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Robert “Robbie” Lucero sports a smile while looking at all the goodies in his backpack from the Department of Social Services’ Child Abuse Prevention drive-thru event, on Thursday, April 29.

SOCIAL SERVICES

Packing up with awareness and prevention

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Division of Social Services (DSS) held a Drive-Thru Meet and Greet for Child Abuse Prevention Month on Thursday, April 29. The meet and greet was hosted outside the Muache-Capote Building on Tribal

Campus and featured staff from DSS as well as the Tribal Services Department.

At the Drive-Thru, over 35 cars drove by and approximately 40 backpacks were picked up. These backpacks were full of swag from different departments. Each backpack featured water bottles, masks, pens, sunglasses, among

many other treats. The goodie bags were a joint effort of different departments that included the Tribal Courts, Behavioral Health, and the event host, DSS. “For this being our first event since the pandemic hit, we were excited to see families and hope to

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IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Slideshow, Graduation and Parade information

By Alisha Gullion and
Jessica Bassett
SENIOR CLASS SPONSORS

SENIORS & FAMILIES

We are incredibly excited to announce that our graduation proposal has been approved by San Juan Basin Public Health. We have been waiting for this approval before releasing this information to avoid repetitively changing plans.

There will be three components of our celebration of the class of 2021. These will include the presentation of the senior slideshow, the graduation ceremony, and the senior parade. Each event is outlined below.

SENIOR SLIDESHOW

We will be holding a Baccalaureate the evening of Friday May, 21 beginning at 7 p.m. on the football field in order to view the senior slideshow. There will be a large projector screen setup on the field. Seniors may invite up to five guests for this event.

We will enforce social distancing and follow all protocols, including masks, regarding COVID.

As outlined in the Graduation Ceremony section, families will choose pods (seating areas) beforehand using a Google Survey that will be sent out in the coming weeks. Each pod will be provided with three chairs. Please bring either a blanket or a camp chair for the remaining two members of your group to sit on.

GRADUATION

The ceremony is scheduled for Saturday, May 22 at

10 a.m. on the Football field. Guests may begin arriving at 9:15 a.m., no earlier.

Each senior will be limited to five guests. Seniors will pick up five tickets prior to the day of graduation to hand out to their guests. Guests must have a ticket to be admitted to the ceremony. Tickets cannot be reprinted and are non-transferable, so be careful not to lose these.

All guests must adhere to the COVID protocols including wearing a mask at all times on campus and maintaining social distancing.

All guests will sit on the football field facing the bleachers. The stage will be placed on the track. Each family group will be provided with three chairs. You may bring either a blanket or camp chair for the two remaining guests.

Families will sit in the designated circle marked with their name on cones. There will be a survey sent out with a diagram that will allow you to choose your (pod) area in the coming week. This will be a first come first served basis. Bleachers will be reserved for handicapped persons.

Family members may take pictures from their pod area. They may not get up and move around to take pictures. We will have professional photographers taking pictures throughout the entire ceremony including when the seniors walk in and exit. We will send these photos to each family free of charge. All families will have the opportunity to take pictures with their senior when exiting the field.

SENIOR PARADE

Seniors are encouraged to decorate their cars for a parade that will take place immediately following the ceremony. When seniors arrive, we will direct them to park in the vehicle drop off/pick up zone in front of the high school office.

Once the graduation ceremony is over, seniors will be released individually. We will call their name, and at this point, families will join their senior and exit the field. Our photographers will be available to take pictures of families and seniors as they are exiting.

At approximately 11:30 a.m., seniors will return to their cars and begin exiting the high school to drive down Goddard Ave., (Main Street). They may either drive their own cars or ride with their families.

Families may either leave to join the other spectators along Goddard, or they may join their senior in the parade in no more than one additional vehicle.

There will be staff members at all events to help direct you. By following the above guidelines, we will be able to hold a graduation ceremony that is the closest to normal. If the COVID restrictions become more strict closer to graduation, or if there is rain, we will implement plan B which will be to have a drive-up graduation like last year. There will be a mandatory rehearsal on Wednesday, May 19 at 2:15 p.m. We will be sending out more information on this closer to the date.

LEGAL

Tribal partnership combats domestic violence with federal grant

By McKayla Lee
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Legal Department has been awarded \$450,000 from the Justice Department’s Office on Violence Against Women (OVW) and the Bureaus of Justice Assistance (BJA) for the Tribal Special Assistant United States Attorney (SAUSA) Initiative. The allocated money will allow the department to have a cross-designated tribal prosecutor and federal prosecutor to take cases in tribal court and federal court – as permitted by the grant and U.S. Attorney’s Office (USAO). The grant is for a 3 year-period, during which time Lisa Franceware will be fulfilling this designated (SAUSA) position with the Legal Department and local USAO in Durango.

The Tribal SAUSA Initiative is still relatively new, it was only offered to five tribes, and the Southern Ute Indian Tribe was one of the five tribes selected to receive this grant. “This Initiative marks a tremendous step toward building relationships with pertinent law enforcement agencies and the District of Colorado, United States Attorney’s Office, in furtherance of community safety. We are grateful to have been considered by the Department of Justice, Office on Violence Against Women, and the Executive Office of the United States Attorneys, for this opportunity,” Franceware expressed. “Receiving this grant feels like we are receiving additional tools and resources to protect victims of crime within the Reservation.”

The tribe has not received funding for a SAUSA position before, this is a special initiative from the OVW and BJA. It is one way in which the USAO and the tribal government may hire and retain a SAUSA position. Under the Tribal Law and Or-



courtesy SU Legal

The Federal Court House in Durango, Colo.

der Act, the USAO is encouraged to appoint a SAUSA position, and it may, under their Judiciary and Judicial Procedure Code, appoint a qualified tribal prosecutor to assist in prosecuting federal offenses committed in Indian Country. 25 U.S.C. § 2810(d) & 28 U.S.C. § 543(a). Because of this, the initiative is viewed as furthering the government-to-government relationship. It will be an investment that helps empower tribal sovereignty and strengthen the criminal justice response on the reservation.

The goal of this Initiative is to further provide USAOs and tribal governments with additional resources to address crime in Indian Country, where the crime rate exceeds the national average or the rate at which cases are declined exceeds the national average declination rate (25 USC 2810). This can be achieved by cross designating a tribal prosecutor as a federal prosecutor. “Our goal for this Initiative is to provide

the Southern Ute Indian Tribe with the resources necessary to do justice safely and effectively in the community,” Franceware detailed. These resources will include immense investigation and prosecution training to improve the department’s response, not only at a tribal level, but also at the federal level. Additionally, the Tribal SAUSA may prosecute cases in tribal court, federal court, or both. This will hold offenders more accountable and possibly maintain a lower-than-average declination rate.

Because this Initiative is funded through the Office of Violence Against Women in partnership with the Bureau of Justice Assistance, the Tribal SAUSA position will focus on domestic violence, dating violence, stalking, violations of protection orders and offenses against children and youth.

After this 3-year grant period, the Southern Ute Tribe’s

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Clockin’ in



Fabian Martinez/SU Drum

Building Maintenance Technician Bob Barnett and Southern Ute Shared Services Support Administrator Josh Duttry, begin installation on the new time clocks in the Central Receiving building on Thursday, May 6. Southern Ute Shared Services has been working on replacing the current KRONOS time clocks and moving to the PeopleSoft program during the pandemic era. Roughly 35 timeclocks will be replaced around Southern Ute Tribal Campus over the course of three weeks with the new clocks in operation by early June.



EDUCATION

Create room to learn

By Linda K. Baker
SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL
COUNCIL MEMBER

Our mom, Diana Baker, was honored with a star quilt during a give-away at Black Hills Powwow in Rapid City, South Dakota. Tyler Yellow Boy and his mom, Lois White Whirlwind, recognized our mom as an elder life-long learner, because it was important to her to enroll in classes at San Juan Community College.

Our father, Archie Baker, received his GED and a college degree as a grandfather. He was provoked toward these educational accomplishments because a relative said he was “nothing.”

I completed a bachelor’s degree, attending one or two classes a semester, at a “slow but sure” pace. I crossed the graduation stage with daughter Sage, two months’ old, in a cradleboard.

What would motivate you to become a life-long learner or to complete a degree? Do you have a particular in-

terest, hobby, or curiosity? What about cultural crafts and language classes?

As a former college academic advisor and cultural crafts instructor, I offer two suggestions to get ready to learn:

- **Develop a Routine:** By planning, practicing, and applying a new routine, you are slowly but surely creating room to learn. Recognize what time of day is best for different styles of learning: concentration (reading, studying, homework) or creativity (beading, sewing, applique).
- **Begin Reading:** Reading is like training for a marathon – be disciplined, start slowly and consciously, and cover more ground with practice. Not a reader? Begin with a magazine – read the stories you like, read the stories you skipped and read the captions for photographs. Read the magazine cover-to-cover, including all publica-

tion information. Then do the same with a book. Any book. Preferably a book about Utes.

For those in high school or college, the end of a semester means the beginning of summer courses, summer employment or summer vacation. Enhance your education with an internship and valuable hands-on experience. Tribal members can contact our tribal education department for information, deadlines and funding opportunities for internships, vocational school, certificate programs, and college.

Most importantly, congratulations to those graduating this spring and summer! By completing high school, college, vocational school, or a certificate program, you have finished what you started. Keep moving forward on your educational journey – following the path of those who have travelled ahead of you – and leading for those behind you.




Jeremy Wade Shockley/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

Head dancers make their way into the arena, bringing out the Eagle Staff, as the Gathering of Nations Powwow returns to the University of New Mexico’s “Pit” for the 28th annual event from April 28 – 30, 2011 in Albuquerque, NM. The Gathering of Nations attracts tens of thousands of participants and spectators from around the world, including members from more than 500 tribes in the United States and Canada.

This photo was first published in the May 6, 2011, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



UMU continues
USDA’s “Farmers to Families” Program


THIS FRIDAY
May 7, 2021

Pick-up at Southern Ute Agriculture Division

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

Open to ALL Households
8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

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.



Multi-Purpose Facility
May Tribal Member 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 May 10, 2021

Multi-Purpose Facility
Elder Activity



Available to Tribal Member Elders

The MPF staff wants to make your stay at home enjoyable

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

Kits will be mailed May 10, 2021



Dave Brown/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Seven Rivers 4-H members mold clay into flowerpots, which will be fired and then distributed along with packets of flower seeds to Ignacio citizens during the “Blooming Festival” on May 5, 2001. Pictured, left to right: Micah Odoms, Paula Cox, Natalie Bravo, Cody Mills and Casey Correia of the Dancing Spirit Gallery, who oversaw the clay pot molding process.

This photo was published in the May 4, 2001, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

The Southern Ute youth group/Eagle Springs drum group performed powwow dances and sang songs at the Navajo Academy in Farmington, N.M., during Native American Week. Pictured, left to right: JoGenia Red, Marvin Pinnecoose and Sheila Ryder.

This photo was published in the May 3, 1991, issue of The Southern Ute Drum.

40 years ago

A photo from the corresponding issue 40 years ago was not available in the Drum archives. Look for the 40 years ago photo in the May 21, 2021 issue of the Southern Ute Drum.

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.



SOUTHERN UTE JUNE 18-21, 2021 BEAR DANCE



BEAR DANCE CORRAL BLESSING: 10:30 a.m., Fri., June 18
BEAR DANCE FEAST: 12 p.m., Mon., June 21
BEAR DANCE CHIEF: Matthew J. Box

BEAR DANCE RULES:

- The Bear Dance Chief will require **Proof of Vaccination** before entering Bear Dance Grounds.
- No short dresses or baggy pants while dancing.
- Photography, Video & Audio Recording is prohibited; except by members of the Ute Tribes.
- The Southern Ute Tribe will not be responsible for accidents, injuries or theft.
- The Pine River is RESTRICTED.

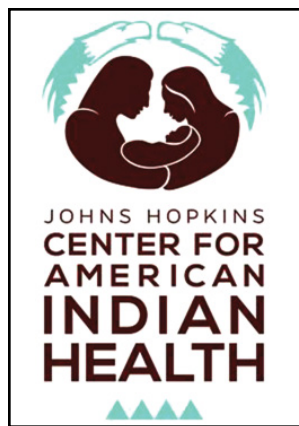
BEAR DANCE and/or FEAST ARE SUBJECT TO CANCEL DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS.

Bear Dance information contact: Bear Dance Chief - Matthew J. Box, 970-759-7038.
 Vending information contact: 970-563-2983.

MENTAL HEALTH

Center for American Indian Health: Culture-based suicide prevention

Staff report
 CENTER FOR AMERICAN
 INDIAN HEALTH



CULTURE FORWARD: A Strengths and Culture Based Tool to Protect Native Youth from Suicide is a new 54-page report with tribally driven, evidence- and practice-based solutions to prevent Native youth suicide. This report was developed by the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health in partnership with Casey Family Programs, an operating foundation committed to supporting tribes in strengthening tribal nations' capacity to keep children healthy, safe, and connected with their families, communities and cultures. **CULTURE FORWARD** provides tribal leaders, youth, Elders, health and human service providers, and other change agents with evidence-based ideas and community-based solutions to leverage strengths within Native communities to protect youth against suicide.

CULTURE FORWARD was developed through a two-year iterative, collective effort with diverse Native communities. Authors spent six months conducting listening sessions with more than 60 Native stakeholders including tribal leaders, Native youth leaders, grassroots leaders working to prevent suicide in their communities, Elders, traditional healers, Native military service members and veterans, and Two-spirit leaders. From these listening sessions, five core themes emerged to form the guiding principles and chapters of **CULTURE FORWARD**: Our networks harness belonging and help

keep us safe; Connections to our lands and Elders allow us to thrive; Traditional knowledge holds the keys to health and healing; Native youth lead us to reclaim our autonomy and well-being; and Self-determination empowers us to fight. Authors also convened a national advisory editorial board to review, edit, and ensure **CULTURE FORWARD** was shaped by Native perspectives. Members shared feedback and input that shaped the final **CULTURE FORWARD** guide. Authors also reviewed published reports of Indigenous-led innovations to prevent suicide.

"Prior to **CULTURE FORWARD**, the majority of published literature and resources about American Indian/Alaska Native youth suicide was problem- and deficit-based," said Victoria O'Keefe, PhD, (Cherokee/Seminole Nations of Oklahoma) Mathuram Santsam Endowed Chair in Native American Health at Johns Hopkins University, Associate Director at the Johns Hopkins Center for American Indian Health, and lead author for the report. "These accounts missed essential understanding of Native communities' capacity to promote unique cultur-

al strengths and traditions to protect youth."

Each listening session highlighted the importance of cultural strengths to help prevent suicide. **CULTURE FORWARD** flips the dominant narrative and elevates Indigenous knowledges, findings, and resources that represent strengths- and culture-based approaches to prevent suicide and promote healthy Native youth development.

The guide includes a foreword from Deb Haaland (Pueblo of Laguna), then U.S. Congresswoman of New Mexico's 1st congressional district. "The **CULTURE FORWARD** guide is an opportunity to start a movement that uplifts our young people as valued and vital to our future," she writes. "Indeed, their future path is an essential thread of a greater tapestry of well-being for all Native communities."

Designed with implementation in mind, **CULTURE FORWARD** includes actionable steps that community leaders can take and links to resources containing additional knowledge from urban and tribal Native communities. The resource offers an important step toward building a national coalition to advance a cultural and strengths based Indigenous movement to promote Native youth well-being.

Download the report: bit.ly/CultureForward

Learn more about the collaborative effort: caih.jhu.edu/programs/cultureforward

Watch Deb Haaland discuss **CULTURE FORWARD**: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zZQsGA9sVE>



2021 SOUTHERN UTE BEARDANCE POWWOW

CANCELED

Due to COVID-19 restrictions, the Southern Ute Powwow committee has decided to not host a Beardance powwow this year.

We want to be able to celebrate powwow season with all our relations, and until we are able to do so safely, we believe this is the safest choice for our tribal nations.



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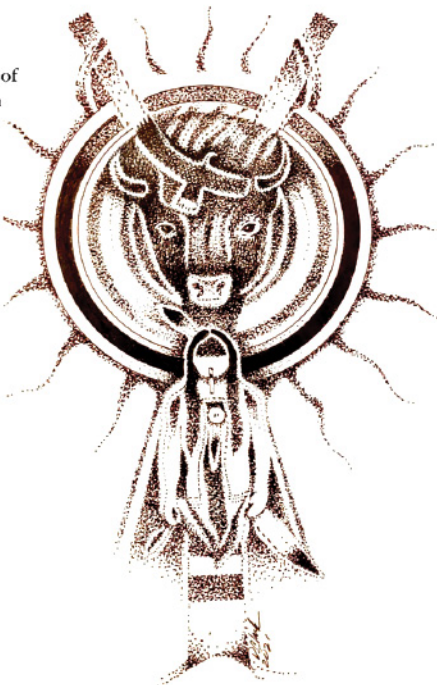
Poster design by So. Ute Powwow Committee

Bear artwork by Kree Lopez

Ute Mountain Ute Sun Dance Towaoc, Co June 25 – 28, 2021

We ask that all be respectful of the spiritual ceremony which follows by some important rules.

- No ATV's or motorbikes
- Camera's, tapes\Video recorders and cellphones are not allowed around the medicine lodge.
- Women who are on their menstrual cycles will not be allowed near or around the medicine lodge.
- No loud music
- No alcohol, No drugs
- No fighting
- No fireworks



Ute Mountain Ute Tribe will not be liable for any accidents or thefts of any kind.

ABSOLUTELY NO FOOD OR DRINKS AROUND THE SUN DANCE LODGE!!

Please observe all speed limits and traffic warning signs!

For more information please call:

SunDance Chief – Boyd Lopez (970) 317-8986

SunDance Sub Chief – Farley Ketchum Sr (970) 394-4777

Southern Ute Sun Dance

Let Us be in Unity in Prayers to Heal and Protect All People in the World who need help from the Creator



Curfew will be enforced: 12AM to 4AM

July 9 -12, 2021

MANDATORY:

- ALL Dancers, Singers & Fire People will need to take a COVID-19 test, Drum Groups will be responsible for their Singers to abide by this requirement
- Families are encouraged to wear Face Coverings at Campsites
- Drummers are allowed to sit in the Corral, Nobody else is allowed to sit inside the Corral
- ALL Campers and Visitors must wear Face Coverings at the Corral
- You must stop at the SUPD Checkpoint before entering the Sun Dance Grounds Please be respectful
- Social Distancing of 6 feet at the Corral

CLOSED TO THE PUBLIC EXCEPT FOR THE INVITED GUESTS

- Invited Guest are Ute Mountain Ute and Ute Indian Tribe
- Spouses of Ute people are welcome to attend the Sun Dance Ceremony
- All Families must do their own Shadehouses, a map for brush will be mailed to Head of Households
- There will be a Feast on the last day-Food pick up ONLY

Safer at Home Order Still In Effect

**For more information please contact:
 Sun Dance Chief Byron Frost at (970) 946-4061**

Wear a mask to help slow the spread of COVID-19

When selecting a mask, you have many choices. Tips below:

- Choose a mask with two or more layers of washable, breathable fabric.
- Choose a mask that covers your mouth and nose and fits snugly against the sides of your face.
- Find a mask that has a nose wire.
- Wear a gaiter with two layers or fold it to make two layers.



HEALTHY RECIPES

Celebrate Mother’s Day with these delicious ideas!

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

A home prepared Mother’s Day Brunch is a wonderful way to show her how much you care and appreciate your mom! Mother’s Day is May 9 this year. Here are some great ideas that make a fresh and delicious combination, and they look lovely on the plate.

- **Fresh Fruit:** A berry mixture is always pretty and healthy.
- **Quiche:** This is a lovely egg dish that can be served using fresh spring ingredients such as asparagus and herbs.
- **Muffins:** Made with whole grains



courtesy The Spruce Eats

and alive with lemon and help round out the menu.

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

Healthy Lemon-Poppy Seed Muffins

Ingredients

2 medium lemons
1/2 cup sugar
1 1/2 cups white whole wheat flour or regular whole wheat flour
1/4 cup poppy seeds
2 tablespoons flax seeds (optional)
1 1/2 teaspoon baking powder
1/4 teaspoon baking soda
1/2 teaspoon salt
5 tablespoons unsalted butter, melted and cooled
3/4 cup plain Greek yogurt
2 eggs
1 teaspoon vanilla extract

3. Combine the sugar and lemon zest in a medium mixing bowl. Whisk in the flour, poppy seeds, flax seeds, baking powder, baking soda and salt.

4. In a separate bowl, whisk together the butter, yogurt, eggs, vanilla and the juice of one of the lemons.

5. Pour the liquid ingredients into the dry ingredients. Mix to combine until just moistened, do not over mix!

6. Divide batter evenly between the 12 muffins cups. The batter will be thick. Fill each cup 3/4 full.

7. Bake for 16 to 19 minutes or until tops are golden and a toothpick inserted in the center of a muffin comes out clean.

Directions

1. Preheat oven to 375 degrees Fahrenheit. Grease your muffin pan using butter or non-stick cooking spray or line with muffin cups.

2. Shred the skin of both lemons using a fine shredder.

Makes one dozen.
Nutrition per muffin: 168 Calories, 7.4g Fat, 21.8g Carbohydrates, 2.4g Fiber, 5.2g Protein

Ingredients

One frozen pie shell
5 eggs
1 cup milk (whole, 2%, 1%)
1/4 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
2 cups filling: Mix and match any of the following:

- Shredded cheese (cheddar, Swiss, provolone, pepper jack, etc.)
- Chopped fresh or cooked veggies (drained canned or cooked and drained frozen can be used)
- Chopped or ground cooked meat of any type (beef, pork, ham, chicken, shrimp, sausage, etc.)

6. Allow to cool 15 minutes before cutting and serving

Other Tricks

Cover crust edges with foil to prevent burning. Quiches may be frozen. Served with a side of soup, salad or potatoes to make a great meal.

Try these combinations or make up your own!

- Asparagus and swiss
- Broccoli and cheddar
- Spinach, mushrooms and onion
- Bacon, onion and Swiss
- Ham and provolone
- Green chili and cheddar
- Green and red peppers, sausage and Monterey Jack

Directions

1. Place frozen pie shell on a cookie sheet

2. Place filling in frozen pie shell

3. Beat eggs, milk, salt and pepper

4. Pour egg mixture over filling

5. Bake at 350 degrees for 45-50 minutes or until done (barely wobbly and golden)

Serves 4
Nutrition facts for a veggie and cheese quiche serving for 4:
227 calories, 14g fat, 477mg sodium, 10g Carbohydrates, 17g protein

BEHAVIOR HEALTH

BEE HEARD: May is Mental Health Awareness Month: Something we all need to hear right now

By Precious Collins
NATIVE CONNECTIONS PROGRAM

What is Mental Health Awareness Month?

First, what is mental health? Mental health is our ability to live, laugh, love, and learn. If we are struggling in any of those areas, our mental health might need some TLC- tender loving care. Remember, our mental health is just as important as our physical health! If we can’t eat without feeling pain in our teeth, we might have a toothache. Ignoring it and wishing it goes away won’t help the situation. Eventually, we will need to see a dentist, right?

According to the Centers for Disease Control (CDC), mental health illnesses or conditions can affect a person’s thinking, feeling, mood or behavior. Some examples are depression, anxiety, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. Such conditions may be occasional or long-lasting (chronic) and affect someone’s ability to relate to others and function each day.

For Native Americans who embrace a broader view of mental health and its relationship to our spiritual, physical, and emotional wellbeing, it is important to have balance within ourselves and with these elements. When there is an imbalance, we experience disconnection, risk-taking behaviors, neglect of oneself and others, self-coping with substances, low self-esteem, and much more. If we learn to understand what mental health or mental wellbeing is and how it relates to all parts of our lives, we may find ourselves being more balanced and in harmony in our lives.

Mental Health Awareness Month was created in 1949 in an effort to reach out to people through many platforms, to spread awareness about mental health. Now more than ever, we need to combat the stigma surrounding mental health concerns. That’s why this Mental Health Month the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division is highlighting #Tools2Thrive – what individuals can do throughout their daily lives to prioritize mental health, build



resiliency, and continue to cope with the obstacles of the pandemic.

We all need to hear this right now: You are not alone!

Many Southern Ute departments and programs are working together this month to bring mental health information to you through many topics such as food, physical movement, motivational talking, healthy relationships, youth, elders, and much more! We are proud to announce that no one who is experiencing mental health conditions is alone; your community is here for you!

Many of us have spoken to friends, family, professionals, and even strangers about what we are going through in our lives. It might be that short passing while standing in line for your takeout food or bumping into a friend and you start chatting about how stressful your day has been or maybe even how wonderful it’s been. Whether we know it or not, we all share how we are feeling or how our day is going. Sometimes we lie and don’t want to admit how terrible we feel or maybe downplay how great we feel for whatever reasons. However we choose to share our experiences, and how we are feeling, is important.

Some of our experiences and situations might be overwhelming to the point we might need some additional advice and support. When that happens, it is okay to reach out to a professional counselor or therapist. It’s okay. No one expects you to do everything on your own. No one expects you to fix everything on your own or to fix other people. It’s okay to reach out, even when things are good. Remember, we all get yearly physical exams to make sure our physical

bodies are doing well. We should think of our mental health in the same way.

You Are Not Alone!

People who went through the Indian boarding school era. You are not alone.

People who had substance use issues with themselves or with their family and friends. You are not alone.

Youth who experienced anxiety or depression or isolation because of the pandemic. You are not alone.

People who felt afraid, scared, or anxious because of any or all of the past year’s political, racial, and social dilemmas. You are not alone.

People who identify as LGBTQ+ or Two Spirit. You are not alone.

People who have been diagnosed with mental health disorder(s) or have family and friends who have been. You are not alone.

People who have been abused or have abused others. You are not alone.

People who have suffered from a loss of a loved one. You are not alone.

People who lost their jobs or are struggling financially and are struggling to support themselves and others. You are not alone.

People who have been bullied online or in person. You are not alone.

People who have thought about suicide or attempted to die by suicide. You are not alone.

People who have been discriminated against. You are not alone.

People who are or were incarcerated. You are not alone.

People who are struggling to reach out for help. You are not alone. Keep staying strong and keep reaching out.

How to get mental health help

One of the biggest barriers for people who don’t get the mental health help they need is not knowing who to ask or where to start.

If you or your family receive or can receive care at the Southern Ute Tribal Health Center, then you can also receive services from the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division. Please call the Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division at 970-563-5700 to make an appointment to see one of our therapists. If you’re not sure if you qualify under the Southern Ute Tribal Health Center or IHS, please feel free to call and find out at 970-563-4581.

You can also reach out to the Southern Ute Division of Social Services who provides services to Native American youth and families who live on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation to see if you qualify for any of their services. They can be reached at 970-563-2332.

The Axis Care Hotline has 24/7/365 availability for times when someone is in crisis or just needs someone to talk with. They have locations in Durango, Pa-

Southwest Center for Independence

YOUNG PEOPLE AS LEADERS

IN THE DISABILITY RIGHTS MOVEMENT

Join our virtual leadership workshop series: A place for young people with disabilities to voice their challenges and develop solutions in their communities through advocacy.

Small stipends are available.

First Monday of each month at 4PM: Workshop schedule will be decided by participants

To request accommodations, sign-up, or for more info, please contact Xander Hughes @ xander@swilc.org, 970-903-5880

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.
- **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.



Calling Native American artists



courtesy SU Behavioral Health

The Southern Ute Behavioral Health Division would like to call all Native American Artists to help us submit Native American Recovery Card ideas to the Recovery Cards Project. The Recovery Cards Project was created by Colorado’s opioid anti-stigma campaign, Lift The Label, to spotlight the importance of recovery. Working with artists in Colorado and nationwide, OBH developed free greeting cards to celebrate recovery, the efforts of those working to achieve it, and the people who support and encourage them. OBH is excited to add new cards to our line, but we need your help to find a diverse group of Colorado artists, including artists in recovery. All interested artists should submit their information to this form by May 7. Artists will be compensated. Send questions to charlotte.whitney@state.co.us.

ROAR with us!

Healthy social opportunities for young people in La Plata County

May 2021

AmeriCorps VISTA Opportunity	Apply Online	Job Opportunity for 18+
Hosted by: La Plata Youth Services	Related Website: www.lphys.org/employment	Contact for more info: Diana Ford, dianaford@lphys.org
Must be a high school graduate who has lived experience with a CO system of care. Full position description can be found here: http://lphys.org/pdfs/20JanVISTAFLYER.pdf		

Rainbow Youth Rising	Every Monday, 4-6 pm. Virtual, free	Support group for LGB2TQIA+ youth and allies aged 12-18
Hosted by: Four Corners Rainbow Youth	Related Website: http://www.rainbowyouthcenter.org/	Contact for more info: Casey Williams, casey@rainbowyouthcenter.org
Safe space providing games and opportunities to connect with peers in a welcoming and non-judgmental environment.		

Tea Time	Every Wednesday, 4-6 pm. Virtual, free	Support group for gender expansive youth aged 12-18 years old
Hosted by: Four Corners Rainbow Youth	Related Website: http://www.rainbowyouthcenter.org/	Contact for more info: Casey Williams, casey@rainbowyouthcenter.org
Support group for gender expansive (transgender, non-binary, genderfluid/queer, etc.) youth.		

Playgroup & Parent Support	3rd Saturday of Every Month Currently Virtual, free	For gender expansive youth aged 5 - 11 years old and their parents.
Hosted by: Four Corners Rainbow Youth	Related Website: http://www.rainbowyouthcenter.org/	Contact for more info: Casey Williams, casey@rainbowyouthcenter.org
Support and play group for transgender, non-binary, genderfluid/queer, etc. children and their families. Children play and connect while parents/families engage. Parents that have older children may attend the adult support group.		

Submit your upcoming events at tinyurl.com/ROARLaPlata
Learn more about Recognizing Opportunities Around Resilience on Facebook and Instagram:
[@ROARLaPlata](https://www.instagram.com/ROARLaPlata)

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 1 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 5 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.

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS • FROM PAGE 1

gosa Springs, Cortez, and Dove Creek. Call the Hotline at 970-247-5245 if you need someone to talk with or if you want more information about their mental health services.

Remember, YOU ARE NOT ALONE
You are ready to help create a drug-free community? Want to help and be a part of the change?
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.
We have monthly coalition meetings and workshops to help our community understand the real story behind alcohol, meth, opioids, vaping, marijuana, and other drugs in our community. We need your help! All meeting are held virtually.
For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for southernute-nsn.gov more information 970-563-5700 or email prcollins@southernute-nsn.gov

Upcoming Training or Events
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. For more information please contact Precious Collins, Native Connections Program Coordinator for southernute-nsn.gov to sign up.

MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH MONTH 2021

LIFE CAN BE HARD.
YOUR MENTAL HEALTH DOESN'T HAVE TO SUFFER.
GET TOOLS AND INFORMATION THAT CAN HELP.

TOOLS 2 THRIVE

LEARN MORE AT MHANATIONAL.ORG/MAY

TRIBAL PARTNERSHIP • FROM PAGE 1

Legal Department plans to continue building its relationship with federal partners. It is expected that there will be increased coordination and communication during this time, and the hope is that this working relationship will continue going forward.

Through on-going coordination and government-to-government communication, the ultimate goal is to enhance the department’s response to community safety concerns. “We want to be pro-active in our response to community safety and be able to work as a team,” Franceware stated. This will include multiple law enforcement agencies, victim services, child and elderly protective services, and prosecution.

Regarding the prosecution, certain types of cases must be prosecuted federally, either because the offender is non-native or federally imposed sentencing limitations at the tribal level may not serve the best interest of justice. These types of cases may be referred to the local USAO, who will then determine whether to accept or decline a case. The SAUSA will seek to address these types of cases and add manpower to the local USAO to take cases that may be important to the Tribe. “The hope is that taking these cases can further improve victim and public safety on the Reservation,” Franceware shared. “This is a means of addressing crime on the Reservation, filling the gap between tribal and federal jurisdiction.”

Not only will this initiative further bridge the gap between tribal jurisdiction and federal jurisdiction over non-natives (who commit crimes within the exterior boundaries of the reservation) it will help keep accountability. Depending on who has jurisdiction, such non-native offenders may be prosecuted in federal or state court. The SAUSA program allows the tribe to prosecute these non-native offenders, who commit federal crimes on the Reservation, in federal court on behalf of the United States and as permitted under the grant.

“Many tribes suffer high crime rates, while the federal prosecution rate for crimes committed on reservations is discouragingly low. We want to change that at Southern Ute. Having our Tribal Prosecutor designated as a Special Assistant US Attorney creates a direct link between the Tribe and our local US Attorney’s office, where federal prosecution decisions are made. We expect that having the Tribe’s voice represented in the US Attorney’s office will benefit victims of crime, our community, our law enforcement, and our Tribe,” stated Southern Ute Tribal Chairman, Melvin Baker.

Office on Violence Against Women
Working Together to End Violence

CREATE YOUR FUTURE

Health Care CPR Training

Thurs., May 20 | 10 am-2 pm
PCC Southwest Bayfield Site | 110 E. South St.
Class fee: **\$40 cash** for PCC students,
\$50 cash for community members

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

Pueblo Southwest Community College

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



Attention Southern Ute & JOM Graduating Seniors

Your 2021 Senior photo is needed for The Southern Ute Drum!

As part of an annual Special Feature of Graduating Seniors, The Southern Ute Drum publishes photos of 1) Southern Ute tribal members AND 2) Johnson O'Malley* (JOM) students who are graduating from High School in 2021. Southern Ute tribal members who are graduating off the Southern Ute Indian Reservation are also encouraged to submit a photo to be included in the Drum's annual feature.



Please submit a high-resolution photo via email to rortiz@southernute-nsn.gov

DEADLINE IS MONDAY, MAY 17 BY 5 P.M.

- Photos need to be at least 4"x 6" at 300 dpi, or 1200 x 1800 pixels at 300 dpi.
- Photos can be scanned if brought to the Drum offices, by contacting Fabian Martinez at 970-563-2274 and scheduling an appointment. (Covid restrictions apply. Tribal buildings are closed.)
- If taking a photo with cellphone, please set camera to "Fine" (Large) image.
- Please note: Photos may be cropped for sizing and space.
- Please include Student's Name; Name of School; and Town and State. (i.e. Jane Doe, Ignacio High School, Ignacio, Colo.)

* Native American students enrolled in a Federally recognized Tribe, that will be graduating from either Ignacio or Bayfield schools qualify as Johnson O'Malley (JOM) students.

SUIMA

From the Eagle's Nest

Students take virtual trips

Staff report
SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN
MONTESSORI ACADEMY

As the school year starts winding down and we all look back at the summer we didn't have last year, and start making plans to ensure a summer of fun happens this year, please remember to stay cautious and continue to follow the health requirements that the Tribe's Incident Management Team and Tribal Council have in place for us.

If you choose to travel, take your mask and hand sanitizer. We have many wonderful things to explore in our area and traveling to those places are just a simple day trip away. Remember to call ahead of time to ensure that places and sites are open. Most lakes are open and ready for fishermen, women, girls and boys; the Four Corners Monument is open; you can go to www.uncovercolorado.com for some beautiful trails to hike around Durango. Chimney Rock may be opening up on May 15; you can travel over Wolf Creek to see some natural mountain beauty or load up your bicycles to head to the many small towns in our area and ride on their bike trails. While these places might not be "traveling," they are enjoyable.

During this time of year, school field trips often take place. With our school ending the year with remote, online learning, the students have traveled many places. Our toddler level traveled



courtesy SUIMA

You can travel the world and never find medicine pouches as beautiful as these. Pictured are medicine pouches made by the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy staff as one of their cultural projects this school year.

to cities in search of community helpers, some of our primary students have traveled to Asia or South America, and our elementary students have traveled throughout the world.

Though it is not the same, the students have enjoyed the virtual trips and learned much about other cultures, countries, traditions, and the people that live there.

STAFF SPOTLIGHT

For this edition of the Eagle's Nest, our focus is on Upper Elementary teacher Lori Smith, who joined SUIMA at the beginning of this school year, coming by way of Sunnyside Elementary in the Durango School District. Ms. Smith is married to her husband of 31 years; has two children: Erin and Conner; a miniature Australian shepherd, 3 cats and a rabbit.

When not spending time at home with her family, she can be found somewhere in the mountains. Lori is a seasoned travel-

er who brings her excitement in learning about other countries to her students.



Lori Smith
Upper Elementary Teacher

One of Ms. Smith's favorite quotes is Wei Wu Wei, which essentially means "What is, is, and let it be." The best part of working at SUIMA is learning about the Montessori philosophy. Advice that she offers to all students is to be curious about your world, ask questions, try new things, and learn every day.

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

REGIONAL SCHOOLS UPCOMING EVENTS

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN MONTESSORI ACADEMY

- May 20 – Transition Parade
- May 21 – Half-Day for Students, Last Day

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 10 – IES Field day K-2
- May 10 – Kinder Field Day
- May 13 – Field Day 1st-5th
- May 13 – IES Field Day 3-5
- May 18 – 5th Grade Virtual Continuation
- May 19 – Kindergarten Drive-thru Graduation
- May 20 – Students' Last Day
- May 22 – IHS Graduation

BAYFIELD SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 16 – High School Graduation
- May 17 – Last Day for Kindergarten
- May 20 – 8th Grade Continuation
- May 20 – Last Day of School

DURANGO SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 31 – No School, Memorial Day
- June 3 – Last Day of School

MONTEZUMA-CORTEZ SCHOOL DISTRICT

- May 18 – Last Day of School
- May 19 – High School Graduation

Please check each school's websites for Covid-19 restrictions and information.



IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL Graduation Information



CONGRATULATIONS TO THE SENIOR CLASS OF 2021!

Go to the Ignacio School District Website at www.ignacioschools.org
Click on:

- **Schools Tab** (top of page); click **High School**
- **High School Files** (on the right)
 - 1) Graduation Letter 2021; 2) Football Field Layout

- **MANDATORY Graduation Rehearsal:** May 19, at 2:15 p.m.
- **Baccalaureate/Senior Slideshow:** May 21, at 7 p.m.
- **Graduation:** May 22, at 10 a.m. (Limited to 5 tickets per senior)
- **Senior Parade:** Immediately following Graduation. Downtown, approx. 11:30 a.m.

If you have further questions, please contact the senior sponsors at agullion@ignacioschools.org or jbassett@ignacioschools.org

All guests must adhere to the COVID protocols including wearing a mask at all times while on campus and maintaining social distancing.

Scholarships are available for the 2021-2022 academic year

Southern Ute Scholarship Program

Certificate, Associate, Bachelors, Masters or Doctorate

- Deadline for completed full-time applications is 5:00 PM July 1st 2021
- Part-time scholarships are also available-Due 30 days prior to start of school term.
- Scholarship applications are now on-line
- Find it on the Tribal Website in the Education Department

Southern Ute Education Department
330 Burns Ave. Ignacio, CO 81137



For more information: Michael Kirsch-
Academic Advisor
970-563- 2783
E-mail: mkirsch@southernute-nsn.gov

Teachers retire from Academy

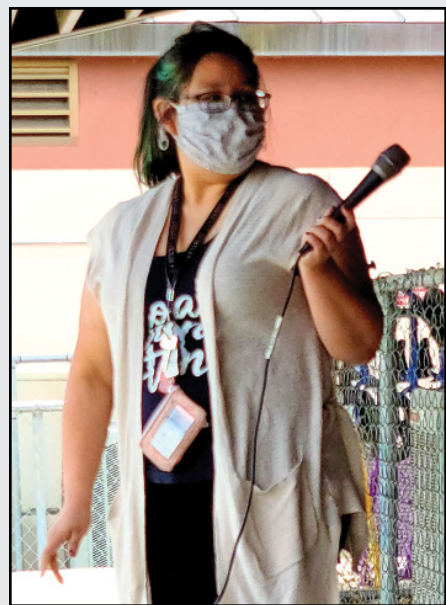


photos courtesy SUIMA

Judi Cole joined The Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA) in the school year 2005-2006. Including her years with SUIMA, she has been an educator (teacher and reading specialist) for 40 years. She has taught in Wyoming and Brighton, Colo., before coming to SUIMA. When she retires, she will be going back to Wyoming where she will enjoy taking photos, exploring the mountains, hiking in Yellowstone, and spending time with her grandchildren.

Cheryl Ongtowsruk joined SUIMA in 2015 as an elementary teacher. She is resigning from SUIMA to take a position with Alaska Pacific University as an Admissions Counselor. By moving to Anchorage, Cheryl will be closer to her family, some of whom still live in Nome.

With a deviation plan approved, the SUIMA staff was able to come together for an outside farewell to both Judi and Cheryl on Monday, April 26 on the infant/toddler playground.





MMIW AWARENESS

Call for justice is answered by new MMIW Unit

Staff report

STRONGHEARTS NATIVE HELPLINE

For far too long, Indian country has pleaded for ways to address the critical issue of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women. StrongHearts Native Helpline understands that MMIW is often intertwined with domestic, dating and sexual violence.

When an Indigenous woman goes missing or is found murdered, her story rarely gets the full attention of law enforcement, media or the public. As a result, those cases are not fully investigated and remain unsolved.

Cases of Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women and Girls are also further complicated by system barriers, such as improper data collection, confusion over jurisdiction, scarcity of resources and a lack of protocol for responding to such cases. Our relatives deserve better.

MISSING AND MURDERED UNIT

Deb Haaland, a citizen of Laguna Pueblo, was sworn in as Secretary of the Interior on March 16, 2021. She is the first Native American cabinet secretary in U.S. history.

On April 1, 2021, Haaland identified violence against Indigenous peoples as a crisis that has been underfunded for decades. Recognizing that far too often murders and missing persons cas-

es go unsolved and unaddressed, she announced the formation of a new Missing & Murdered Unit (MMU) within the Bureau of Indian Affairs Office of Justice Services (BIA-OJS).

According to Haaland, the new MMU will provide the resources and leadership to prioritize these cases and coordinate resources to hold people accountable, keep our communities safe and provide closure for families whose loved ones have either gone missing or murder cases gone cold.

The Unit is responsible for:

- Gathering intelligence on active missing and murdered cases
- Reviewing and prioritizing cases for assignment to investigative teams
- Developing investigative plans to guide investigators
- Identify any outside resources that could benefit their investigative efforts and coordinating those resources with their investigative team
- Management of the tips submitted to Tip411, the Cold Case email and 1-800 line
- Assigning and investigating cases
- Coordinating with other stakeholders
- Preparing investigative reports
- Analyzing current missing-person protocols and
- Developing missing-person response guidelines.

Current Missing & Murdered Unit offices established by Indian Affairs through BIA OJS at the following locations:

- Bloomington, Minn. (BIA OJS Office)
- Billings, Mont. (BIA OJS Office)
- Nashville, Tenn. (BIA OJS Office)
- Rapid City, S.D. (BIA OJS Office)
- Albuquerque, N.M. (BIA OJS Office)
- Phoenix, Ariz. (co-located with the Gila River Tribal Police)
- Anchorage, Alaska (BIA Regional Office)

OJS Missing & Murdered Unit Oversees the following:

- Tip 411
- Missing & Murdered Unit Email
- 1-800 Missing & Murdered Unit Line

Do you have information that could help investigators? Submit an anonymous tip via Tip411. Text keyword BIACCU and your tip to 847411. Request help from OJS MMU by sending an email to OJS_ColdCase@bia.gov (link sends e-mail) or call 1-833-560-2065.

StrongHearts Native Helpline is a 24/7 culturally-appropriate domestic, dating and sexual violence helpline for Native Americans, available by calling or texting 1-844-762-8483 or clicking on the chat icon on Strongheartshelpline.org.

Find COVID-19 vaccine near you

Find a COVID-19 Vaccine: Go to vaccines.gov or text your zip code to 438829. There are several ways you can look for vaccination providers near you.

- Visit Vaccines.gov to find vaccination providers near you. In some states, information may be limited while more vaccination providers and pharmacies are being added. Learn more about COVID-19 Vaccination Locations on Vaccines.gov.
- Text your zip code to 438829 to find vaccine locations near you.
- Check your local pharmacy's website to see if vaccination appointments are available. Find out which pharmacies are participating in the Federal Retail Pharmacy Program.
- Contact your state health dept. to find additional vaccination locations in the area.
- Check your local news outlets.

Uninsured Enrollment Period

Shop by August 15, 2021.

Health Coverage Guide: 970.335.2028

SAN JUAN BASIN
public health

CONNECT for HEALTH
COLORADO

Head Start Building Survey

Tribal Council requests tribal member input on Ute history!

The Head Start building is considered to be one of the last salvageable Indian Boarding School era structures in the State of Colorado. The building contains a mural, by artist Sam Ray, which depicts traditional Ute life. Tribal Council and the Cultural Preservation Department encourage enrolled Southern Ute tribal members to complete the survey which will assist in determining whether to rehabilitate and repurpose the Head Start building or if the building should be demolished. Your feedback is important.

The survey can be completed in the following ways:

Tribal Members can complete the final survey by going to the Tribal Member Portal to find the Survey Monkey link, hard copies can be delivered to the drop box placed at the entrance of the Southern Ute Museum round-a-bout, or by calling the Tribal Council Comment Line at 970.563.4705, extension 7902.

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**Deadline to complete the final survey will be
Monday, June 21, 2021 at 5:00 p.m.**



The ideal police officer is physically, intellectually, emotionally and spiritually fit. They are critical thinkers able to dissect complex situations rapidly. They are deeply committed to serving their communities in the spirit of Guardianship.

If this speaks to you, join us.

Applications for the Law Enforcement Academy in Mancos are open until Monday, August 9

Our staff includes 30 instructors that are active police officers representing nine local agencies in southwest Colorado. Currently, instructors range in rank from street officers to chiefs of police. All lead skills instructors meet or exceed POST requirements for instruction in their skills area.

For more information, contact:

Doug Parker, Coordinator
33057 Highway 160, Mancos, CO 81328
(970) 564-6202 · Douglas.Parker@pueblococ.edu



Missing and Murdered INDIGENOUS RELATIVES RALLY & ROUND DANCE

WHEN: SATURDAY, MAY 8, 2021

TIME: 11 AM - 4 PM

WHERE: BUCKLEY PARK
DURANGO, COLO

Food will be provided!

Round Dancing!

All are Welcome!

Ribbon Skirt Contest!!

Cake Walk & More!

Walk In Solidarity down Main St.

FEATURING INDIGENOUS SPEAKERS:

- GINA LOPEZ (SHE/HER)
- KELSEY LANSING (SHE/HER)
- ZHAIDA WILBANKS (THEY/HE)

Education around "the chief" will be openly discussed.

ALL COVID SAFETY MEASURES WILL APPLY.

IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS OR WOULD LIKE MORE INFORMATION CONTACT
@FOUR BORDERLESS CORNERS ON FACEBOOK.

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.

TAWI NUUCHU HA-GUKW-YAHI COVID-19 Together we will fight COVID-19



PACKING UP WITH AWARENESS • FROM PAGE 1

host more events like this in the future,” Social Services Division Head, Amber Petersen expressed.

April was National Child Abuse Prevention Month and the Division of Social Services would like to remind the community of the different resources that are available. In addition to the Drive-Thru event, there was an opportunity for youth to win prizes by submitting a photo of a colored pinwheel to the staff at social services. “The staff of the Social Services Division want to thank everyone who joined us in recognizing Child Abuse Prevention month,” Petersen said. “We are here to help and support families keep us in mind.”

During this pandemic, staff are continuing to do this very important work in the community. They are providing immediate responses to client calls, emergencies and are working in collaboration with the Southern Ute Police Department. Therapy sessions can be provided over the phone and through Facetime or Skype with Family Therapist, Angelina Whitehorse. Families who are seeking counseling can contact Angelina Whitehorse, Social Services Fam-



Tribal Services Director, Shannon Eastwood and Social Services Division Head, Amber Petersen hold up the backpacks full of goodies for the drive-thru meet and greet in front of the Mouache-Capote Building on Thursday, April 29.

ily Therapist at 970-563-2335 or via email at awhitehorse@southernute-nsn.gov

If you, or someone you know is experiencing child abuse in any form – please report it immediately to the Southern Ute Division of Social Services Hotline at

970-563-KIDS (5437). The hotline is completely confidential.

If you are trying to reach the Division of Social Services please call 970-563-2339. For emergencies call the Southern Ute Police Department 970-563-4401.



Southern Ute Tribal Councilwoman, Vanessa Torres shares her support of the Drive-Thru meet and greet event that Social Services.

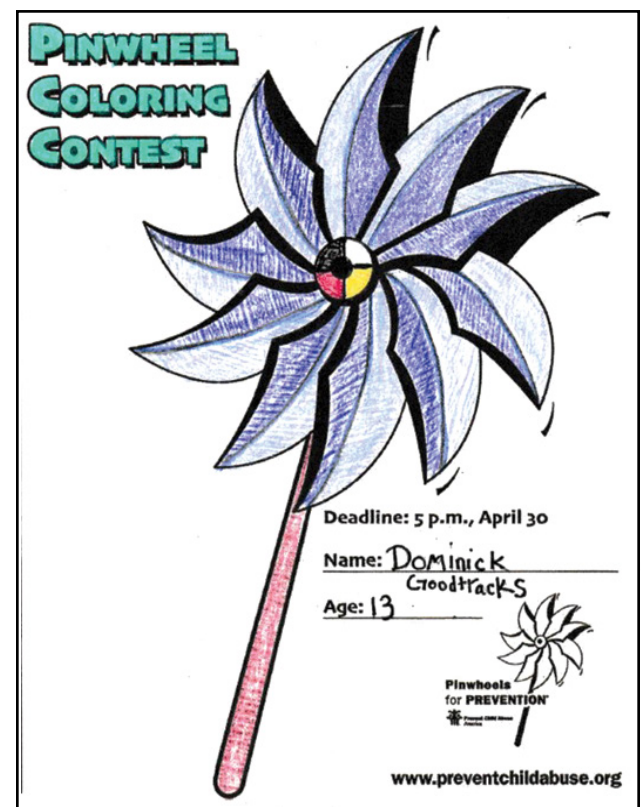
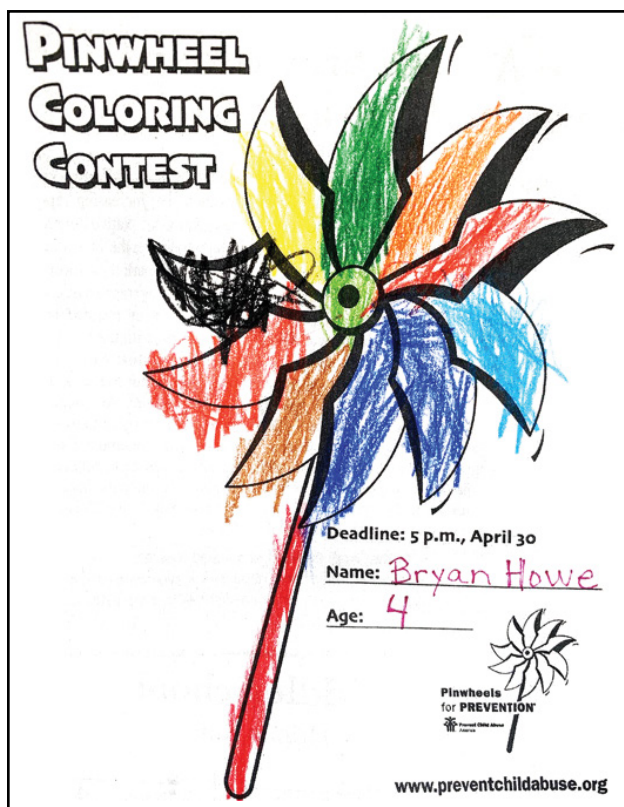


Maria Segovia tests out her new glasses that came in the swag bags from the Division of Social Services.

Photos by McKayla Lee
The Southern Ute Drum

Division of Social Services

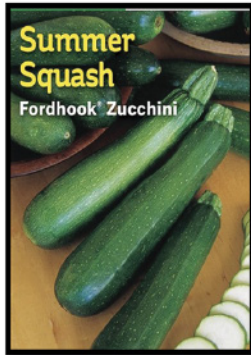
Child Abuse Prevention Month Pinwheel Coloring Contest Winners



In honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month the Division of Social Services would like to thank all of the entries for the coloring contest. Please be on the lookout for additional activities coming from the Division of Social Services.

Winners: Age 5 and under: Bryan Howe; Prize: Basketball set; Age 6-8: Miracle Williams; Prize: Beading set; Age 12 and up: Dominick GoodTracks; Prize: Bluetooth Speaker

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 erredd@southernute-nsn.gov

Kit will be mailed or delivered.

Available April 9, 2021



NÜ-'APAGHA-U “TALK TO ME”

May is Mental Health Awareness Month

You are a gift from the Creator, and you are not alone. We are in this together. There are resources available and people who are willing to help, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you, or someone you know, is experiencing stress, anxiety, fear, and/or depression, share the resources below.

Southern Ute Health Center
Mary Trujillo-Young & Jennifer Goodtracks, 970.563.4581,
Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

Local 24-hr Crisis Hotline 970.247.5245

Colorado Crisis Services 1.844.483.TALK(8255) or text “Talk” to 38255

National Suicide Prevention Hotline 1.800.273.TALK(8255)

Crisis Text Line Text “HOME” 741741



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PUBLIC HEALTH

Residents, take precautions to prevent rabies exposures



courtesy Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Rabies is a fatal but preventable viral disease. It can spread to people and pets if they are bitten or scratched by a rabid animal. In the United States, rabies is mostly found in wild animals like bats, raccoons, skunks, and foxes.

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

As we enter the warm weather seasons, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) would like to remind residents to be rabies aware. SJBPH urges residents spending time outdoors to avoid contact with wild animals, especially those acting unusually.

Please also take precautions for pets and livestock, and be sure their vaccinations are current. Pets and other domestic animals can be infected when they are bitten by rabid wild animals.

When “spillover” rabies occurs from wild animals to domestic animals, the risk to humans is increased.

“By knowing what to watch for and taking the proper precautions, rabies infections are very preventable. Be rabies aware when you are camping, hiking, or just working in the yard this year and we can prevent potentially fatal rabies infections in our community,” said Liane Jollon, Executive Director, SJBPH.

Humans get rabies from the bite of a rabies-infected animal. Any wild mammal, such as raccoon, skunk, fox, coyote, or bat can have rabies and transmit it to humans through a bite.

Rabies is almost always fatal in humans once symptoms appear. People who have been bitten or scratched

by an unfamiliar animal should contact their health care provider immediately to reduce the risk of rabies. To report an encounter with a suspect animal, please call San Juan Basin Public Health at 970-247-5702.

Because bats are the most common carriers of rabies in Colorado, SJBPH is reminding the public about strict guidance for post-exposure treatment when a potential bat contact occurs. Bats can bite people while they sleep and individuals may not realize that they have been bitten. If a bat has been present in a room with children or people who are sleeping, it is important that the bat is safely trapped and tested for rabies. If a bat cannot be tested or there are multiple bats in the home, post-exposure treatment is recommended. Please contact SJBPH for guidance on safe capture/testing of bats, and follow-up.

General tips to protect yourself from rabies:

- Never touch or feed wild or stray animals. Don’t leave pet food outdoors. If you see a sick or orphaned animal, do not touch it; instead contact Animal Control or Colorado Parks and Wildlife.
- Vaccinate your pets. Use a licensed veterinarian, and make sure you keep up with your

pets’ booster shots.

- Leash your dog. Protect dogs and wildlife by keeping your pet on a leash while walking or hiking.
- Keep cats and other pets inside at night. Keep dogs within your sight (in a fenced yard or on leash) during the day while outside.
- Call your veterinarian promptly if you believe your pet has been exposed to a wild animal.
- Vaccinate pastured animals annually. Have a licensed veterinarian administer an approved large-animal rabies vaccine.
- Bat-proof your home. Information is available at www.cdc.gov/rabies/bats/management.

To recognize sick wildlife:

- Many healthy wild animals are normally afraid of humans; sick animals often do not run away when spotted by people.
- Wildlife with rabies may act aggressively or will violently approach people or pets.
- Rabid wildlife might have trouble walking, flying, eating, or drinking.

To report an encounter with a suspect animal, please call San Juan Basin Public Health at 970- 247-5702.

PUBLIC HEALTH

How to protect your health from wood smoke

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

Most healthy people have no more than minor and short-term health difficulties with wood smoke. However, excessive smoke can result in unhealthy or hazardous air quality. If smoke is affecting your health, contact your doctor or other health professional. Also, try to move to a place with cleaner air and follow the tips below.

- Close windows and doors and stay indoors. However, do not close up your home tightly if it makes it dangerously warm inside.
- Be extra vigilant at night. Nighttime the air is usually more still than during the day and smoke can be worse. Smoke in nighttime air often flows down valleys and settles in low lying areas. Close windows at night.
- Filter your air by running your air conditioner or evaporative cooler, but only if the system is filtered. You may also run the fan on your home heating system, with the heat turned off, if the system is filtered. Keep the outdoor air intake closed and be sure the filter is clean. Running these appliances if they are not filtered can make indoor smoke worse.
- Use HEPA room air filtration units if you have them.
- You can also make a

filter fan to help clean your indoor air. All you need is a box fan, furnace filter (MERV-13 or better), and a bungee cord or tape. See these Step-by-step instructions from Puget Sound Clean Air Agency.

- Avoid exercise or other strenuous activities in heavy smoke.
- Although N95 respirators provide protection from smoke, they might be in short supply as frontline health-care workers use them during the pandemic.
- Cloth face coverings that are used to slow the spread of COVID-19 offer little protection against harmful air pollutants in wildfire smoke because these coverings do not capture most small particles in smoke.
- Consider temporarily relocating to another area if it is safe to do so. Seek out locations where air is filtered such as malls, movie theaters or recreation centers.
- Be prepared to evacuate by planning ahead. Plan your evacuation route and your destination. Put together a kit that contains medications and other important items that you can’t be without.

Who is most likely to be affected by smoke?

- Elderly people.
- Young children (especially under 7).
- Pregnant women.

- People with pre-existing respiratory or circulatory conditions like asthma, emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD) and cardiovascular disease.
- People with respiratory infections such as colds or flus.
- People with smoke allergies, although this is rare.

What are symptoms related to smoke exposure?

- Eye, nose and/or throat irritation – runny eyes and/or nose.
- Coughing, sore throat.
- Trouble breathing or tightness of the chest, which may be symptoms of a health emergency.
- The onset of symptoms related to pre-existing respiratory ailments like asthma or emphysema.
- Weakened immune system after prolonged exposure to smoke.
- What is the air quality like where I am?
- You can refer to the chart below and estimate the visibility in smoky air to come up with a corresponding air quality category based on the federal Air Quality Index.

Air Quality Index

Good: 10 or more mi.
Moderate: 5 - 10 mi.
Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups: 3 - 5 mi.
Unhealthy: 1.5 - 3 mi.
Very Unhealthy: 1 - 1.5 mi.
Hazardous: less than 1 mi.

In search of tribal members with irrigated assignment land

Due to current and upcoming expected drought conditions, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Range Division is looking for Southern Ute tribal members who have irrigated assignment land and would be willing to lease out on a short-term basis. If you are interested, please call the Southern Ute Range Division at 970-563-4780 ext. 2912.



CUSTOM FARM



If you’re looking to get your land in the right condition for the upcoming hay season we offer a Wide range of assistance, if you need scheduled for service below, here are our current rates for this hay season, My name is Micco Wesley Supervisor here at Custom Farm, just give me a call @ 970-563-2900 our team will get the job done. Mvto (thank you)

Aeration.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Brush Hogging/Rotor Tilling.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Corrugating/Culti-Pak.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Disking/Disk-plowing.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Ditching/Ditch Cleaning.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Fertilizer Application.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Harrowing.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Land Leveling.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Planting.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Plowing: 3 Bottom Plow.....	\$ 30.00	/Hr
Plowing: 4-5 Bottom Plow.....	\$ 46.00	/Hr
Post Hole Digging/Pounding.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
V-Ripper.....	\$ 38.00	/Hr
Swathing.....	\$ 48.00	/Hr
Raking.....	\$ 28.00	/Hr
Baling: Large Round.....	\$ 10.00	/Bale
Baling: Large Square.....	\$ 15.00	/Bale
Baling: Small Square.....	\$ 0.50	/Bale
Stacking: ≤ 5 miles Hauling.....	\$ 0.40	/Bale
≥5.01-15 miles Hauling.....	\$ 0.60	/Bale
Stacking Lg. Round.....	\$ 4.00	/+RTM**
Stacking Lg. Square.....	\$ 5.00	/+RTM**
Hauling Livestock --- (Round Trip)...	\$ 0.50	/Mile
Snow Plowing for Livestock.....	\$ 35.00	/Hr
One-Way Mileage Per Day.....	\$ 0.35	/Mile

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.



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





PUBLIC HEALTH

SJBPH resumes Johnson & Johnson vaccinations

Vaccine Clinics – Walk-Ins Welcome

Staff report

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) is resuming administration of the Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) COVID vaccine next week and offering multiple clinics with Johnson & Johnson and Pfizer vaccine. SJBPH is providing a convenient schedule of clinics to access the vaccine and urges all residents to receive vaccination as soon as possible to protect themselves and their families.

“It’s never been easier or more convenient to get the COVID vaccine. We have clinics on a wide range of days with different options for vaccine types,” said SJBPH Executive Director

Liane Jollon. “The best way to support our local businesses, maintain in-person learning, and ensure a safe and speedy return to normalcy is to get vaccinated. We need to keep up the momentum, not only to reach herd immunity, but importantly for each of us to return to doing things we love.”

“Unfortunately, right now the virus is spreading at very high rates among unvaccinated people. Do not delay in protecting yourself and your family,” Jollon added.

SAN JUAN BASIN public health

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

On Friday, April 23rd, federal and state public health officials lifted an 11-day pause on Johnson & Johnson vaccinations following a thorough investigation and recommendation from an expert panel. Their findings are that the vaccine is safe and highly effective and that Johnson & Johnson vaccinations should resume. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) officials believe the benefits of the single-dose COVID vaccine far outweigh an extremely rare risk of blood clots. Women between the ages of 18 and 50 should be aware of this extremely rare side effect so they can make an informed choice about receiving the vaccine.

Upcoming community vaccination clinics:

- La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, 2500 Main Ave. Friday, May 7, from 1 to 6 p.m. Pfizer.

Appointments available.

- La Plata County Fairgrounds, Durango, 2500 Main Ave. Saturday, May 8, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Johnson & Johnson. Appointments available.

Although registrations are preferred, walk-ins are also welcome at upcoming clinics. The vaccine is free.

16 and 17-year-olds are only authorized to receive the Pfizer vaccine and should confirm the type of vaccine offered before making an appointment. A parent or guardian must sign the consent form through the online registration system or attend the appointment to fill out a consent form on-site.

Information about the COVID vaccine, and links to make appointments from other vaccine providers, can be found on SJBPH's website: <https://sjbpublichealth.org/covid-19-vaccine/>.

CONTINUED CORONAVIRUS COVERAGE

Stay up to date with the Coronavirus news, updates and the Southern Ute Tribe, check online:

- www.southernute-nsn.gov
- Facebook at www.facebook.com/southernute
- CDC at www.cdc.gov/coronavirus



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/>

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“TOGETHER, WE WILL FIGHT COVID-19”



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



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.

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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
Face Coverings Remain in Effect

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe’s Face Covering Public Health Order remains in effect. It is important to continue to take precautions for those who remain vulnerable in our community. The Incident Management Team (IMT) and Tribal Council continue to monitor data in order to keep our members and communities safe. Thank you for your continued efforts to protect our past, present, and future.

Safer at Home Activities			Low Risk
Unvaccinated Individuals		Vaccinated Individuals	Caution
Outdoor			High Risk
	Outdoor activities with your household		
	An outdoor gathering of up to 50 fully vaccinated family and friends		
	An outdoor gathering of up to 50 fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals		
	Visiting the SunUte Skate park and community parks		
	Dining outdoors with individuals from multiple households		
	Attend a crowded, outdoor event; Bear Dance, Sun Dance, Community events, and prayers.		
Indoor			
	Tribal Member appointments on Tribal Campus; tribal staff interacting with others		
	Grocery and other indoor shopping		
	All public transportation; Road Runner, bus, airplane, carpool		
	An indoor gathering of up to 25 fully vaccinated and unvaccinated individuals from multiple households		
	Any indoor establishment; Casino, restaurant, business		

Approved by SUIT IMT

Even if you have been vaccinated please continue to protect those around you by wearing face coverings, practicing basic hygiene, and maintaining a safe distance from others. To schedule your vaccine please call the Southern Ute Health Center at: (970)563-4581.

CORONAVIRUS

New CDC Guidance for fully vaccinated people

Staff report
SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH

On April 27 the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) issued new guidance for people who have been fully vaccinated against COVID-19. The agency’s latest guidelines support a wealth of evidence that COVID-19 is far less likely to be transmitted outside than indoors.

It’s important to note this guidance is for small gatherings in a household and does not apply to the workplace, school setting, or other public spaces.

Someone is considered fully vaccinated two weeks after their second shot of Moderna or Pfizer’s two-dose regimen, or two weeks following the single-dose Johnson & Johnson (Janssen) vaccine.

Fully vaccinated people can:

- Exercise outdoors or with members of their household without a mask
- Hold small gatherings outdoors with others who are inoculated, or with a mix of unvaccinated people, without face coverings
- Gather indoors with fully vaccinated people without wearing a mask or staying 6 feet apart
- Gather indoors with unvaccinated people of any age from one other household (for example, visiting with relatives whom all live together) without masks or staying

- 6 feet apart, unless any of those people or anyone they live with has an increased risk for severe illness from COVID-19
- If you travel in the US, you don’t need to get tested before or after travel, or self-quarantine after travel
- Visit with other fully vaccinated people indoors without wearing masks or physical distancing

If you’ve been fully vaccinated:

- Take precautions in public like wearing a well-fitted mask and physical distancing
- Wear masks, practice physical distancing, and adhere to other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people who are at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease or who have an unvaccinated household member who is at increased risk for severe COVID-19 disease
- Wear masks, maintain physical distance, and practice other prevention measures when visiting with unvaccinated people from multiple households
- Avoid medium- and large-sized in-person gatherings
- Get tested if experiencing COVID-19 symptoms
- Follow guidance issued by individual employers
- Follow CDC and health department travel requirements and recommendations



I continue to do my part for all our people.



OFFICE HOURS
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Wednesday
Friday
8am – 12pm

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BY APPOINTMENT ONLY

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SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE COVID-19 UPDATE
(As of May 5, 2021)

Southern Ute Health Center Cases
231 Positives
165 Recovered
8960 Total Tests

SUHC Vaccination Update
Upcoming 1st Dose Clinics & Availability
5/5 (Pfizer) 18
5/13 (Moderna) 43
5/21 (Moderna) 45
5/26 (Pfizer) 27

Southern Ute Tribal Member Cases
91 Positives
65 Recovered
2 Deaths

Vaccine Eligibility: Anyone 18 years of age and older (16 years for Pfizer).
Call SUHC for appointment (970) 563.4581

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SUHC VACCINE UPDATE
As of May 5, 2021

Vaccines Administered
SU Tribal Members 634
SU Household 315
IHS Beneficiaries 1686
IHS Household 278
Tribal Staff 1133
Insured Dependents 378
Educators (FLC/117) 247
Other (Ages 65+ & Non-Eligible Persons) 2013

Dose by Eligible Group
Other 2326 (34%)
SU Tribal Members & Household 949 (14%)
Tribal Staff & Insured Dependents 1511 (22%)
IHS Beneficiaries & Household 1964 (29%)

Percent Fully Vaccinated
SU Tribal Members 59% 1st Dose, 41% 2nd Dose
Tribal Staff 58% 1st Dose, 42% 2nd Dose

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

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Vaccination Event

Janssen Vaccine Event
May 14, 2021 | 10:00 am to 2:00 pm
Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) is hosting a single dose Janssen event on Friday, May 14, 2021. Individuals are required to register for the single dose Janssen vaccine on a first come, first serve basis using the link below. If you do not have access to the internet you may call the SUIT COVID-19 Call Center, M-F from 8 to 5 at 970.563.0214 to register for a vaccine before Wednesday, May 12, 2021.

SUHC Vaccination Sign-Up Link | <https://tinyurl.com/y2bmk652>

Single Dose Janssen Event
May 14 | 10 am to 2 pm

Who is eligible?
• Anyone ages 18 and over (including the general public.)
• Southern Ute tribal members, IHS Beneficiaries and tribal staff will have priority when scheduling.

Registration Deadline:
Wednesday, May 12, 2021 by 8:00 a.m.

Is it safe?
Yes it is!
The Food & Drug Administration (FDA) and Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) lifted the restrictions on the Janssen vaccine Friday, April 23, 2021.
The vaccine can be administered without limitations. Individuals who have questions should contact their primary care provider (PCP) or the Southern Ute Health Center (SUHC) by calling 970.563.4581 Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

For more information on the Janssen vaccine, please visit the CDC site below:
<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/safety/jjUpdate.html>

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Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lexy Young (8) blocks Ridgway's Emily Medina (10) during season-ending road action Saturday afternoon, April 24. The Volleycats' Spring 2021 campaign concluded with a 21-25, 26-28, 25-21, 15-25 loss to the Lady Demons.

BOBCATS VOLLEYBALL

Volleycats take one of final week's three

Last Spring 2021 win comes at Mancos

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Having visited Telluride the night before for a quickly-arranged THS Senior Night match – one having no bearing on the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League standings; the teams' home-and-home had long been completed – which the Lady Miners claimed 25-19, 25-21 and 25-18. Ridgway's players obviously sought similar swan-song magic for themselves as they then hosted Ignacio Saturday afternoon, April 24.

And with the Volleycats minus two pieces of their complex 6-2 offensive puzzle, RHS managed to not only send a class of six towards graduation with one final volleyball victory – by a 25-21, 28-26, 21-25, 25-15 result – to their collective name, but also salvage a .500 record from the COVID-compressed Spring 2021 campaign.

“Coming in cold, learning how to work together ... this schedule really took a hit on a lot of our players,” IHS head coach Melanie Seibel had previously said, prior to a season-ending week also including an April 20 Senior Day home test versus SJBL force Dolores and a 4/22 trip to nothing-to-lose Mancos. “It sure did.”

“And we’ve found out we’ve got to play hard, work together and ... have ‘no mercy,’” explained Seibel.

Regretfully, too much charity was given to the motivated Lady Demons

early on and the ‘Cats – coming in off a 25-16, 25-19, 27-25 sweep of MHS – never really recovered, save for a Game 3 win in which Ignacio erased a 17-13 deficit and soon went on a deciding 6-1 run capped by a Trinity Strohl kill plus two subsequent un-returnable Strohl serves.

But after wrestling a shaky 6-4 lead away from Ridgway in Game 4, IHS would get no nearer to triumph – or at least a tie-breaking Game 5 – than 9-9 via junior Alexis Pontine’s stuff of RHS senior Shelby Sisler. Ignacio’s ensuing serve sailed out of bounds, Lady Demon senior Emma Berwanger then scored with a block on Strohl, and Sisler followed with a successful set dump.

The ‘Cats then lost another point due to a net violation, and another when senior JV call-up Emily Cundiff smacked long a potential kill. Lady Demon senior Cass Rikkers then gave the guests a brief break when she netted a serve, but a Sisler kill then restarted the home team on what would be a devastating 7-0 spree – all but putting RHS, up 21-10 at that time, in the clear.

A Pontine ace of Berwanger brought Ignacio back to 23-14, and an oddity un-passable Laci Brunson free ball kept the ‘Cats within nine, 24-15, but junior Lexy Young then served long with IHS needing a miracle.

“They did show up and work hard,” said Seibel,

whose program will also lose six seniors, counting Ridgway match-day scratches Marisa Carmenoros and Vanessa Gonzales, plus inactive JV/V ‘swinger’ Jazmin Carmenoros as well as long-injured libero-turned-team manager Ebonee Gomez. “But we had to reorganize our players [from] our first [match] against them, come with a different lineup.”

Sophomore Grace Gonzales finished with 12 kills against eight errors in 39 total attacks for a .077 percentage; IHS, unfortunately, finished -.031 as a team. Strohl, also a sophomore, managed eight kills at a break-even .000 clip, and Pontine officially downed four at .000 while logging 22 assists as Ignacio’s sole setter and also totaling a team-high six aces.

Inexplicably bookending IHS’ Game 1 setback, two Pontine service-line misfires were amongst the Volleycats’ alarming eight helping gift RHS the opener – though the ‘Cats crept back to as close as 21-20, apparently having survived an earlier 8-0 Ridgway blast which put the Lady Demons up 14-7.

Neither side led by more than two points in Game 2 until RHS reached 24-21 via senior Jenna Brown’s ace of Brunson. But a Gonzales kill, plus a Rikkers hitting error, a botched serve reception by Lady Demon junior Bella Janda,

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JV and C-Teams end season



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio freshman Solymar Cosio (18) alertly spikes away from Ridgway's Morgan Clark (4) during season-ending, junior-varsity SJBL road action Saturday afternoon, April 24. Finding opposition three times during the Spring 2021 campaign's closing week, the JV 'Cats wrapped up work going 3-for-3. First came a 25-19, 25-20 home win on the 20th over Dolores, followed by a 19-25, 25-20, 15-11 triumph on the 22nd at Mancos, and lastly a 25-15, 25-22 victory at Ridgway High School.

Ignacio freshman Darlyn Lechuga-Mendoza (12) attempts a back-row kill shot during late-season SJBL action Thursday evening, April 22, at Mancos. Often finding opponents difficult to come by in the unusual Spring 2021 season, IHS' C-team closed out the campaign defeating MHS 23-25, 25-18, 15-10 – atoning for a 19-25, 9-25 home loss to Dolores two days before – with no match at Ridgway on the 24th to be had.

2021 TRI-UTE GAMES

The purpose of the games is to come together so our athletes/children can get to know each other better, to foster friendship between the Ute Indian Tribe, Southern Ute and The Ute Mountain Ute Tribes.

It is the games for the pleasure of sport and the training ground for the North American Indigenous Games or the All Indian Games.

We are currently exploring all avenues to provide a safe environment for potentially having games late this Summer. The safety of our youth is the foremost importance.

We will be distributing surveys to gauge and gather concerns or ideas.

Surveys will be available 4/28/21 at SunUte Community Center

Who: Enrolled Tribal Members and 1st Descendants with CIB

Ages: 9-18

DEADLINE: FRIDAY, May 14, 2021

Please contact SunUte Recreation
Virgil Morgan 970-563-2652
Tara Vigil 970-563-2667



NOTICE: ALTHOUGH THE SKATE PARK & OTHER SOUTHERN UTE TRIBAL PARKS ARE NOW OPEN



MASKS ARE STILL REQUIRED BY THE SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE.

MASK UP & SKATE!

PHOTO: VIRGIL MORGAN/SUNUTE

Attention

SunUte Community Center Staff will be collecting updated information by calling the primary membership holder in each household. The following information will help SunUte better serve you when a date is made available to re-open.

UPDATED INFORMATION NEEDED

- ADDRESS
- PHONE NUMBER
- EMAIL
- ON-LINE REGISTRATION

Please be patient as we will be calling all SunUte Members, beginning with Southern Ute Tribal Members, followed by SUIT employees then community members.

The SunUte Staff looks forward to seeing all your beautiful faces!

Please be advised the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is operating under the “Safer at Home” order.



In The Southern Ute Tribal Court

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

NOTICE OF PROBATE

In the Estate Of,
Case No.: 2021-0016-CV-PR
Ernestine Burch, 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 18, 2021 at 3:00 PM**. All persons having claims against the above estate are required to file them for allowance with the Tribal Court at the stated address on or before the time and date of said hearing, as above set forth or said claims shall be forever barred and all persons interested in said estate are hereby notified to appear and answer said Petition and offer evidence in support of their position. The Court will proceed to hear the matter at the date and time set above, or such later time to which the matter shall be continued and to make the determination therein necessary.

Dated this 8th of April, 2021.
Paula Trujillo, Deputy Court Clerk

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Colorado.

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United States Environmental Protection Agency • Region 8 1595 Wynkoop Street Denver, CO, 80202-1129 800-227-8917 • www.epa.gov/region080

8WD-CWW • U.S. Environmental Protection Agency
Region 8 Public Notice Issuance Of National
Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit

PERMIT NAME: General Permits for Wastewater Lagoon Systems in Indian Country; **NPDES PERMIT NUMBERS:** South Dakota (SDG589XXX), North Dakota (NDG589XXX), Montana (MTG589XXX), Colorado (COG587XXX), Utah (UTG589XXX), Wyoming (WYG589XXX); **R8 STATES:** Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah and Wyoming; **PURPOSE:** The purpose of this notice is to state the EPA's intention to reissue National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Wastewater Lagoon Systems in Indian Country in Region 8 under the authority of Section 402 of the Clean Water Act.

ACTIVITY: EPA, Region 8 is providing for comment the draft 2021 National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) General Permits for Wastewater Lagoon Systems in Indian Country in Region 8 (Colorado, Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming). These draft permits are renewals of the existing permits and will authorize the discharge of wastewater from lagoons located in Region 8 Indian country in accordance with the terms and conditions described therein. EPA proposes to issue these permits for five (5) years and is seeking public comment on the fact sheet and draft permits.

PUBLIC COMMENTS: Comment period ends 45 calendar days after the date of publication of the Federal Register notice, Docket ID No. EPA-R08-OW-2021-0201. Comments may be submitted as follows:

1. Submit comments by using the Federal Rulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov>. Follow the online instructions for submission for Docket ID No. EPA-R08-OW-2021-0201. Once submitted, comments cannot be edited or removed from www.regulations.gov. The EPA may publish any comment received to its public docket.
2. Comments may also be emailed to Alysia Tien at tien.alsysia@epa.gov using subject line "Region 8 Lagoon General Permit Public Comment".

Due to office closures related to the COVID-19 outbreak, at this time there is no opportunity to submit comments via regular mail. To reduce the risk of COVID-19 transmission, for this action we also do not plan to offer hard copy review of the docket. Please email or call Alysia Tien at (303) 312-7021 or tien.alsysia@epa.gov for further information or questions. All comments received prior to the end of the comment period will be considered in the formulation of any final permit determinations and will be part of the administrative record. During the public comment period, any interested person may request a public hearing, if no hearing has already been scheduled. A request for a public hearing shall be in writing and shall state the nature of the issues proposed to be raised in the hearing. EPA will hold a hearing if the response to this notice indicates significant public interest. EPA is also requesting comments on the possible adverse effects of reissuing the permit on historic properties and/or cultural resources in the coverage areas. EPA has requested certification from Region 8 Tribes with Treatment As State (TAS) as the Clean Water Act Section 401 certifying authorities. These Tribes include the Assiniboine & Sioux Tribes of the Fort Peck Indian Reservation, the Confederated Salish & Kootenai Tribes of the Flathead Reservation, the Northern Cheyenne Tribe, the Ute Mountain Ute Tribe, the Southern Ute Indian Tribe and the Blackfeet Tribe. EPA is the Clean Water Act Section 401 certifying authority for these permits in all other areas covered by the permits, as not all Region 8 Tribes have received authorization to implement section 303(c) of the Clean Water Act, and is seeking comment on Section 401 certification requirements.

PERMIT AVAILABILITY: The draft permits and associated fact sheet are available for download at <https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/region-8-npdes-lagoon-general-permit> and have also been posted on the Federal Register site at: [site location here] identified by Docket ID No. EPA-R08-OW-2021-0201. Due to office closures related to the COVID-19 outbreak, at this time there is no opportunity to review permit related documents in person at an EPA office. These documents are only available electronically and can be provided upon request. For further information, please reach out to Ms. Tien at the contact information above. Notification and details of any public comment period extension will be posted at the public comment web page address only (listed above) and will not be published in this newspaper. Interested parties on our email list will also be notified by email. If you wish to be added to our email list, the link to subscribe to the listserv is http://lists.epa.gov/read/all_forums/subscribe?name=npdesr8.



The Southern Ute Indian Housing Authority has received a fund called the EMERGENCY RENTAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (ERAP)

This funding will help with ANY person renting
withing the exterior boundries of the
Southern Ute Indian Reservation.

To be eligible, the Housing Authority will need to determine the following:

- That one or more individuals within the household has qualified for unemployment benefits or experiences other financial hardship due, directly or indirectly, to COVID-19
- That one or more individuals with the household can demonstrate a risk of experiencing homelessness or housing instability.
- The household has a household income at or below 80 percent of the are median income.

To get an application, you can pick one up at the
Housing Authority office, vie email or postal mail.

For more information,
contact Jennifer Salazar or Cutke Edwards at 970-563-4575.

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

FINANCE DEPARTMENT NOTICE Early Cut-Off for Minors Birthday Distributions

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

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

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Deadline
May 17

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may be submitted in person,
by mail, or by email to:
jshockley@southernute-nsn.gov

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REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Internal Audit Services For The Sky Ute Casino & Resort Southern Ute Indian Tribe Fiscal Years 2022, 2023 And 2024

Requested By: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Division of Gaming
ALL INTERESTED PARTIES: Proposals due no later than Friday, June 4, 2021

PROPOSAL PREPARATION INSTRUCTIONS AND REQUIRED INFORMATION

In order to facilitate the review process and obtain the maximum degree of comparison, the proposal should include the following information presented in the order and format shown below:

COST PROPOSAL: Include a detailed itemized cost statement showing various classes of staff hours and related rate. **NOTE:** There is a TERO fee of 4%.

EVALUATION CRITERIA: Proposals will be evaluated on the basis of the following criteria:
GENERAL CRITERIA: Responsiveness of the proposal in clearly stating an understanding of the work to be performed. Ability to perform required review. Technical Approach: Appropriateness of approach and methodology for implementing the statement of work.

QUALIFICATIONS AND EXPERIENCE OF THE FIRM: Experience of firm in reviewing compliance with NIGC MICS. The total firm resources assigned to the review.

QUALIFICATION AND EXPERIENCE OF THE STAFF TO BE ASSIGNED: Qualifications of team, including experience with NIGC MICS. Supervision to be exercised over the team by firm's management.

DESCRIPTION/SPECIFICATIONS

PURPOSE: The purpose of this RFP is to obtain the services of an independent Certified Public Accounting firm (Consultant) to review the Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT), Sky Ute Casino Resort's (Casino) compliance with gaming procedures as set forth in 25 CFR 543.23 and the Internal Audit MICS Compliance Reporting Guidelines issued by the National Indian Gaming Commission ("NIGC") in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the requirements of SUIT's Gaming Code, the ICMPS, and the NIGC.

BACKGROUND: The Southern Ute Division of Gaming ("Division") has adopted Internal Control Minimum Procedures (the "ICMPs"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A, and Consultant shall utilize, analyze and review the ICMPS as set forth below in the scope of work. The Consultant shall utilize the Division's ICMP Checklist form, Exhibit B, in the review of the ICMP's.

SCOPE OF WORK: Review all applicable procedures of 25 CFR 543.23 as they relate to internal audit requirements of SUIT, all of which shall be performed in accordance with the applicable federal regulations and the requirements of the Internal Audit MICS Compliance Reporting Guidelines, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C, and in accordance with the attestation standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and the requirements of SUIT's Gaming Code, the ICMPS, and the NIGC. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPS related to table games, including but not limited to, fill and credit procedures, pit credit play procedures, rim credit procedures, drop and count procedures and the subsequent transfer of funds, unannounced testing of count room currency counters and/or currency interface, location and control over sensitive keys, the tracing of source documents to summarized documentation and accounting records, and reconciliation to restricted copies. Review Casino compliance with all Rules and ICMP's related to sports betting, including but not limited to sports book operations, online sports gaming, online esports gaming, credit play procedures, transfer of funds, age verification procedures and pay out procedures. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPS related to gaming machines, including but not limited to, jackpot payout and gaming machine fill procedures, gaming machine drop and count and transfer of funds, unannounced testing of weigh scale and weigh scale interface, where applicable, unannounced testing of count room currency counters and/or currency

interface, gaming machine drop cabinet access, tracing of source documents to summarized documentation and accounting records, reconciliation to restricted copies, location and control over sensitive keys, compliance with EPROM duplication procedures, and compliance with ICMPS for gaming machines that accept currency or coin and issue cash-out tickets or gaming machines that do not accept currency or coin and do not return currency or coin. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPS related to bingo, including but not limited to, bingo card control, payout procedures, and the cash reconciliation process. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPS related to cash and credit procedures including all cage, credit, and collection procedures, and the reconciliation of trial balances to physical instruments on a sample basis and reconciliation of the cage accountability to the general ledger. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPS related to information technology functions, including but not limited to, system access and control and annual system testing requirements. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPS related to the accounting function, including, but not limited to, documentation criteria, system overrides, required reviews and approvals, allowable forms and documents, procedures over the various gaming departments and other standards. Review Casino compliance with 31 CFR Part 103 and other Bank Secrecy Act regulations specific to reporting of income recognition transactions. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPS related to complimentary services and items, including but not limited to, procedures whereby complimentary services and items are issued, authorized, and redeemed. Review Casino compliance with all ICMPS related to surveillance functions, including but not limited to, surveillance equipment, requirements for surveillance of cashier cages, coin and count rooms, bingo, table games, gaming machines and review of digital system and other standards. Perform follow-up observations and examinations to verify that corrective action has been taken regarding all instances of noncompliance noted by Consultant during previous visits. Whenever possible, cash counts and observations that Consultant performs in completing the procedures specified above shall be performed on an unannounced basis (i.e., without Casino employees being forewarned that their activities will be observed).

- Mail Delivery: Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Division of Gaming, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, ATTN: Jackie Budd
- Hand Delivery: Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Division of Gaming, 398 Ouray, Ignacio, CO 81137, ATTN: Jackie Budd
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RFP SCHEDULE

- May 3, 2021: Notice of RFP sent to potential firms.
- June 4, 2021: Proposal due date
- June 7-11, 2021: RFP Evaluation
- June 11, 2021: Notification to proposers
- June 14, 2021: Contract Award

SUIT TERO REQUIREMENTS & NATIVE AMERICAN PREFERENCE

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe has adopted a Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) Code, which is to be observed by all businesses operating on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. This RFP is an unrestricted solicitation; however, Indian preference will be given to qualified Indian Owned economic enterprises and Indian Organizations. Firms desiring Native American preference for selection must be certified through the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO Office as an Indian-Owned Business. For those firms seeking Native American preference, this is a mandatory requirement, regardless of any other registration or certification that may exist with other tribal TERO offices, agencies, or affiliations. The firm awarded the contract to provide the services will be responsible for paying a 4% TERO fee at the end of the project, which will amount to 4% of the final contract amount. For more information about TERO contact Hilda Burch at: Southern Ute Indian Tribe TERO Office, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-0117

REQUEST FOR BIDS Sky Ute Fairgrounds PRV Station Replacement Project Southern Ute Indian Tribe

Owner: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (SUIT) Utilities Division, PO Box 1137, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-5500

Separate sealed BIDS for the construction of the SUIT UTILITIES DIVISION Sky Ute Fairgrounds PRV Station Replacement Project will be received by the Owner at the offices of the SUIT Utilities Division, until 3 p.m. (MST), Thur., May 20, 2021. The bids shall be reviewed by the Utilities Division and all Contractors shall be notified of the qualified low bidder.

Bid security: A Bid security, in the form of a Bid Bond, Cashiers Check or Certified Check in the amount of 5% of the bid amount, must accompany each Bid. The Successful Bidder will be required to furnish a Construction Performance and Payment Bonds as security for the faithful performance of the Contract.

Description of Work: Project requires installation of Owner furnished PRV vault, plumbed connection to existing water distribution system, and removal and disposal of existing PRV vault. The Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tribal Employment Rights Office (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian Owned businesses. A bid preference of 5% will be given to any qualified Native American owned company. To receive this preference, Native American owned companies must be certified

by the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's TERO. Any Native American owned business not certified by the due date will not be given a preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

The Southern Ute Indian Tribe reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, to waive any informality in the bid process and to accept the bids deemed, in the opinion of the Tribe, to be in the best interest of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Prospective BIDDERS are REQUIRED to attend the MANDATORY pre-bid meeting on Tuesday, May 11, 2021 at 10 A.M. at the Sky Ute Fairgrounds Project Site, located at 200 County Road 151, Ignacio, CO 81137.

THE CONTRACT DOCUMENTS may be examined at the following location:

- GOFF ENGINEERING & SURVEYING, INC., 126 Rock Point Drive, Suite A, Durango, Colorado 81301. 970-247-1705
- The Southern Ute Indian Tribe: Utilities Division, 16360 Hwy 172, Ignacio, CO 81137, 970-563-5500

A \$50 (fifty dollars), non-refundable deposit will be required for each printed set. Digital (PDF) plans are available by sending an email request to HUlglasco@goffengineering.comUH or written request to the above address.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Boards, Committees and Comissions Vacancies

APPRENTICE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Open until filled – The Southern Ute Indian Tribe (Tribe) and Apprentice Program Committee has three (3) vacancies. The Committee shall include employees of the Tribe who have a level of expertise and familiarity with the goal of tribal member mentoring and employment to make a positive contribution to both the committee and to the objectives of the program. At large members for the Committee can also be considered. A majority of the Committee shall be tribal members. Members serve on a voluntary basis. It is the policy and intent of the Tribe that the Apprentice Program Committee be appointed to administer an Apprenticeship program that provides higher education, training, on-the-job experience, and mentoring to eligible tribal members. All interested Southern Ute tribal members, who would like to serve on this committee are urged to submit a letter of intent to the Human Resources Department at PO Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137, or in person at the Leonard C. Burch Tribal Administration Building.

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.bgcsu.org website or by request from Mr. Bruce LeClaire at 970-563-2694 or bleclaire@southernute-nsn.gov. Applications must be returned to Mr. LeClaire.

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.

Attention Native Farmers and Ranchers

NAAF is pleased to announce that its 3rd Request for Applications is now live!

- Please check out our website for more details.
- General Application Deadline: June 1, 2021
 - Youth Application Deadline: May 25, 2021

The Native American Agriculture Fund (NAAF) announced the opening of its third annual Request for Applications (RFA). With \$15 million in available funding, NAAF seeks grant applications from 501(c) (3) organizations, educational organizations, Community Development Financial Institutions (CDFIs), and state and federally recognized Tribal Nations. NAAF will host five webinars during the application period. One webinar is focused on the Youth RFA, and the other four webinars are focused on the General RFA. Dates and times are listed below:

- Thursday, May 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. CDT
- Thursday, May 27 from 2 to 4 p.m. CDT

Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program (BFRDP)

The Beginning Farmer and Rancher Development Program provides grants to organizations for education, mentoring, and technical assistance initiatives for beginning farmers or ranchers. According to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service's most recent Ag Census data, the number of young people entering farming continues to decline, but the number of new farmers and ranchers over the age of 35 as well as the number of smaller farms and ranches nationwide continue to rise. Ensuring there will be a "new generation" of beginning farmers and ranchers – regardless of age or production choice – is especially important to the continuation of agricultural production in the United States.

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS Southern Ute Indian Tribe

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: Garry Fulks PO Box 737-24, Ignacio, CO 81137, gfulks@southernute-nsn.gov
- **Hand Delivery:** Southern-Ute Indian Tribe, Tribal Housing Department (Dropbox only) 285 Lakin Street, Ignacio, CO 81137

Proposals will be received through June 1, 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 certification information, contact TERO at 970-563-0117.



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.

Treasury Manager – Growth Fund (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 5/14/21 – Manages day-to-day activities in treasury function to meet the financial obligations of the Growth Fund and performs treasury activities related to cash flow, borrowings, advances, and capital management. Treasury Manager reviews policies and procedures to meet the organization’s objectives, allocates cash balances, maintains records, and prepares forecasts. Works with Growth Fund Management to provide treasury advice regarding strategic endeavors. Minimum qualifications: Bachelor’s degree in Finance, Accounting or related field and seven years recent full-time experience working directly in Treasury Management and/or banking. Must have experience working with multiple financial institutions on treasury functions as well as experience working with and understanding loan agreements and compliance. Must have general knowledge of accounting and internal controls. Must have supervisory experience. Must have strong Microsoft Office skills. Must have strong analytical and organizational skills. Must possess good communication and problem resolution skills and have strong process skills and proven ability to interact with all levels of the organization. Must be diligent in meeting deadlines, well organized, and possess ability to manage peak workloads. Must pass criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test. Must possess a current driver’s license for state of residency and must be insurable under the Growth Fund vehicle insurance policy.

Southern Ute Shared Services • Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.southernute.com/careers 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.

BI Developer I – Southern Ute Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)

Closing 5/17/21 – Performing data analysis, develops reports in Microsoft Power BI and SSRS, and contributes to the design and deployment of data models and assists in administration of the Microsoft BI infrastructure including Power BI Report Server and SQL Server environments. Minimum Qualifications: A high school diploma and four years full time relevant software, data analysis or reporting experience; OR an Associate Degree and two years full time relevant software, data analysis or reporting experience; OR a Bachelor’s degree in Computer Science, Engineering or Business/Finance; is required. Must have knowledge of at least one major coding language including Java, C#, C++, Python or Ruby, knowledge of data base structures and SQL programming, and an understanding of Software Development Lifecycle is required. Must have strong verbal and written communication skills, must have or be able to obtain, Criminal Justice Information Systems (CJIS) certification, Southern Ute Indian Tribe Gaming Support license, Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA) certification, and any other licenses or certifications required or requested by Southern Ute Shared Services within the first 6 months of hire, a valid driver’s license for state of residency and be insurable through the Company vehicle insurance policy, and must pass a criminal history background check and pre-employment drug test.

Ute Mountain Ute Personnel Dept.

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

Job Openings as of May 3, 2021

- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Closing 5/7/21
- Child Development Center, Full-time Day Care Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Child Development Center, Full-time Paraprofessional – Open Until Filled
- Diabetes, CNA/Health Technician – Open Until Filled
- Environmental, Student Intern – Closing 5/14/21
- Higher Education, Adult Education Coordinator – Open Until Filled
- Grants & Contracts, Project Coordinator – Closing 5/14/21
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, Kindergarten Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Kwiyyagat Community Academy, First Grade Teacher – Open Until Filled
- Mineral Auditor, Auditor – Open Until Filled
- Planning & Development, Transportation Specialist – Open Until Filled
- Public Health, Diabetes Nurse – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Closing 5/14/21
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B IV – Closing 5/14/21
- Public Safety, Full-time – White Mesa Security – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Police Officer – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter I/EMT-B IV – Open Until Filled
- Public Safety, Fire Fighter/EMT-P – Open Until Filled
- Recidivism Reduction Initiative, OVC Apprentice – Closing 5/7/21
- Rise Grant, Wrap-Around Services Coordinator – Closing 5/14/21
- Social Service, Caseworker I – Open Until Filled
- Social Services, Director – Closing 5/14/21
- Tiwahe, PEAK Project Manager – Closing 5/14/21
- Ute Counseling, CAC III Counselor – Open Until Filled
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Program Asst. /Rehab Tech. – Closing 5/14/21
- Vocational Rehabilitation, Rehab Counselor I – Closing 5/14/21
- WM Recreation Center, Part-time Assistant Director – Open Until Filled

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Payroll Specialist

Closes 5/7/21 – Processes timecards using the appropriate time-keeping system for the Tribe’s bi-weekly payroll. Generates and distributes payroll checks. Performs payroll process duties as necessary. Starts at \$19.93/hour.

Construction Services Repairman

Closes 5/12/21 – Assists in home repair to Tribal Home Rehab Programs, Elders Maintenance Program, Tribal Member and Elderly/ Handicapped Emergency Repair, and Tribal Rental Units. Starts at \$14.48/hour.

Recreation Coordinator

Closes 5/12/21 – Develops, implements, and monitors all recreation programs for SunUte Community Center. Starts at \$15.61/hour.

Events/Heritage Coordinator (So. Ute tribal members only)

Closes 5/13/21 – Planning and organizing various traditional cultural events, develops heritage tourism activities, and coordinates cultural camp for youth. Starts at \$18.32/hour.

Patrol Officer II

Closes 5/17/21 – Patrols the Southern Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Starts at \$23.81/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. This position is grant funded; continued employment is contingent on renewed funding. Starts at \$49,517.56/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. This 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. Starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Curriculum Specialist – Ute Language (So. Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – Design and development of the Ute curriculum taught to students and staff at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy (SUIMA), including students at the local school district, and the community. Working with the Ute Language Teachers, and parents on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials to assist in learning and retaining the Ute language and culture. Assists all students in reaching the goals and objectives of SUIMA and the Education Department. Incorporating the Ute history, culture and folklore into the language instruction. Starts at \$49,517.56/year.

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.

Farm Heavy Equipment Operator

Open Until Filled – Under general supervision of the Field Supervisor provides routine maintenance and safe operation of farm equipment in carrying out tasks and work orders related to custom farming for the Agriculture Division. May require an employee to be placed on a winter furlough period of at least two months per year, but not more than four months. Starts at \$16.88/hour.

Health Center Support Services Manager

Open Until Filled – 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.

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

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.

Medical AR Technician

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

Patrol Officer I

Open Until Filled – Patrols the So. Ute Indian Reservation and is responsible for preserving the life and property of all citizens within the Tribal Community. Starts at \$21.75/hour.

Payroll Manager

Open Until Filled – 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. Starts at \$60,370.75/year.

Physical Education Teacher

Open Until Filled – A professional teaching position with the Private Education Department. An employee in this position uses the Montessori philosophy to provide Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with a developmentally appropriate learning environment meeting the physical, social/ emotional, cognitive, and cultural needs of the child. Communicate effectively with parents/ guardians about their child’s progress in each domain area, primarily in the context of Physical Education. Starts at \$38,095.13/year.

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.

Social Worker

Open Until Filled – An advanced level position that requires knowledge of the theories, principles, and concepts of social casework practice (assessment and treatment oriented) related to all of the assigned program areas, including child and adult protection services. Starts at \$54,517.63/year.

TEAM Worker (So. Ute tribal members 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 Ranger Trainee (So. Ute tribal members only)

Open Until Filled – A trainee position for uncertified individuals interested in a career in law enforcement with the Southern Ute Indian Tribe. Will be required to attend and successfully complete an approved basic police-training course. Length of this program is designed to last one (1) year but may be extended or reduced based on circumstances. Upon successful completion of training curriculum requirements, incumbent will assume the Tribal Ranger position. Position will start at 20% below entry level for a grade 12 and be subject to quarterly evaluations and pay increases.

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.

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VOLLEYCATS TAKE ONE OF THREE • FROM PAGE 1



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Ebonee Gomez (center) decides, with parents Geneva and Kenneth, what to do with multiple Senior Day presents during a pre-match salute Tuesday, April 20, inside the Ignacio High School Gymnasium. Still benched by a well-known basketball injury, Gomez – one of IHS' libero/defensive specialist players last season – continued with the Volleycats in Spring '21 as a manager.

and a perfect Young ace to the opposite corner put the 'Cats ahead 25-24.

After matters then levelled at 25-25 and 26-26 (the 19th and 20th ties-of-score in Game 2 alone), Ridgway would take a 2-0 lead in the match via a Gonzales serve long and a Pontine netted pass on a play where Brown appeared to first double-touch a free ball – the relieved 'OOOOOOH!' emanating from RHS' own student section was rather indicative – ultimately destined for a shocked and ill-prepared Pontine.

Defensively, Gonzales' 16 digs in defeat not only equaled Pontine's team-high but gave her a double-double. Brunson, a sophomore, also breached double digits with ten ups from her libero position, and savored an unexpected cameo role on offense in dishing out five assists. Strohl – who, like Young, served four aces – logged eight digs and senior Charlizze Valdez five.

Statistics for Ridgway had not been fully tallied as of press time; the Lady Demons finished 7-7 overall, 7-6 against all SJBL opposition, and a third-place 4-4 against the league's 2A members. Leapfrogged on

that ladder by the girls in green, Ignacio compiled a fourth-place 3-5 mark, but finished 6-5 against all league resistance while ending up 6-7 overall.

ADDITIONALLY

At Mancos, Pontine registered a 12-kill, 14-dig, 15-assist triple-double, with eight aces nearly completing a rare quad. Setting companion Marisa Carmenoros booked 14 assists, eight digs, four kills and four aces. Valdez and Grace Gonzales each spiked six kills and each also came up with a half-dozen digs, while Brunson (3 assists) came up with 13.

Posting a 21-assist, 14-kill, 10-dig triple-double, Pontine was again one of many bright spots for IHS in a 22-25, 26-24, 22-25, 27-25, 11-15 loss to Dolores. Carmenoros amassed 15 assists and 12 digs, while

Gonzales totaled eight kills and 13 digs – that number trailing only Brunson's team-high 15 – and Young six kills.

POSTSEASON FATES

Telluride's season came to an end Saturday, May 1, with a 3-1 loss to Vail Mountain and a 3-0 loss to Holyoke at the VM-hosted 2A-Region VIII Championships. Dolores, meanwhile, qualified for the Region VI meet held in nearby Edwards, but lost 3-0 to tourney-hosting Vail Christian and then 3-0 to Del Norte.

On the 1A side of things, Dove Creek's State dreams were dashed in the 1A-Region V Championships. After defeating Vilas-based South Baca County in four, the Lady Bulldogs (6-0 1A SJBL, 10-0 2A/1A SJBL, 12-3 overall) then fell in three to Joes-based Stratton/Liberty.

Girls Volleyball
Final 2A SJBL Standings

1. Dolores 7-1 (10-2 2A/1A SJBL, 10-6 overall)
2. Telluride 6-2 (9-3 2A/1A SJBL, 11-5 overall)
3. Ridgway 4-4 (7-6 2A/1A SJBL, 7-7 overall)
4. IGNACIO 3-5 (6-5 2A/1A SJBL, 6-7 overall)
5. Mancos 0-8 (2-10 2A/1A SJBL, 2-11 overall)



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Friday, May 7



80°F mostly sunny
30% chance showers

Saturday, May 8



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Sunday, May 9



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The Southern Ute Drum's
Crossword Puzzle

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Across

- 1 Son of Noah
- 5 On land, ---, in the air
- 10 It means "quintillionth"
- 11 Cherokee Will ---, once Hollywood's highest paid star, killed in 1935
- 12 Small plant of the rose family
- 13 Washes away
- 14 Also mention
- 15 Colonel Carson, who signed an 1867 treaty with Ouray
- 16 Landing with tower assistance
- 17 Beautiful
- 19 No longer active: Abbr.
- 20 They share a California reservation with the Pomo
- 22 "Les Misérables" author Victor ---
- 25 Proverb
- 29 Web address
- 30 Courtiers' organization?
- 31 Filled pastry crust
- 32 Noxious emanation
- 34 Buffy Sainte-Marie is one
- 35 Remove stoppages
- 36 Lousy writer
- 37 Consider
- 38 Those in favor

Down

- 1 Long stories
- 2 Hopi economic organization
- 3 Chopin piece
- 4 Apple pie baker
- 5 The --- cloud, a source of comets
- 6 Save the Children, for example
- 7 Marsh plant
- 8 Upright
- 9 Syrian leader
- 11 Sgt. Archie rebuilt German parliament
- 15 --- Ora - "Hi" to a Maori
- 18 Chevron wearer
- 19 "Crying" singer Orbison
- 21 Ask for a loan
- 22 Rich organic soil
- 23 Territory-marking stuff
- 24 Candied
- 26 Start of an appeal
- 27 Daughter of one's brother or sister
- 28 Gates, et al
- 30 A minor prophet
- 33 Group that kidnapped Patty Hearst.
- 34 Half a Latin dance

Answers for this crossword will appear in May 21 issue of the Drum.

Answers for April 23, 2021 Crossword Puzzle

Across: 1 Edicts, 7 Mic, 10 Wintun, 11 Boba, 12 Ankara, 13 Root, 14 Friar, 16 PCB, 19 Wendigo, 22 Parka, 24 As new, 25 Spurred, 27 Gel, 28 Cesar, 29 Aahs, 31 Recall, 36 Mias, 37 Lauded, 38 CDC, 39 Smelts.
Down: 1 Ewa, 2 Din, 3 Ink, 4 CTA, 5 Turf wars, 6 Snare, 7 Mooring, 8 Ibo, 9 Cat, 11 Brads, 15 In a dream, 16 PPS, 17 Cap, 18 Bruchac, 20 Gee, 21 Owl, 23 Kress, 26 Earls, 29 AMC, 30 Aid, 32 Cue, 33 ADL, 34 Let, 35 L-DS.