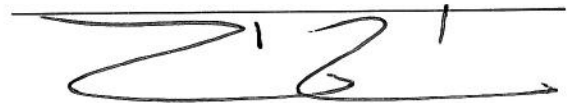


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Date

7/29/22

## **KSUT PUBLIC RADIO**

Summer Quarter 2022

KSUT provides comprehensive news, regional information and cultural enrichment to four states in the Four Corners area of the United States, including Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Arizona.

The Capitol Coverage Project reports from the Colorado State Capitol on issues concerning Colorado and the region. This is a project of Rocky Mountain Community Radio, an association of rural Colorado public radio stations.

KSUT works with local and regional musicians, promoters and venues to educate and inform listeners about the vibrant music scene in the Four Corners. KSUT also broadcasts live in-studio sessions each month with local and touring musicians to give everyone in the Four Corners a chance to experience the local music scene.

KSUT has created a "Community Calendar," broadcast twice a day, that creates a space for local non-profits and educational organizations to share information about events and projects. KSUT has also created space for the Community Calendar on KSUT's website, where anyone can conveniently access information about upcoming events and activities.

Throughout the year, KSUT brings civic and non-profit leaders to the station to discuss their organizations and initiatives to improve the life and health of the citizens of the Four Corners.

# Four Corners Tax Help

Four Corners Tax Help and Four Corners Tax Help for Elders provides free tax preparation for the community, with IRS certified volunteers. They will be at the Durango Public Library at 2:30 pm on Monday ~~through April 11, 2022~~. More information is at 970-553-9150 and by emailing ~~4cornertaxhelp@gmail.com~~.

Durango Public Library FROM 2:30 to 8 pm TODAY

Free

Every week through Apr 11, 2022.  
Monday: 02:30 PM - 08:00 PM

# Homebuyer Education Class in Mancos

A Homebuyer Education Class takes place from 8:30 to 4:30 on Saturday, April 23rd at the Mancos Public Library. Topics covered include: Budgeting, Credit, Insurance, Home Maintenance and much more. Space is limited and [homesfund.org](http://homesfund.org) has details and registration.

15.00

08:30 AM - 04:30 PM on Sat, 23 Apr 2022

4/20/2022

SAN JUAN BASIN PUBLIC HEALTH HAS ANNOUNCED THAT PERTUSSIS (OR WHOOPING COUGH) CASES ARE ON THE RISE ACROSS LA PLATA AND ARCHULETA COUNTIES. ALL RESIDENTS ARE URGED TO GET VACCINATED. DETAILS ARE AT [SUBPUBLICHEALTH.ORG](http://SUBPUBLICHEALTH.ORG).

# Denim Day Walk

Rise Above Violence invites the public to "The Denim Day" campaign ~~on Wednesday,~~ <sup>on</sup> ~~April 27th~~ in support of survivors and to educate about sexual assault. The event takes place at the Bell Tower in Pagosa Springs at noon. More information is at [riseaboveviolence.org](http://riseaboveviolence.org).

**Bell Tower, Pagosa Springs  
12:00 PM - 11:59 PM on Wed, 27 Apr 2022**

**Media Release**

**For Immediate Release**

Date: April 14, 2022  
Contact: Megan Graham  
mgramham@sjbpublichealth.org  
970.335.2044

**SJBPH reminds residents to take precautions to prevent the spread of animal-borne diseases this Spring**

With warmer months approaching and residents spending more time outdoors, San Juan Basin Public Health (SJBPH) reminds the community that the risk of contracting certain animal-borne diseases increases. These zoonotic diseases, are more common during warm weather months when humans and animals are frequently in close contact. SJBPH stresses the importance of controlling the presence of rodents and mosquitoes around homes as well as wearing insect repellent and appropriate clothing when heading outdoors. Additionally, pets should be kept up to date on vaccinations, and protected from fleas and ticks. Do not feed or handle wild animals, especially those that appear sick. Do not handle dead animals or animal waste. Keep your kids safe by making them aware of these precautions.

Below is an overview of animal-borne diseases that are present in our community:

**Rabies**

Rabies is an infectious viral disease that affects the nervous system of humans and other mammals. People usually contract rabies from the bite or scratch of a rabies-infected animal. If a bat has been present in a room in which someone sleeps, it is important to trap and test the bat for rabies. Call SJBPH for further guidance or to report an encounter with a suspect animal. Also, always vaccinate pets to keep them and their humans safe.

**Plague**

Plague is caused by bacteria that can be transmitted to humans by the bites of infected fleas or dogs, wood rats, and other species of ground squirrels and chipmunks. SJBPH investigates prairie dog population die-offs for the presence of plague. If an active colony of prairie dogs suddenly disappears, report this to SJBPH.

**West Nile Virus**

West Nile Virus is carried by mosquitoes and can be passed on to humans through mosquito bites. This disease can cause encephalitis (inflammation of the brain) and meningitis (inflammation of the lining of the brain and spinal cord). Use insect repellent when going outdoors and empty standing water around residences to reduce the number of mosquitos.

**Hantavirus**

Hantavirus Pulmonary Syndrome (HPS) is a severe, sometimes fatal, respiratory disease. Hantavirus is carried by wild rodents, particularly deer mice, and is present in their droppings.

# Cancer Below the Belt

The Durango Public Library will host a panel of medical professionals to discuss diagnosis, treatment, and recovery from prostate cancer. All are welcome. The event takes place at 6pm on Tuesday, May 3rd. More information is available by email: [prostatengroupdro@gmail.com](mailto:prostatengroupdro@gmail.com).

Durango Public Library

Free

08:00 AM - 11:59 PM, every day through May 03, 2022.



# Volunteer Hotline Advocates

Alternative Horizons is in need of 15 or more ongoing volunteer advocates, including those who are bi-lingual, to staff their 24-Hour hotline. A.H. supports and empowers survivors of domestic violence. Their next training sessions take place July 14th through July 14th. Alternativehorizons.org has more information.

Alternative Horizons  
08:00 AM - 12:30 PM, every day through Jul 14, 2022.

# Native American Artists of Four Corners art exhibit

The Bloomfield Cultural Center & Library invites the public to an exhibition of Native American Artists of Hopi, Zuni, and Navajo descent ~~on Mondays through Thursdays~~ <sup>from 9 to 6 pm ~~through the end of July.~~</sup>

Bloomfield Cultural Center and Library

09:00 AM - 06:00 PM, every day through Jul 31, 2022.

La Plata County Commissioner Marsha Porter-Norton will hold community office hours at the Pine River Library in Bayfield, from 9:30 to 11:30 ~~on Friday~~ <sup>on Friday</sup> morning. (7/29)

Members of the public may meet with her to discuss county issues of interest or concern.