The Uintah School District has awarded a $300,000 grant to provide broadband internet connectivity for students enrolled in district programs who cannot afford to have adequate broadband service in their household as of Oct. 1, 2020, or do not have adequate broadband speeds at home.

"With our blended learning model in place, home access to broadband internet connectivity has never been more important for our students," Uintah School District Superintendent Rick Woodford said.

"If any of our students’ families cannot afford to pay for broadband service, they can access our internet services," the superintendent said. "The broadband access grant will provide our families who qualify with broadband service, allowing their students to access their blended learning curriculum and lessons at home."

The grant is designed to ensure that students have access to education. "We’re going to do as much good with this money as we can," Woodford said. "This is not designed to be a welfare type program; it is designed to ensure that students have access to education."

Internet access provided through this grant will be filtered to meet content guidelines approved by the Uintah School District. Attempts to bypass filtering may result in termination of service. If you currently have internet access in your household, please determine your connectivity speed by performing a speed test found at http://speedtest.net before submitting your application. You will be asked to provide your download and upload speed as part of the application process if you already have broadband service.

To apply for this grant, please complete the following steps:
1. Visit www.surveymonkey.com/r/VRBRBLR. A paper copy of the application is also available in all school offices and at the district office.
2. Answer the questions on the application.
3. If you already have broadband service, indicate the speed by performing a speed test found at http://speedtest.net.
4. Submit the application online or at your school office.

Under the grant, broadband service will be provided by STRATA Networks, which will work on a case-by-case basis with qualifying families to determine which broadband options are available where they live.

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### Indigenous Land and Acknowledgement

OCTOBER 9, 2020

In recognition of Indigenous Peoples’ Day and Native American Heritage Month, the University of Utah is formally launching its Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

As many colleges and universities across campus began crafting their own land acknowledgments on websites and during events, Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs, Dan Reed, chartered a committee to develop a statement that could be adopted by all at the U. For about a year, this committee engaged in meaningful conversations around what should be included in a university-wide Indigenous Land Acknowledgment.

"As the flagship institution of higher education in Utah, we certainly have a role to play in honoring and recognizing the many contributions of Indigenous peoples in our state," said Mary Ann Villarreal, vice president for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion and co-chair of the Native American Land Use Committee. "We hope this statement will be shared and recited often as a reminder of our gratitude and commitment to serving and partnering with Native Nations."

The University of Utah has both historical and contemporary relationships with Indigenous peoples. Given that the Salt Lake Valley has always been a gathering place for Indigenous peoples, we acknowledge that this land, which is named for the Ute Tribe, is the traditional and ancestral homelands of the Shoshone, Paiute, Goshute, and Ute Tribes and is a crossroad for Indigenous peoples.

"Our land acknowledgment is an important gesture of recognition and respect to the Indigenous peoples of Utah," said Elizabeth Kronk Warner, dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law and co-chair of the committee. "We are grateful to be able to gather on this land and for the valuable contributions of our Native students, staff, and faculty to the living, working, and learning environment at the U."

Committee members, many of whom are tribal members, created a long Indigenous Land Acknowledgment that will be updated and expanded by the U’s Governing Board. The committee will continue to work with Native Affairs and the Office of the Vice President for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion to ensure that the recognition continues to evolve as our understanding grows.

Signatories for the University of Utah’s Indigenous Land Acknowledgment include:
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- Mary Ann Villarreal, vice president for Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion
- Elizabeth Kronk Warner, dean of the S.J. Quinney College of Law
- Mary Lou Senat, vice president and provost
- Dorothy B. Ryan, assistant vice president and dean of student affairs
- Alison S. Zibitov, vice president for budget and finance and chief financial officer
- Lisa F. Leitner, senior vice president and chief strategy officer
- John D. Howey, vice president for research
- William L. Allen, executive director of creative and cultural initiatives
- Lee E. Tipton, vice president for advancement
- Sarah Marie Sholtes, special assistant to the president for Ute and American Indian relations

The University of Utah endeavors to create a welcoming environment that is inclusive and respectful of all peoples. For more information, please visit www.utah.edu/land-acknowledgment.
Radio Announcement October 13, 2020

Department: UIT Emergency Mgmt.

As of today, October 13, 2020 there are 7 active cases on the Uintah and Ouray Indian Reservation. Hot Spots still include the Wasatch front, if you have left the area for medical or personal reasons we ask you to self-isolate for 5-7 days and get tested on the 8th day before re-entering society. Please take all precautions to protect yourself and loved ones, continue to wash and sanitize your hands, social distance in public settings, and wear a mask where social distancing is unable to maintain.

If you have not completed the 2020 CENSUS, please stop by the Emergency Management office located at the old Tribal Court House for assistance or call 435-725-8940/4902 to complete the form over the phone.

Community Health Representatives

Area rotation
October 2020
November 2020
December 2020

Jaclyn redfoot (435) 823-2311
Coonville, Yellowstone sub-div, alterra, indian bench, white-rock, farm creek and neola

Darlci Lira (435) 828-2354
Hilltop sub-div, Roosevelt, myton, bridgeland, arcadia, Al-tamont, sunshine acres, independence, randlett and ouray

Owna fa’agata (435) 823-2343
Ft. duchesne, senior housing apts., richardsons, la mesa, lil Chicago, la point, bridel and gusher

CASTING CALL

MAJOR OR FEATURE FILM CASTING UTE MAN FOR SPEAKING ROLE

Ute Man:
Age 40-70, tall and thin, must be comfortable riding a horse

Filming one day between October – December 2020 in northeastern Arizona

Pay rate: $1,000 per day

All auditions will be done through self-tapes and email.

HOW TO SUBMIT:
Email: newmea@utetribe.com
In the Subject Line, write: Ute Casting
Include:
First and Last Name
Age or age range
Height
Phone Number
City and State of residence
Please confirm that you are a member of the Ute Tribe
Attach two recent photos one of face, one full length. Cell phone photos okay!

Ute Bulletin

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The Ute Bulletin encourages submissions of articles, letters to the Editor, poetry, short stories, commentaries, artwork or photographs. Only those letters signed with your legal name may be printed.

“Ute Bulletin” Change of address, deadline/submission, disclaimer, and online paper and links from that website. Public Relations news radio information can be forwarded by email to the Director by 8:30 am to be aired on KNEU 1250 AM Ute News Tuesday at 9:00 a.m.

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In recognition of the upcoming efforts to honor Domestic Violence Awareness Month, the National Indigenous Women’s Resource Center (NIWRC) invites advocates to participate in this year’s push for awareness of this critical issue affecting everyone, especially those in the home including children.

Native women are the targets of violent crimes, including domestic violence, rape, and murder, at much higher rates than other groups. Domestic violence affects everyone, especially those in the home including children. Be a good relative. Encourage your Tribal leadership, community programs, and organizations to speak out against domestic violence and the safety of survivors of violence.

The current COVID-19 situation gives us an opportunity to consider new ways of connecting and organizing to keep our relatives safe. Wearger social distance and wearing masks for any in-person gathering.

Find resources and save the date for upcoming virtual events!

• Sign on to help declare October 25 as Tillie Black Bear’s Day in your community.

• Read Restorative Magazine for an overview of Domestic Violence Awareness Month and the resources developed for you.

• Call for community-wide action using Domestic Violence Awareness Month and use hashtags #NativeDVAM, #HonorSong, and #MyVoiceAndVP.

Thank you for supporting, participating, and leading the call to action to raise awareness for survivors of domestic violence. We see and honor you. Your work is valued and appreciated.

To learn more about violence against Native women, child, and elder, visit niwrc.org.
Union High School Football Schedule
Fall 2020

October 30/31 Quarter Finals 5:00 TBA TBA
November 6/7 Semi Finals 7:00 pm Homesites
November 12-14 Finals 7:00 pm TBA
November 20/21 State Championship 7:00 pm TBA

2020 Uintah Utes Varsity Football Schedule

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November 2021 State Championship Bold Games/Varsity Region Games

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Sit in family groups
Practice social distancing
Wash hands regularly
Use hand sanitizer when entering facilities

Help us continue to play

Uintah High ADOPTS THE BEAR AS ITS SPIRIT ANIMAL

Uintah High School, with the advice and consent of the Ute Indian Tribe Business Committee, has adopted the bear as its spirit animal.

Student leaders met with the Business Committee on Oct. 5 to request the use of the bear as a costumed mascot for the school. Committee members gave the school their approval but asked that Uintah High refer to the bear as its spirit animal instead of its mascot.

Members of the Ute Tribe revere the bear as a sacred animal.

Tribal leaders said they were “honored” to have the school approach them and ask for permission to use the bear, according to Uintah High Principal Sharon Shipston.

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Football games canceled due to confirmed COVID-19 case at Uintah

On Oct. 13, 2020, the Uintah School District is saddened to announce that Wednesday night’s varsity home football game has been canceled due to a positive case of COVID-19 at Uintah High School.

The cancellation is necessary because the majority of the school’s varsity football players and coaches had close, prolonged contact with an individual who has tested positive for COVID-19. The contact took place during an indoor team meeting on Monday where masks were not worn.

Contact tracing has begun with the assistance of TriCounty Health Department to determine which students and staff need to be quarantined.

Tuesday’s freshman/sophomore game at Stansbury High School has also been canceled as a precaution. Uintah High’s team had not yet reached Stansbury when this decision was made and is returning to Vernal.

“The decision was supported and rooted in sound public health practice,” TriCounty Health Officer Jordan Mathis said. “Especially when it means that they have to make tough decisions like the Uintah School District made today.”

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News From Ute Country
United States Department of the Interior
BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS
UNTHAIA & OURAY AGENCY
P.O. Box 175 or 1400 South 80th East
Fort Duchesne, UT 83471

Dear Mr./Ms. [Name],

Real Estate Services 740-428

JOINT BID OPENING

INFORMATION:

Deadline for Submission: November 18, 2020 at 2:00 p.m.
Place of Bid: Uteh & Ouray Agency, Fort Duchesne, UT

Government
In light of the current situation concerning coronavirus (COVID-19), we are working diligently to maintain a safe environment for our staff and community by implementing substantial mitigation strategies at the Uteh Agency (Agency), for the CDC, social distancing is vital in reducing the spread of this virus. To limit direct contact between individuals public access to the Agency is limited.

All bids will be opened by BIA staff and viewed in Microsoft Teams; the contents will be made public. THE AGENCY WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PUBLIC VIEWING OF BID OPENING.

GENERAL INFORMATION:

It is the responsibility of the prospective lessor to comply with instructions in this notice, to submit required documents and information, and to ensure they meet or exceed requirements established by the Uteh Agency (Agency).

The lessor shall be responsible for all losses and expenses incurred in the leasing of tribal lands, including processing costs. The lessee shall pay any losses and expenses incurred in the leasing of tribal lands to the Uteh Agency (Agency).

The Lessor reserves the right to reject any and all bids, and to disapprove and reject prior to approval of any lease made on an accepted bid.

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BID REQUIREMENTS:

A. All bids must be submitted on a Uteh Bid Form. The Lessor will be awarded to the highest bidder and not be offered any preference, except for tribal preference given on lands (see leasing Tribal Lands).

B. Bids must be submitted by 2:00 p.m. on November 18, 2020.

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Our Virtual Convention

People roll in around the clock to forward the annual gathering of Utah Episcopalians. It always includes worship, the chance to hear from Bishop Hoyt, reports from various boards and the annual business, but in the year of the Pandemic, there seems to be no business as usual.

After a postponement the Convention was held via Zoom, which worked out very well. With no trips to Craig, ID, for the Convocation, and the Convention being served by Bishop Michael Cury, who quoted Bishop Hoyt in challenging us to ask, “What DO I care?”

St. Elizabeth’s submitted a resolution which the Convention approved, urging the churches in Utah to support Utah’s Indigenous people. Since we all listen in on Indian, From our Convention.

Because we’re so important to Episcopalians, we’re continued to gather in small groups on Sunday mornings. The only difference is that many are now virtual and there’s no coffee, and no singing. However, we do have music and there’s a better chance of being able to get together. All of the conventions are void of children, as the last one was held at St. Mark’s Church.

St. Elizabeth’s Mission

We’ve gathered for the kickoff of our virtual program series called “Sacred Land of the Uintah Valley.” We’ve been preparing to share this program for the last several months and we hope it will be a blessing to those who attend. This program is designed to give the participants a better understanding of the history and culture of the Uintah Valley.

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**Three Ways to Apply**

*Apply Online*

Find the online application at CheckLifeline.org.

*Mail Your Application*

Print an application from LifelineSupport.org.

Fill out & mail it with proof of eligibility to:

Lifeline Support Center
P.O. Box 7081
London, KY 40742

*Contact Us*

Call 435-622-5007 or visit stratanetworks.com/lifeline.

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*Lifeline’s Tribal Lands is defined in 47 CFR §54.400 (e). Go to LifelineSupport.org and select “Tribal Lands” for more information.*

**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.**
**Obituaries**

**Gayla Pinnecoose**

Gayla Pinnecoose, age 60, of Randlett, passed away September 29, 2020, at her home.

She was born June 30, 1960, in Roosevelt, to Guy Pinnecoose and Alberta Anderson. Gayla was a member of the Native American Church. She enjoyed attending and participating in Native American cultural events and spirituality gatherings, and Sundances. She was an avid basketball fan! She played basketball in her younger years, but loved watching the Los Angeles Lakers. Her favorite hobbies were beading, cooking, and creating holiday arts & crafts. Gayla enjoyed spending time with family and friends. Grandma Gayla especially loved her grandchild and great-grandchild unconditionally. Her strong will and empathy for others helped her endure the challenges that hindered her life. She was survived by her son, Eddison Plaqot, Ogden; four granddaughters: sisters, Clara “Cookie” Pinnecoose, Randlett, and Wendy Pinnecoose; Ft. Duchesne; a brother, Lorrie (Gay Dawn) Pinnecoose, West Valley City; and several nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

Gayla was preceded in death by her parents; brothers and sisters: John Pinnecoose, Jr.; Ray Pinnecoose, Claudia Pinnecoose, Alvin Pinnecoose, Beverly Lonebear, Edwin Lonebear, Viola Pinnecoose, Joseph Pinnecoose; Lawrence Pinnecoose; nephew, Jonathan Blackbird & Sho Van Dam Pinnecoose.

**Funeral services will be held at the Fullinger Mortuary on Monday, October 5, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. Burial will be in the Randlett Cemetery.**

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**Wendell Navanick, Sr.**

August 12, 1944 ~ October 1, 2020 (age 76)

Wendell Navanick, Sr., age 76, of Yellowstone Subdivision, passed away October 1, 2020, at his home.

He was born August 12, 1944, in Ft. Duchesne, to Virgil Navanick, Sr. and Genevieve Williams Navanick Alhanda. He married Cheryl Grant on March 26, 1975, in Ft. Duchesne.

Wendell worked as a long haul truck driver, a Police Officer for the Ute Tribe, director of special projects, a carpenter, and various other jobs - he was really a man of many trades. He had been a counselor on the Ute Tribe Business Committee and was a tribal politician. He had been a Sundancer, and enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping, and gambling.

Wendell was survived by his wife, Cheryl, of Yellowstone Subdivision; children, Lori Ann, Salt Lake City; Wendy Kim, Myton; Chasty, Roosevelt; Ty (Dellly A rowchis), Indian Bench; Brandy (Matt Tracey), Roosevelt; Joe (Gyvia Sandoval), Oklahama; Wendellena, Roosevelt, A co, Phoenix; Wendell Jr., Vernal; Isaac (Sarah), Eagle Muntan; Tonya, R. Angley; Misty, Roosevelt; numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; sisters, Patty Lasso, Yolanda Dunz, and Paulet Navanick; numerous nieces and nephews, and his animals, “Lola,” “Monky,” “Rosie,” “Chico,” “Blue,” and “Tiny.”

He was preceded in death by his daughter, Kira Ignacio; his parents; siblings, Carl Navanick, Mary Louise Lopez, Barbara Neph, Michael Lee Navanick, Pat Navanick, Miranda Navanick, Ronald Navanick, nephews, Carl Navanick, Mario Tom; Juan Appawoo, Dennis Navanick, Monte Horrockes, brother-in-law, Darrell Lasso, father-in-law, Anthony Lavoord; and son-in-law, Matthew James.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at Wendell’s residence, 1750 N 5650 E, Yellowstone Subdivision. He will be taken to his residence on Monday at 4:00 p.m. for his wake.

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**Hubert Lane Atwine**

March 1, 1950 ~ October 6, 2020 (age 70)

Hubert Lane Atwine, age 70, of Salt Lake City, passed away October 6, 2020, at the VA Hospital in Salt Lake City.

He was born March 1, 1950, in Ft. Duchesne, to Hugh Andeavor, and Vera Atwine. He was raised by his grandmother, Eva Atwine. He married Teresa Leta Williams in 1977 to Clara Tom, and they later divorced. He then met the love of his life, Maxine Trujillo, and they have been together for 32 years.

Hubert served in the U.S. Army. He worked as an auto mechanic and auto paint technician, and the car junkyard was his favorite playground. He enjoyed fishing, camping, going to the casino, and attending participating in Pow Wows & Sundances, and traveling.

Hubert is survived by his companion, Maxine Trujillo, Salt Lake City; children, Tonya (Eldred) Steel, Whiterocks; Lorry Atwine, Roosevelt; Leomey Atwine, Cedar City; Evette Atwine, Ogden; Natasha Atwine, step-children, Jeremy Williams, John Williams, Leila Atwine, (Julio Clearwaters), all of Salt Lake City; Cody Tom, Cedar City; Rosa Martinez, Ogden; 3 grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren, a sister, (Jeny) Tapoof, Whiterocks, and numerous nieces, nephews, and other relatives.

He was preceded in death by his step-daughter, Yvonne Williams; siblings, Dorothy Mountain Lion, Clarice Lopez, A Chriel Root, Sheila Harvey, and (Robert) Jack, Sr., and a niece Flour Mountain Lion.

Services will be held Saturday, October 10, 2020, at the Ft. Duchesne Cemetery with Military Honors presented. The family will eat with him and have a final viewing at the his daughter, Tonya Steel’s, home (Tribal Housing Unit 8017) in Whiterocks beginning at 11:00 a.m. Then they will proceed to the cemetery for the services. There will be a wake after 4:00 p.m. on Friday at his daughter, Tonya’s home.

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**Blake Aaron Nez**

February 18, 1976 ~ October 10, 2020 (age 44)

Blake Aaron Nez, age 44, of Yellowstone Subdivision, passed away October 10, 2020, at his home.

Graveside services will be held on Thursday, October 15, 2020, at 10:00 a.m. at the Ft. Duchesne Cemetery. There will be a wake at Laura Nez’s home in Yellowstone Subdivision on Wednesday after 4:00 p.m.