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“The Ute Indian Tribe and other energy-producing tribes rely on energy development to fund our governments and provide services to our members,” said the Thursday letter from Luke Duncan, chairman of the Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee.

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“Our lands are more than just forests and rangelands,” Duncan continued. “We have lived and worked on our lands since time immemorial. These are our homelands, and we rely on our natural resources to generate economic development. The Tribe’s oil and gas development has been carried out on our lands according to our sustainable development priorities in an environmentally responsible way. The Ute Indian Tribe has experiences developing our natural resources to support our members and tribal communities.

“This development also provides indirect support to the local non-Indian regional economy and communities through the thousands of jobs that are sustained and created each year from our energy development to fund essential tribal governmental services, which in turn provide direct support and assistance to its tribal membership.

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Radio Announcement

Emergy Management

As of Today, the Ute Indian Tribe has 19 active COVID-19 cases with 299 recovered. We encourage you to wear your masks, stay 6-feet apart, and avoid large crowds in the fight to prevent COVID-19. Vaccination process has begun for the Ute Indian Tribe, this week vaccinations will be available for tribal members 8 and over with existing health conditions (asthma, diabetes, cancer, and any life threatening illness that weakens the immune system). Vaccinations will be available at the Fort Duchesne Community Building on Tuesday, February 2, 2021 and Thursday, February 4, 2021 from the hours of 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We ask that you wait with patience, there is a limited number of vaccines and we will get to everyone. We also ask that you wear your masks and continue to wash or sanitize often, and social distance.

Senior Citizens Department

Applications are still available for those who are 55 and over for heating assistance, please stop by and pick up an application at the Ute Senior Center. With colder temperatures we ask that you all necessary precautions be exercised and practiced. If you need more information regarding senior services, please contact Re-Sen Center at (435) 722-4262.

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FROM THE LIHEAP DEPARTMENT

The Ute LIHEAP application is now available on the Ute Tribe website utetribe.com you will find it under departments/LIHEAP. Please share with others whom may need assistance.

Thank you

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FROM THE FISH & WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT

I have a poll which I am hoping to receive feedback regarding our Ute Indian Tribe Big Game Draw. We have recently got a software in which will allow us to enable a point system and run the draw using the point system. This would mean that if you do not draw out then you earn a point which would then be applied to the following years draw giving you a bigger chance of being drawn. This would also mean that we would use the software to run the lottery and make the pick of who gets permits.

I am hoping to get feedback from tribal members only. Please email me at jamiea@utetribe.com for a link to the poll or stop by the office to fill your tribal ID if you would like to take part in this poll.

Thank you for your assistance and participation,

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Biden Administration Issues Temporary Suspension of BLM/BIA Approvals

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Need an Approval? You’ll have to head to D.C.

The day after the inauguration, the Acting Secretary of Interior issued Order No. 3395, Temporary Suspension of Delegated Authority, suspending the delegation of authority to all Department of Interior Bureaus, including the BLM and BIA, for 60 days. Of particular note is the suspension of the BLM’s and BIA’s authority to approve leases, amendments and extensions thereof, applications for permit to drill (APDs), rights of way, and easements. Following is the entire list of the suspended actions:

1. To publish, cause to be published, or edit in the publication of any notice in the Federal Register, including, but not limited to, notices of proposed or final agency action and actions taken in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act; and

2. To issue, revise, or amend the Delegation Management Plan under the authority of Section 202 of the Federal Land Policy and Management Act as amended;

3. To grant rights of way, easements, or any conveyances of property or interests in property, including land rental contracts, leases, or any other arrangement for the use or occupation of any previous surface use authorizations that will authorize ground-disturbing activities; and

4. To approve plans of operation, or to amend existing plans of operation under the General Mining Law of 1872;

5. To issue any final decision with respect to R.S. 2477 claims, including recordable disclaimers of interest;

6. To appoint, hire, or promote personnel, or to approve the appointment of any personnel, assigned to a position or at or above the level of GS 15, but this does not apply to seasonal hires or emergency work force personnel;

7. To issue any onshore or offshore fossil fuel authorization, including but not limited to a lease, amendment to a lease, affirmative extension of a lease, contract, or other agreement, or permit to drill. This does not limit existing operations under leases;

As background, the Secretary of Interior is authorized to perform the duties specified in the various acts administered by the Department of Interior. For instance, under the Mineral Leasing Act, the Secretary is authorized to issue leases for oil and gas, approve assignments and unit or communitization agreements, and issue APDs. 30 USC §§ 209a, 209b, and 209c. Under the Reorganization Plan (R.P.) No. 3 of 1953, Section 2, all functions of all other officers of the Department of Interior and all functions of all agencies and employees of the Department are transferred to the Secretary. In Section 2, the Secretary is empowered from time to time to make such provisions as he deems necessary for the performance of any function or any duty of any agency or employee of the Department, including any function or duty transferred to the Secretary by the provisions of this reorganization plan. 44 Stat. 1524. Such delegations are set forth in the Delegation (200) Series of the Departmental Manual. In issuing the Secretary’s Order No. 3395, the Secretary is relying on its authority granted under Section 2 of the Reorganization Plan.

Until the suspension is lifted, approval of any of the above actions identified in Order No. 3395 must come from the Secretary, Deputy Secretary, Solicitor, or Assistant Secretary, as granted.

We note the Ute Indian Tribe of the Uintah and Ouray Reservation in Utah has already responded to the Acting Secretary stating that the Order violates treaty and trust responsibilities to the Ute Indian Tribe and demanding that the Order be amended to provide for an exception for energy permits and approvals on Indian lands. This is most likely the beginning of the protests to Order No. 3395.

Tribes exempt from pause in U.S. federal drilling program -official

Tribes exempt from a pause in U.S. federal drilling program — a temporary suspension of energy permits and approvals on federal lands, a spokesman for the U.S. Department of Interior said on Monday.

The clarification comes after an oil-producing tribe in Utah last week asked Interior for an exemption from the 60-day pause, saying it would hit its economy and sovereignty.

"The approval process for oil and gas activities does not apply to tribal and individual trust lands." Interior spokesperson T.J. Chasey wrote in an email, referring to the secretarial order issued on Jan. 20, President Joe Biden's first day in office.

The order, which strips Interior Department agencies and bureaus of their authority to issue drilling leases and permits, appeared to be a first step in delivering on Biden's campaign pledge to ban new drilling on federal lands permanently.

But the immediate backlash from the Ute Indian Tribe reflects the financial strain some communities will face from a freeze in the government's fossil fuel permitting program. While some tribes opposed fossil fuel development, others are drilling the vast oil and coal reserves on their land.

In a letter to acting U.S. Interior Secretary Scott de la Vega last week, the Ute tribe said energy development was critical to providing services to its members.

An attorney for the Ute tribal counsel did not immediately respond to a request for comment on Monday.

Biden’s pick to lead the Interior Department, Deb Haaland, is poised to become the first Native American to head a cabinet agency once she is confirmed by Congress. She has said she would prioritize climate change and conservation and has previously opposed drilling in ecologically and culturally sensitive areas.

Painted Horse and Prevent T2

Painted Horse Diabetes Prevention Program (PHDPP) has started the CDC’s National Diabetes Prevention Program “Prevent T2” curriculum. Prevent T2 is a proven program to prevent or delay diabetes. It is a yearlong program with the first 16 sessions held once a week, and for the last six months, program participants meet bi-monthly or monthly.

Pre-diabetes is when a person’s blood sugar is higher than normal, but not high enough to be diagnosed as diabetes. More than 1 in 3 American adults have pre-diabetes and 9 out 10 with pre-diabetes don’t even know they have it.

Research shows that weight loss and increased physical activity can cut the risk of getting diabetes in half as well as provide other health benefits. Losing weight can prevent or delay Type 2 diabetes, ease sleep problems, arthritis, and depression. Lower your blood pressure and cholesterol level and make you feel better about yourself.

The word “exercise” can generate resistance and negative emotions. The vocabulary is changing to reinforce that any physical movement of the body is healthy and beneficial. Exercise is divided into three main categories: strength training (weight lifting), cardiovascular (flexibility) but. However, physical activity is any kind of movement, such as gardening, cleaning, or shoveling snow. There are many enjoyable and everyday ways to increase physical activity to Prevent or delay type 2 diabetes. Physical activity can give you more energy, help you sleep better, improve your memory, balance, and flexibility. It can lift your mood, lower your blood pressure and cholesterol. Lower your risk of heart attack and stroke. Lower your stress level and strengthen your muscles and bones.

Prevent T2 is for people who are pre-diabetic or at risk for getting diabetes. According to the PHDPP Director Cassandra Manning our Tribal community is at risk due to our lifestyle and being Native American.

Depending on your answer to a short questionnaire Prevent T2 may be a good fit for you. The online Zoom classes have been in session for two weeks, but if you have any questions you would like additional information please contact PHDPP at 435.725.4911 or 435.725.4912. (DUB)

Ute Blueberry Muffins

Looking for a new recipe in 2021 to use your Food Distribution supplies. According to Ute Tribe Food Distribution’s Bryant Sowsonicut they carry most of the ingredients for Healthy Blueberry Muffins.

Healthy Blueberry Muffins

Servings: 12

Ingredients:

Cooking spray

1 1/2 cups oatmeal (quick or rolled oats)
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 teaspoons vanilla extract
2 additional teaspoons sugar for top of muffins (optional)
1 cup flour
1/2 cup whole wheat flour
1/2 cup sugar
2 additional teaspoons sugar for top of muffins (optional)
1 tablespoon/baking powder
egg
2 teaspoons vanilla extract

Directions:

1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees farahrenheit
2. Spray muffin tin with cooking spray
3. Combine all dry ingredients in a large bowl. In a separate bowl whisk together the milk, egg, oil, and vanilla. Add the wet ingredients to the dry ingredients. Stir just until all the ingredients are combined.
4. Gently fold in the blueberries.
5. Place a toothpick between the 12 muffin cups. Sprinkle the tops of the muffins with the sugar (if desired).
6. Bake for approximately 20 minutes until the muffins are lightly browned and a toothpick comes out clean.

Source: The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Tribe FDPR Program

If you would like more information on eligibility requirements Ute Tribe Food Distribution Program Hours: Mon-Fri: 8:00 – 4:30

Issuance Hours: Mon-Fri (8:00 – 11:45) then (1:00 – 3:50)

They take Delivery Orders until 3:00 and can usually deliver any time before 4:00 pm.

Phone: (435)722-3674

Facebook Page & Group: Ute Food Distribution

Issuance is all month, with the exception of the last 2 working days of the month. The last 2 working days are set aside for inventory, restock and process applications, but no Issuance. (Submitted by Ute Tribe Food Distribution Program)
Eagleview Elementary School Student Highlights

Kindergartners Arryani Ladd, Audrana Minjares and Remy Youpee! These students filled their tutoring sticker charts and received a prize! These girls are making exceptional progress with recognizing their letter names and sounds! Amazing!

First graders Katie Pena, Louise SwiftBird, Tiny Littlegeorge and Janie Myore from Mrs. Raumsussen’s class. From Ms. Main’s class Cayley Christensen and Mosu SwiftBird! These students have been working on their Reading, Sight Words and Number recognition! Very proud of them!

Third graders (left to right) Thame Vestal, Sarah Nielsen, Celeste Gardner, Everett Serawop, Wyatt Steffey, Raylene Betts and Alannah Kurip! These students are being highlighted for scoring an 80% or higher on their Math Division test! Congratulations!

The following 6th-8th grade students being highlighted have a 2.0 or higher GPA with No F’s!

6th grade: Kadyn Canas, Rochelle Belding and Bradynn Kochumpashen. 7th grade: Kemberly Moore, Denise Youpee, and Alanise Long. 8th grade: Abhijith Anderson, Jennene Bekey, James Collett, Sophia Jimenez, Cherish Moore, Mia Serawop, Julissa Thompson and Maria Valencia.

There are a few 6th-8th graders that are not in the picture! With my very busy schedule I was only able to catch a few of them! However, I still wanted to highlight the students and their great accomplishments! Congratulations to all our student highlights!

Source: UTM

Eagle View Tutor/Mentor Program

Student Highlights

Kindergartners Trent Sowsonicut and LaDre Myore! These boys have filled their tutoring sticker charts! They work hard each time they are pulled for tutoring on their letter names and sounds! Amazing!

First grader Anthony Reed Jr from Mrs. Raumsussen’s class. He has also filled his tutoring sticker chart. He works hard on his reading and numbers! Fantastic!

Fifth grader Atreu Moya from Mrs Baker’s class. He is being highlighted by his teacher! Mrs Baker informed us of how great he is doing in class! He works hard and has turned in all of his assignments! Way to go Atreu!

Source: UTM

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Student Highlights

Second grader Joelynn Correpaach, from Mrs. Huffman’s class. Joelynn is being highlighted by her teacher for moving up in her Lexia and DIBELS scores! Amazing!

Mrs. Gilley’s 2nd grade class is also being recognized! Her whole class passed with an 80% or higher on their Addition to 100 test! Outstanding! (forgot to take class’s picture)

Third graders Thame Vestal, Orion Clark, Caisey Appwooa, Sarah Nielsen, Athena Arwood, Lollie Cеспупоh, Raylene Betts, Valda Checora, Angela Checora, Alannah Kurip, Wyatt Steffey, Celeste Gardner, Torque Porritt, Everett Serawop and Elijah Johnson from Mrs. Bert’s class. These students are being highlighted for passing their Understanding How Division and Multiplication Are Connected test with an 80% or higher! These students are ASTONISHING!

Fourth graders Idrina Taveapont, JRo Checora and Riondee Sireech from Ms. Wright’s class! These girls are being highlighted because they are working so HARD on memorizing their multiplication facts! They try their best every day! Phenomenal!

Fifth grader Carlos Silva, from Mrs. Baker’s class! Carlos is being highlighted by his teacher for receiving a 100% on his math CFA! Stupendous!

Sixth graders James Collett, Julissa Thompson, Bransen Bennet, Benjamin Pawwwinne, Mia Serawop, Eagle Boy Murray, Weaver Ignacio and Sophia Jimenez from Mrs. Jackson’s homeroom!

Source: UTM

Uintah High School Student Highlights

Madison Grant was recognized as a 200 Club Winner. The 200 club is an incentive program where teachers or faculty reward students in recognition for a positive action or an achievement. Examples could be bringing up a test score, good behavior, or recognizing they have lent a helping hand.

Uintah Middle School Student Highlights

Union High School Swim Team

Union Cougar Swim Team attended Region swim competition hosted by Wasatch High School in Heber, Utah on January 30, 2020. The boy’s team placed first and the girl’s team placed second. This is the Cougars fourth year as a swim team under Coach Justin Schmidt. Union will prepare for State competitions February 12-13, 2020 which will be held at Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

Student Highlights

Union High School Swim Team
Ms. Rhonda Angus’ Sewing Classes

Ms. Rhonda’s classes have created some pretty great things this year, from pillow cases to quilts!

Ms. Rhonda Angus’ Sewing Classes
Uintah River High School, Fort Duchesne, Utah
February 1, 2021
Volume 1 No. 13

Great job, you guys!
Jerysa, and Fidel have made!

Biden and Harris Inauguration

On January 20, President Joe Biden and Vice-President Kamala Harris were sworn in, in the 59th public inauguration since 1789. Joe Biden is the 46th president of the United States. Harris, a former senator from California, is the first female vice-president in history. Joe Biden and Kamala Harris, sworn in as President and Vice-President.

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History of Saint Valentine’s Day

“Saint Valentine.”

“Originals published February 14, 2018”

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Some quick ideas of what life might look like after the vaccine has come to people, and as the virus runs its course:

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It might still be possible to spread the virus after you’ve gotten the shots.

It may take time to return to pre-pandemic activities.

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Meanwhile the COVID-19 vaccine is expected to begin arriving in the United States in mid-February. The vaccine is expected to be widely distributed by the end of the year.

What Life Could Look Like After Covid 19 Vaccine

Some quick ideas of what life might look like after the vaccine has come to people, and as the virus runs its course:

• It might still be possible to spread the virus after you’ve gotten the shots.
• It may take time to return to pre-pandemic activities.
• It may be a good idea to wait to congregate in large groups.
• Dr. Fauci predicts that getting back to “Normal” may take until fall of 2021.

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Impalement won’t stop Donald Trump from leaving impact on Indian Country

Thursday, January 14, 2021
By Acey CGyan

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Donald Trump is on his way out of the White House but his administration is taking extraordinary steps to shape and influence life for Native Americans for years and possibly decades to come.

Since the November election that saw historic numbers of voters reject Trump, the Department of the Interior has announced an unprecedented number of policy changes, affecting everything from Indian land records to tribal transportation issues. In January alone, five consultations sessions have been scheduled — including one taking place only one day before Democrat Joe Biden is sworn into office.

But the efforts extend further than administrative rules. After the election, Secretary of the Interior David Bernhardt announced his intention to appoint a Trump loyalist to the National Indian Gaming Commission, a move that ensures Republicans control two of three seats at the NGC for the near future, even though Biden will be serving as president.

And then there’s the federal judiciary. With his foot out the door, Trump nominated a staffer for a friendly Republican lawmaker to serve on the U.S. Court of Claims, which frequently hears cases affecting tribal treaties, land claims and breaches of the federal trust responsibility.

The flurry of activity is not entirely unusual during a presidential transition. In late 2016 and early 2017, for instance, the Bureau of Indian Affairs began consultation on a key economic development proposal, one that was — and still is — widely supported by tribes and their advocates.

But to the level to which the ongoing administration has been outlining new proposals for Indian Country is unheard of in the age of self-determination and respect for tribal sovereignty. The move to stack the deck at the NGC, for example, comes after the agency that oversees the $34.5 billion Indian gaming industry was all but ignored by Trump and the White House over the past four years.

Yet even as they attempt to impose their own agenda on the first Americans, Trump, who was just impeached for a second time in connection with his role in the deadly violence at the U.S. Capitol last week, and his team can’t resist rehashing old wounds. When asked about their role in ensuring an orderly transfer of power to Biden, a key White House official decided it was time to take a shot at Barack Obama, accusing the popular two-term president of not even leaving behind a list of tribal leader contacts.

“We want to make sure we leave things better than we found it,” Doug Hoechstere, the director of the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs, which acts as a liaison between tribal governments and the president, told tribal leaders only a day after the presidential vote at the nation’s capital.

Trump’s last-minute entanglements, however, won’t make life any better for Deb Haaland, who is making history as the first Native person to serve in a modern-day presidential cabinet. Should she be confirmed as Secretary of the Interior, the Democratic lawmaker, who won a second term in office representing New Mexico’s 1st congressional district, will be inheriting a bureaucratic mess from her predecessor.

One of the biggest blunders of the last four years has been a proposal to update the Licensed Indian Traders (25 CFR 140). Early on in the Trump era, tribes were extremely encouraged when the BIA advanced new rules aimed at keeping Indian money in Indian hands, instead of having revenues go to states and local governments in the form of taxes.

But after David Bernhardt joined Interior as Deputy Secretary in August 2017, the popular proposal was left in regulatory limbo. No reason was ever given but it quickly became clear that his arrival in Washington had something to do with it. “I’m not convinced that we are moving forward with those,” Bernhardt told tribal leaders in October of that year, only two months after being on board. “Just to keep matters confusing, he added. “I’m not convinced that we won’t.”

IndiandCore Video by Kevin Abourezk: David Bernhardt on Dual Taxation

Several months later, Interior suddenly put a hold on all land-into-trust applications in Alaska, even though tribes there won a key court decision in their favor that has never been overturned or changed by Congress. Almost two years later, there has been no resolution, allowing the Trump administration to dictate an Indian policy outcome without involving the courts or the legislative branch.

With Haaland in charge of Interior, the Biden administration intends to undo the numerous mistakes of the current era. The president-elect’s Plan for Tribal Nations, for example, promises to lift the moratorium on tribes restoring their homelands in Alaska. Other actions will be all but impossible to roll back. Should Bernhardt, who rose to the position of Secretary of the Interior after the abrupt departure of Ryan Zinke, follow through on installing Jeannie Hovland at the NGC before noon on January 20, there appears to be too little Haaland or Biden could do about it.

“Hovland is well qualified to be a member of the National Indian Gaming Commission by virtue of her extensive background and experience in a broad spectrum of Native American issues,” the Federal Register notice signed by Bernhardt on December 8 reads. According to her resume, Hovland, who is a citizen of the Flathead Sante Chico Sioux Tribe, lacks a college degree.

Likewise, the nomination of Terrance M. Andrews, more commonly known as Mike Andrews from the Republican staff on the Senate Committee on Indian Affairs, to the federal bench is out of Biden’s hands even though Democrats are set to gain the upper hand in the chamber on January 20. His nomination was resubmitted to the U.S. Senate earlier this month, giving the Republican majority another chance to confirm the legislative aide who once acknowledged it was harder to get tribal citizens joined a virtual call on Tuesday night to prepare for the new era.

“You all made the difference for this election and you’re the reason we are celebrating,” Theresa Sheldon, a citizen of the Tulalip Tribes who serves as Associate Director of Coalitions for the Presidential Inaugural Committee, said during the event.

As for Haaland, she’s ready to the “feroce” advocate that Indian Country has been seeking for the last four years. The Department of the Interior, which includes the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Bureau of Indian Education, is the federal agency with the most trust and treaty responsibilities.

“When I accepted the nomination to be Secretary of Interior, I did so on the shoulders of my ancestors "all who have come before me in this fight," Haaland, who is a citizen of the Pueblo of Laguna, said in a post on social media on Sunday. “I stand ready to serve & address the issues facing our country, public lands, & tribes. I look forward to the work ahead.”

ICE DEPTH MEA-SUREMENTS

Midview Reservoir – 13 inches

Bottle Hollow Reservoir – 13 inches

Clay Basin Pond – 5.5 inches

Twin Pots Reservoir – 12.5 inches

All ice reported on is currently safe to fish. With warmer weather on the way, fishing could thin, so proceed with caution when walking out onto any ice.

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Obituary

Isaac Scott Checora

Isaac Scott Checora, age 39, of Ft. Duchesne, passed away January 25, 2021, at a residence in Ogden. He was born June 10, 1981, in Roosevelt, Utah, to Alfred Scott Checora, II, and Tammy Gardner. Isaac really enjoyed playing softball, basketball, volleyball, traveling, and chasing women! He would attend UFC Fights in person any time he could. He was also an avid outdoorsman who really liked to hunt and fish. He often helped with building the Sun Dance corrals and one of his favorite things was family gatherings. He loved his children and adored his nieces and nephews. His teasing and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Isaac is survived by his children: Carolyn, Draden (Amika Nina), Alzahia, Maricia, Isaac Jr., Andre; Draden, Elijah, Freeman, Joelyn, Lee, & Cedar Checora; Paladum Yambuzt; Caleb Tabbee; Kanye Jim; siblings: Alfred Scott Checora, III, Jaylene Checora; Beatrice (Tommy John, Sr) Checora; Filena (Dustin) Lopez, Melinda Duncan, Christian Angelias; Jamal Checora; Khadejah Checora; 3 grandchildren with one on the way; grandparents: William Appa Checora; Lolita Ankerpont, Francis Checora Jr., Angel Shavanaux; aunts and uncles, Sheranne Cuch, Angelo Checora, Paladium Yumbutz; Caleb Tabbee; Pauline Ignacio; Pauline Black; Angela & Dale Cuchora; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Alfred and Tammy; siblings: Alfred Scott Checora, III, Jaylene Checora; Paladium Yumbutz; Caleb Tabbee; Kanye Jim; and one of his favorite things was family gatherings. He loved his children and adored his nieces and nephews. His teasing and sense of humor will be greatly missed.

Graveside services will be held on Friday, January 29, 2021, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ft. Duchesne Cemetery. There will be a wake at his grandfather, Pauline Ignacio’s home in Ft. Duchesne.

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