio equalize just once, at 9-9, but also saw the Vol-leycats draw as near as 21-20 via a Reynolds ace. But Reynolds then served long and THS senior Arabella Galbo followed with a kill

through the middle, then drew Valdez into a centerline violation attempting to de-fend her next swing.

Aptly imitating M-CHS junior Avery Wright (who crushed 18 kills; senior My-ka Glover booked 14), Berry then blasted a kill down the left line to put the visitors up 2-1 in the best-of-five. That advantage, however, quick-ly came under fire in Game 4; Ignacio wasted little time going up 4-0 and ultimately 7-2 before a Berry kill pulled Telluride level at 9-9.

IHS junior Alexis Pon-tine countered with a firm and well-placed tip, but then netted on serve. Ber-ry then smacked a ball wide, but re-composed herself to splatter her next two chanc-es and put the Lady Miners up 12-11. Ignacio would re-tie at 14 when Gonzales suc-cessfully jousted a ball with Lady Miner senior Morgan Watkinson, but Watkinson answered in kind the ensu-ing exchange and Levan fol-lowed with a kill.

Righetti then disposed of a Volleycat over-pass and

Ignacio would get no clos-er than 17-16 the rest of the way, though Cavender smart-ly took a timeout up 22-19, concerned by a Carmenoros kill followed by Levan and Righetti hitting errors.

“If they miss a serve or miss hits, they just get in their heads and stop believing ... instead of being able to, like, brush it off,” she explained. “I think that’s what was happen-ing with both teams; it was really, really mental those last couple games.”

“Playing defense, staying in our base, watching the ball and learning how to read the hitter We’ve just got to take our time and make ad-justments,” said Gonzales.

Up next, the Volleycats will entertain both 1A Nu-cla (11 a.m. start) and 1A Ouray (3 p.m.) on Saturday, Apr. 10, while THS hosts 2A Mancos as SJBL play in-tensifies. Results from Ig-nacio’s 4/6 trip to longtime nemesis Dolores (at the time 5-3 overall, 5-2 league, 4-1 2A SJBL), as well as Tellu-ride’s 4/8 visit to OHS were unavailable at press time.

Lady Cats Earn First Team • FROM PAGE 12

(5-1 2A SJBL) resistance, Brunson and Valdez were each named First Team All-League. Joining them from amongst the loop’s 2A members were Mancos’ Madi Hale and Rhiley Mon-toya, plus Dolores’ Allie Ki-bel; DCHS’ Grace Hatfield and Kobie Beanland, Nu-cla’s Ashley Steele and Li-sa Sutherland, and Ouray’s Haley Kunz represented the 1A side as First Team picks.

Likely the league’s most feared scoring threat, hav-ing eclipsed 1,000 career points last season as a ju-nior, Hatfield was named SJBL Player-of-the-Year as Dove Creek went 4-0 versus the league’s other 1A squads (NHS and OHS), 10-0 against all SJBL opposition and ultimately 14-1 overall.

“It means a lot,” Hatfield said, of POY distinction.

“I’ve had the same coach-es since sixth-grade year – my dad is an assistant coach; that means a lot too. And Ju-lie Kibel, she’s another mom ... means the world to me. So it’s pretty emotional.”

Awarded the Class 1A State Tournament’s No. 7 seed and a Round-of-24 bye, Dove Creek then rout-ed 10-seed McClave in the ‘Sweet 16’ by 20 before their own season then ended in the ‘Great Eight’ via a 40-38 loss at No. 2 Kit Carson.

Ignacio, meanwhile, also tasted postseason success; as the 2A tourney’s 12-seed, the Lady ‘Cats defeated No. 21 Hoehne, 48-32 at home during the Round-of-24, be-fore falling 49-40 at 5-seed Rocky Ford.

“We have another build-ing block to work on, the fact we didn’t win,” said

Whitt. “They have some-thing to reach for.”

“We had a ... lot of se-nior starters, trying to get the most out of playing in our last year,” Valdez said. “Tonight I think we played a hell of a game ... and just did our best out there.”

“It was a crazy roll-er-coaster,” summarized se-nior center/forward Shelcie Gosney, named Second Team All-League along with junior guard/forward Avaleena Nanaeto, MHS’ Tia Imel, DHS’ Saman-tha Castillo, 2A Telluride’s Morgan Watkinson, DCHS’ Tara Buffington and Lexi Gray, NHS’ Haylee Smith and OHS’ Audrey Gibbs.

Honorable Mention All-SJBL went to Ouray’s River Manley, Dolores’ Akira Ed-wards and THS’ Margaux Lovely.

IHS’ Finn, Tucson All-SJBL • FROM PAGE 12

dez was voted Coach-of-the-Year, having helped mold members of the afore-mentioned 10-10 squad in-to a machine which went a combined 32-8 overall the past two years. Counting the lamented season, IHS still posted an outstand-ing three-year, 28-3 mark against all regular-season SJBL (21-3 versus its 2A crews) resistance.

McCaw and senior cen-ter/forward Dylan Labarthe were named Second Team All-League.

“I missed games this se-ason, so I wasn’t really able to prove myself,” said McCaw, a First Team selection last season, slowed during ear-ly goings this year by an in-jured right ankle, “but it feels

nice. I know I put in work to get it, felt I deserved it.”

“We kind of started get-ting introduced to varsity our freshman year, but we never really got to play,” he reflect-ed. “Now we’re like broth-ers, really. We spend a lot of time playing basketball, staying at the hotel rooms just bonding It brought us together real nice; it glued us together. We’re all best friends and it feels nice to have ’em with me.”

Like graduated old-er brother Caden before him, Mancos junior Con-nor Showalter earned Play-er-of-the-Year after lead-ing – along with First Team All-SJBL pick Evan Sehnert and Second Teamer Edgar Hernandez – the Blue Jays

to a 13-3 record, including a State Tournament home win (74-67, 2OT) over West-cliffe Custer County in the opening Round-of-24.

Seeded No. 9 in the brack-et, MHS’ season came to an end in the ‘Sweet 16’ via a 57-52 loss to Jules-burg-based, eighth-seeded Sedgwick County (CCHS had been the No. 24). After holding off No. 23 Crested Butte 54-51 inside IHS gym and then stopping 7-seed Sanford 51-39 away, No. 10 Ignacio’s championship drive ended with a 71-39 loss at 2-seed LHS.

None of the San Juan Basin’s 1A teams – Dove Creek (7-6, 7-3 SJBL, 3-1 1A SJBL) was tops – qual-ified for State.

FLY FISHING

It’s here, spring that is

By Don Oliver
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM



This column is really for those that are new to fly fish-ing, been doing it fewer than two years, or like me, can’t remember what you had for dinner last night. It’s about what to do to get ready for the upcoming spring, summer, and fall fly fishing seasons. Items you should address to help make sure you are hap-py at the end of each season.

I think the first item to look at are your waders. You need to check them for leaks. Remember, if they leaked at the end of last season, they will leak at the beginning of the new sea-son. I think the easiest way to check them for leaks is to turn them inside out and fill them with water. If there is a leak it will be obvious.

The reason to turn them inside out is so you don’t have to worry about drying the inside of them before putting them on. If you’re not going to fill them with water to look for leaks at least check them for holes mice may have caused as they ate through them look-ing for a new place to build a nest. I had a pair of wad-ers that I didn’t check for mice holes that became very apparent when I put them on at streamside for a day of fly fishing.

After you have checked your waders move down to your wading boots. I sug-gest you see if the studs (I just replaced mine), lac-es, and the soles are in good condition. Laces can break as you tighten them. Soles can separate from the boot if they have rotted or are very old. I know for a fact that trying to duct tape soles back on won’t work.

I think line is one of the most overlooked pieces of fly fishing equipment. If your floating line is sinking, or won’t straighten out, no mat-ter how powerful you make your fore-cast, it’s time for a new one. Over the years the line manufacturers have made it more difficult to choose the line that will work best for you. They now offer so many options of line that degrees in math and English are needed to pick the cor-rect one. My suggestion is

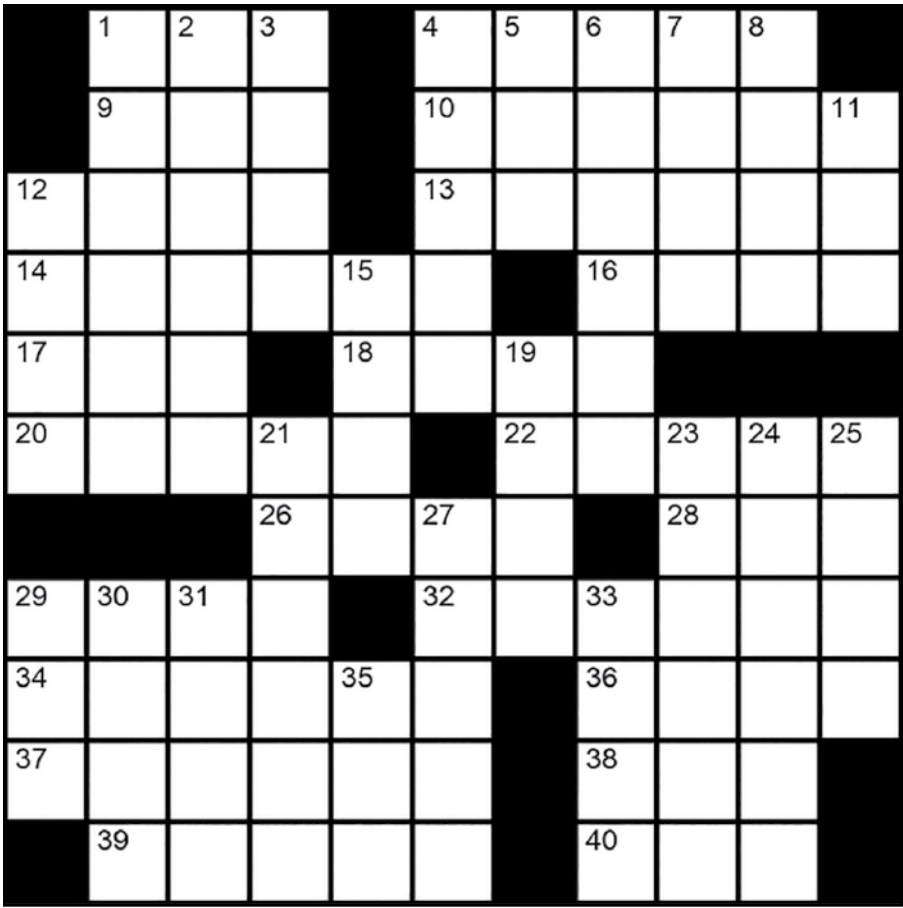
ask for ideas at your favorite fly shop, and don’t let price be the sole determining fac-tor for your selection. A good line will last several seasons, and help you make picture perfect presentations.

Once you’ve taken care of your line, don’t forget lead-ers and tippets. Age, sun-light, and adverse condi-tions can make your lead-ers and tippets very brittle. I can’t think of anything more frustrating than losing fish to leaders and tippets that break as you’re battling a good size fish. Similar to fly lines, there are many differ-ent manufacturers of lead-er and tippet. Believe it or not, there are differences in these products. Find one you like and stick with it. Al-so, about midsummer, check your leaders and tippets to see how they’re holding up.

Flies can be summed up very easily. Just go buy, or tie, some new ones. You can never have too many flies.

Last, but not least, after you’ve checked the above items and decided that you need to replace some or all of the items mentioned, first check out your local fly shop. The owners of these shops have invested lots of time, money and ex-pertise to meet your needs. Before you go online, go in their doors, you’ll be glad you did.

The Southern Ute Drum’s
Crossword Puzzle



- Across**

 - 1 Pharmacy franchise
 - 4 Native American from way up North
 - 9 Direct a gun
 - 10 Bitten lightly
 - 12 Son of Isaac and Rebekah
 - 13 Looter annihilated at la corrida
 - 14 Roughneck
 - 16 “--- It a Pity?” (Gershwin song)
 - 17 Furlough activity, for short
 - 18 Feature of the Harrier fighter plane
 - 20 Dry Italian wine
 - 22 Laziness
 - 26 Creep
 - 28 First traditional Chinese dynasty
 - 29 Broadband speed letters
 - 32 Deadeye Annie ---
 - 34 Buffalo home
 - 36 Men saluted in the military
 - 37 Big goon
 - 38 Small four-stringed guitar
 - 39 Colorado fort built for trade with the Cheyenne and Arapaho
 - 40 TV star --- Danson
- Down**

 - 1 Big Ute earner
 - 2 Cialis rival
 - 3 Complacent
 - 4 Inactive
 - 5 Naught
 - 6 Before
 - 7 NASDAQ debuts
 - 8 Web-footed aquatic bird
 - 11 Speck
 - 12 Blunders
 - 15 Level
 - 19 Workplace welfare org.
 - 21 Hallucination
 - 23 Bovine
 - 24 Dieter beaten like a wedding cake
 - 25 Hollywood’s old --- Code
 - 27 Expenditures
 - 29 Car-rating statistic
 - 30 Spill the beans
 - 31 Fence stake
 - 33 Tribal station
 - 35 “Ask --- what your country can do ... “

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

Answers for March 26, 2021 Crossword Puzzle
Across: 1 Kop, 4 Indy, 8 Pend, 9 Annie, 10 RAAF, 11 Powell, 13 Uni, 14 LPN, 15 GPS, 16 Europa, 18 Cost, 19 Agnew, 21 Wolf, 24 Oxtail, 28 Ski, 29 Foe, 30 Vie, 31 Wallis, 33 Tipi, 34 Paige, 35 Baas, 36 Ices, 37 Any.
Down: 1 Keanu, 2 On air, 3 PDF, 4 In on, 5 N-N-W, 6 Diego, 7 Yelps, 8 Prue, 9 Appanoose, 12 LST, 14 LPG, 17 Oaf, 18 Cwt, 20 Exe, 21 W-S-W, 22 Okapi, 23 Lilac, 25 Avian, 26 lipay, 27 Leis, 29 Figs, 32 Lie, 33 TBA.

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Saturday, April 10



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