organizations, welcomed the nomination of Haaland – who would be the first President-elect Joe Biden to be Secretary of the Interior. NCAI, like most tribal
February 2020 with Rep. Deb Haaland, D-N.M., who has been nominated by National Congress of American Indians President Fawn Sharp, left, posing in
Along with Biden's work on the
cooperative and respectful relationship with the Biden administration.

"What I expect from
them," Lewis said.

During the Obama administration … and build on them and improve upon them and strengthen

"It will take 500 days to accomplish what previous incoming presidents accomplished in 100
does, it did not cover all that fit in the "Priority 1a", guidelines.

The second shipment of vaccines will be here right before Christmas and should be a much larger shipment than the first. However, because we did not finish vaccinating all of "Priority 1a", the remaining healthcare workers will have the opportunity to be vaccinated the week after Christmas.

Only vaccines for "Priority 1b" has been given. We can expect guidance for Priorities "1a" and "1c" later this week.

Currently (but could change) the discussion for "Priority 1b", would be, "persons 75 years and older" and "frontline essential workers".

The Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) defines "1b" as the following (this is not set in stone and could change):

**PRIORITY 1B:** 75 and older and front line essential workers:
- First Responders (Firefighters, Police, Education (teachers, support staff, daycare), Food & Agriculture, Manufacturing, Corrections workers, U.S. Postal service workers, Public transit workers, Grocery store workers.
- What you can see from these guidelines and what we have all seen during 2020, is everything and anything can change from one day to the next. The U&O HIS Clinic is committed to vaccinating everyone that wants to be vaccinated, but we also must follow the CDC prioritization guidelines so we can continue to receive the COVID-19 vaccine.
- The U&O HIS Clinic is working closely with Folieca Cuch who has been named as one of the Ute Tribe Public Health Authority along with Emmett Duncan and Kirby Arrive. We are having frequent meetings with the Ute Tribe Public Health Authority to coordinate when, how, who will be the next to receive the COVID-19 vaccine. Updates will also be provided on the U&O Fort Duchesne HIS Facebook page.

COVID testing is:
- Monday, Tuesday Wednesday and Friday – 9am to 10am, please make an appointment.
- Thursday – 1:30pm to 2:30pm, please make an appointment.
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 there, you can leverage the point which will 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 winners.

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

Thank you for your assistance and participation,

Jamie Arave
Wildlife Biologist
Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife

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Ute Indian Irrigation Project
Operation & Maintenance Company
P O Box 809
Fort Duchesne, UT 84025
(435) 724-5200

December 10, 2020

NOTICE: Ute Indian Irrigation Project Operation & Maintenance Company, (Company) hereby provides this Request for Proposal for Construction of the following project:

Project location: 1 mile east of the North side of 4100 W (4) mile of a south state Highway 121.
The project site is on the east side of the road (500 W), at approximately 8600 W.

Description of work to be performed: Construction involves the demolition and disposal of an existing water diversion structure, dewatering as necessary, construction of a new diversion structure as shown in the plans. Construction involves the erection of a new concrete structure, including the installation of irrigation gates, a walkway and handrails, and hanging and placing fill material to bring the canal banks to the required grade.

Proposal Submission: The Company will receive proposals no later than 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 29, 2021.

Contact Information: Ute Indian Irrigation Project O&M Company P O Box 809, Fort Duchesne, UT 84026
Ricky Oman, (435) 724-5270, email: ricky.oman@gmail.com
Procurement of bidding documents: Bidders may request an electronic copy of the documents by email at smpa.marla.pieper@gmail.com
Pre-Bid Meeting: The Company may schedule a Pre-Bid site visit. Notice of the Pre-Bid site visit will be provided to those who receive bid packets.

Voting laws requirements: The successful Bidder must comply with all prevailing wage laws applicable to the Project (including the Davis-Bacon Act) and related requirements contained in the bid packet.

Bid Preparation Costs: Bidders are solely responsible for the cost of preparing their bids.

Reservation of Rights: The Company specifically reserves the right, in its sole discretion, to reject any or all Bids, re-bid the project, or to waive any irregularities or deviations from the bidding requirements not involving time, price, or quality of the Work.

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“Just as the community to build a relationship, but not just with the tribal leaders,” she said, 

Along with Biden's work on the Violence Against Women Act as attorney general in

"We want BLM (the Bureau of Land Management) to come out into the community and build a public hearing," she said, a form of outreach that "was very lacking in the last four years." That's why she says she's been encouraged by the nomination of Haaland, who she thinks will be an "ideal" Interior secretary.

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"In a nutshell … that's what I'm excited about," Lewis said. "What I look forward to is a true
glimpse of how they keep their promises." Lewis echoed the sentiment.

"What I expect from Biden is that he will be a leader," Lewis said. "I want BLM (the Bureau of Land Management) to come out into the community and build a public hearing," she said, a form of outreach that "was very lacking in the last four years." That's why she says she's been encouraged by the nomination of Haaland, who she thinks will be an "ideal" Interior secretary.

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Radio Announcement for Emergency Management Dept.

Ute Indian Tribe has 63 active cases with 207 recovered as of January 4, 2021. We just want to remind everyone that COVID-19 is in increasing in cases throughout the Tri-County area, so please wear your masks in public, sanitize and wash your hands often, and social distance in public places. Now that the holidays have concluded we ask you to watch for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 (cough, sore throat, fever, headache, body aches, and loss of taste or smell), if you start to show any of these symptoms we ask that you get tested. COVID-19 testing is available at Indian Health Services in Fort Duchesne, call to schedule an appointment (435) 725-6815. If you need additional information about COVID-19, when to quarantine, or self-isolation, you can visit the information board in front of the Emergency Management Office or visit the CDC website at http://www.cdc.gov.

Friendly Reminder to leave faucets at night at a slow drip to prevent pipes from freezing, and as a safety precaution start your vehicles early before driving to prevent damages to your vehicle. Be safe and have a good week.

Meet Your Personal Finance Resolutions
Using the Step Down Principle

It’s 2021! New year, new beginnings, and new opportunities. Let’s work this year right and develop a better version of you! Are you feeling like you can’t even buy what you want because of a tight budget? What if we told you there’s a way to still make it happen? Nope—we’re not lying! Join us and discover how the Step Down Principle can help you reduce your expenses without having to completely go without the things you enjoy.

The optional text for this workshop is The Latte Factor—Why You Don’t Have to Be Rich to Live Rich by David Bach.

Join Either Sessions
Monday, Jan. 11
4 & 7 P.M.
Zoom Call
Meeting ID: 823 8056 0721 • Password: Money2021
To Register: https://bit.ly/3beTP7F

Ute Indian Tribe Alcohol/Substance Abuse Prevention Program presents:

ANGER MANAGEMENT

6 WEEK CLASS
EVERY WEDNESDAY
3:00PM - 4:30PM
VIA ZOOM MEETINGS

NEED BE PRESENT EACH WEEK IN ORDER TO RECEIVE CERTIFICATE!

For questions or to RSVP, please contact: adamt@utetrib.com

How To Avoid Falling
For a Jerk or Jerkette

January 5th

6 Week Relationship Group
Tuesdays via Zoom | 4:30-5:30pm
Call Andrew to sign up @ (435) 828-8897

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Utah State University is an affirmative action/equal opportunity institution and is committed to a learning and working environment free from discrimination, including harassment. For USU’s non-discrimination notice, see equity.usu.edu/non-discrimination.
Place all ingredients in separate bowls.

Begin by laying a piece of lettuce on a plate. Top with chicken, peanut sauce, carrots, and scallions. Roll to enclose filling.

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- Medicaid
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- Veterans Pension and Survivors Benefit
- Supplemental Security Income (SSI)
- Tribal Head Start (income based)
- Tribal Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (Tribal TANF)
- Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations Assistance
- Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance

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Mail Your
Application

Print an application from LifelineSupport.org.

Contact
Us

For more information, go to stratanetworks.com/tribal-lifeline.

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*An applicant living at a residence without an identifiable address will be asked to provide Geo-coordinates for the physical location. If you don’t have this information, you can provide USAC a map that identifies the location of the residence, landmarks, and distances.

*Limited to one discount per household.
Elton Blackhair
May 23, 1974 – December 21, 2020 (age 46)

Elton was born May 23, 1974, in Roosevelt, to Larry Blackhair and Claria Pinnecoose. He married Angie Blackhair on October 16, 2014, in Las Vegas. He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years. Elton worked at Encana as the liaison between the oilfield company and the Ute Indian Tribe. He worked to better many relations between oil companies and the various tribes across the United States. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hiking and hunting.

He was a Sundancer, coached girls basketball, was a big fan of Starwars, and a die-hard fan of the New York Giants. He was a very attentive uncle and was close with his parents, spending a lot of time with them.

Elton is survived by his wife, Angie; of Duchesne; his children, Kaila Allred (Juven Herrera), Vernal; Selina Reyes, Hayley Blackhair; Elton Blackhair, Kendall Blackhair, all of Duchesne; grandchildren, Traivyn Hadlock & Eden Herrera; parents, Larry Blackhair, Roosevelt; Claudine Blackhair, Lebanon, OR; siblings, Johnnie Blackhair; and his grandparents, Guy and Esther Arrieve Pinnecoose; and his favorite dog, “Sam.”

Clarinda May (Lopez) Jenks
February 16, 1957 – December 26, 2020 (age 63)

Clarinda was born on February 16, 1957, in Colorado Springs, Colorado, to Phillip Nick and Clarice May Lopez Jenks. She married Reggie Lopez Jenks, Sr. on October 2, 1980, in Vernal, Utah.

Clarinda’s life revolved around her family as a wife, mother, and grandmother. She loved to take care of her family and be with them, especially her grandchildren. She would do anything they asked as long as they were spending time together. During the spring and summer, she would load them up in the car and hit bear dances and powwows. She enjoyed baking with her grandchildren, going to school with them, and teaching them Ute culture and traditional ways.

Clarinda always made use of the day and the time that she had. She was a talented bead worker and seamstress and was often asked to showcase her work. She was a strong believer in the Native American Church and in traditional ways.

She was also a traditional Sundancer. She loved her dogs, Mr. Pickles and Tubbs; and her cat, Buttercup. Clarinda was a dedicated wife, and after 40 years of marriage, she and Reggie Sr. could still be found joking and laughing together. Any situation that they found themselves in were they in it together and made the best of it. They also enjoyed going on rides in the mountains.

Clarinda is survived by her husband, Reggie, Sr., her children, Reggie (Amanda) Jenks, and Martha Jenks; grandchildren, Acailles Mary Jenks, Seldon Bagley, and relative, Isabelle Arrive.

As a young child, he spent a lot of his time with his grandfather, Willard Bagley, and relative, Isabelle Arrive.

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Household Tips from the Air Quality Department

If attending the services, masks are required and “Air Hugs” only. Funeral services will be live-streamed here or at the button below.

Allison Elton Blackhair, age 46, of Duchesne, passed away December 21, 2020, at the LDS Hospital from complications of COVID-19. He was born May 23, 1974, in Roosevelt, to Larry Blackhair and Claria Pinnecoose. He married Angie Blackhair on October 16, 2014, in Las Vegas. He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years. Elton worked at Encana as the liaison between the oilfield company and the Ute Indian Tribe. He worked to better many relations between oil companies and the various tribes across the United States. He was an avid outdoorsman, who enjoyed hiking and hunting.

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Due to COVID-19, the services are for immediate family only. Masks are required for those attending. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, December 29, 2020, at 10:00 AM, at the Randlett Community Building.

A wake will not be held, but she is available to be sat with at the Hullinger Mortuary on Tuesday from 4:00-6:00 PM and Wednesday from 3:00 -6:00 PM, masks required and the family requests limited numbers and social distancing.

Burial in the Ft. Duchesne Cemetery following a luncheon after the services at the community building.

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