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September 11, 2026

University, Ute Tribe renew shared commitment to education, 'Utes'

The University of Utah and the Ute Indian Tribe have recommitted to a decades-long partnership central to the identity of Utah Athletics.

On Aug. 28, the university and the Tribe renewed a memorandum of understanding which allows the U's sports teams to continue using the name "Utes." The university has used the name with the full support of the tribe since the 1970s.

"This is a unique partnership in higher education," said Lori McDonald, vice president of Student Affairs. "This agreement is a wonderful example of how a state university can work in collaboration with a sovereign nation to support each other."

This year, the agreement includes detailed guidelines for Ute student scholarships, as well as a pledge from the university to send U of U Health mobile clinics to the Ute Indian Reservation in the Uinta Basin.

While a handful of other colleges and universities have Native team names—the Fighting Illini and Florida State Seminoles, for example—the university's long relationship with the tribe is unusual, McDonald said.

For more than 50 years, the University of Utah and the Ute Indian Tribe have had a formal partnership. Established in 1972, the relationship acknowledges the historical ties between the Ute Tribe and the land on which the university stands. The first MOU was signed in 2003 and has been renewed about every five years since. The previous MOU was signed in 2020 for a five-year term and extended for a year in 2025. Through the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), the University of Utah and the Ute Indian Tribe have maintained a longtime partnership which formalizes the university's respectful use of the "Utes" name, cultural engagement efforts and investment in both K-12 and higher education for the Ute Indian Tribe's students.

New Ute Tribe scholarship terms

The 2026 MOU includes a scholarship agreement which sets up a detailed structure, application process and award amount for recipients of the Ute Indian Scholarship. While qualifying students must submit a letter from the Ute Tribal Business Committee, scholarships will no longer be determined exclusively by membership in the Ute Tribe. (Membership in the Ute Tribe is determined by a 5/8 "blood quantum" rule.)

In the past, Ute Tribe member students could receive up to $8,000 a year in scholarship funding. Under the new agreement, students may receive $6,000 per semester, up to a total of $18,000 per year. Scholarship funding will be applied directly to a student's tuition bill and any remaining amount would be refunded to the student.

The university's Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid will provide the Tribal Education Department with an anonymized report of the total number of scholarships awarded and the amount awarded to each student.

The university commits to provide academic support to Ute Indian Tribe students and their families with the application and admissions process and once students are on campus to enhance their social, economic and academic success.

Cultural and health collaboration

The university will continue to pay $100,000 a year to support and build on tribal education programs—up to $500,000 over the five-year term of the MOU.

The U also will continue outreach and support to Ute Indian students and others from Utah's federally recognized American Indian tribes through the Native Student Scholarship, the Center for Native Excellence and Tribal Engagement, the annual Pow Wow, and programs like Indigenous Storytelling Camp and IndigeSTEAM. On Sept. 3, the university opened the Native Ascent House—a living-learning community for Native students on Officers Circle in Fort Douglas.

At the Tribe's request, U of U Health will make up to three visits annually to the Ute Indian Reservation with its existing mobile clinics—the Wellness Bus, Mobile Cancer Screening Clinic, and Mobile Dental Clinic.

Finally, the two parties agree to share expertise, with approved special advisors to President Taylor Randall on Native American Affairs, and at least two members of the Ute Tribal Business Committee advising the Center for Native Excellence.

The role of athletics

The university pledges to continue the Ute Proud campaign, which educates sports fans about inappropriate behavior which dishonors the Utes and other Native American populations. Every football season, the U designates a Ute Proud game to honor the Ute Indian Tribe culture and share it with the greater community. U football players wear a specially designed Ute Proud helmet for the occasion, and members of the Northern Ute Tribe perform a traditional dance at halftime.

"It is a tremendous honor to use the Ute name for our athletics programs, and we are grateful for the special relationship that has been cultivated over many years," said Mark Harlan, University of Utah athletics director. "We also understand the significant responsibility that comes with that to honor the Ute Indian Tribe and we look forward to carrying the name forward with understanding and respect toward our state's namesake people." UNIVERSITY OF UTAH COMMUNICATIONS -

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More than 20 mining claims filed in San Juan County on former Bears Ears land

Posted - Sept. 24, 2026 at 2:26 p.m.



(Utah conservation groups say mining companies have filed 23 claims in San Juan County.(Tim Peterson, SUWA))

SALT LAKE CITY — The fight isn't over for the future of Bears Ears National Monument.

Utah conservation groups and mining companies have already filed claims on land that was removed from the monument. The groups say 23 mining claims have been filed in San Juan County since protections were lifted on Sept. 11, following modifications made by the Trump Administration to Bears Ears and other national park lands.

Kimmerle Mining, a Moab-based prospecting company, has filed 20 of the claims, according to the Southern Utah Wilderness Alliance. Those claims are located near Lockhart Basin and the previously reclaimed Easy Peasy Mine.

"Immediately after the mining ban was lifted, 16 claims were filed on the lands removed from Bears Ears National Monument," said Charlie Luke, director for the state of Utah at the Wilderness Society. "This is not a hypothetical threat; it's the reality of what happens when national monument protections are gutted.

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"We cannot allow special interests to turn a profit on Bears Ears at the expense of future generations."

Local tribal leaders and conservation groups are now renewing calls to restore the monument's original boundaries.

—Travis Richards

Gladys Pawwinnee, oldest Ute Tribe member, passes away at 96



Gladys Pawwinnee pictured at the June 20, 2024 Elder Recognition luncheon *(JD, UB) Full obituary on Page 8*

Catholics Can Award to be presented by Bishop Solis at Sept. 27 Mass

September 18, 2026

by Laura Vallejo, Intermountain Catholic

SALT LAKE CITY — For the past 14 years, the Diocese of Salt Lake City's Commission for People with Disabilities has recognized individuals who work to ensure that everyone can participate fully in parish life. The recognition, known as the Catholics Can Award, also honors individuals with disabilities who are strong witnesses to the Catholic faith. The award is usually presented at a Mass at which the bishop presides.

This year during the annual Catholics Can Mass, Jackie Tapoof will be honored for her service to her parish and community.

Tapoof is "a woman whose life reflects faithful service, quiet strength and unwavering devotion to God, family and community," according to her nomination.

For many years, Tapoof has been a parishioner and volunteer at St. Helen Parish in Roosevelt and St. Kateri Tekakwitha Mission in Fort Duchesne.

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Notices

IN THE UTE INDIAN COURT OF THE UINTAH AND OURAY RESERVATION
FORT DUCHESNE, UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
Helene Brock Murray,
Decedent

NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Case No. PR0002-26

Notice is hereby given that Maxwell Cuch has been appointed as personal representative in the above-captioned estate matter by the Court on the 12th day of February 2026 in Case No. PR0002-26.

All persons having claims against the Estate which is currently administered are required to present them to Maxwell Cuch or the Court Clerk within the time and manner prescribed by law pursuant to the Ute Indian Tribe Law & Order Code § 6-3-5. Creditors have ninety (90) days from the date of first publication of the notice to present their claims to the administrator or Clerk, and only those claims so presented shall be paid by the estate.

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Maxwell Cuch
Estate Administrator
P.O. Box 580
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

Clerk of the Ute Indian Tribal Court
P.O. Box 190
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

Date this 23 day of July 2026.

Maxwell Cuch
Estate Administrator

Suzanna Washington-Cuch
P.O. Box 619
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

IN THE UTE INDIAN TRIBAL COURT
UINTAH AND OURAY RESERVATION
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Decedent.

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Dated this 22 day of September 2026

Suzanna Washington-Cuch,
Personal Representative of the Estate

IN THE UTE INDIAN COURT OF THE UINTAH AND OURAY RESERVATION
FORT DUCHESNE, UTAH

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF:
Marlene Tapoof,
Decedent

NOTICE OF CREDITORS
Case No. PR0008-26

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Written claims may be delivered or mailed, along with proof of the existence of the debt, to the Estate Administrator or Clerk at the following addresses:

Koralene Tapoof
Estate Administrator
P.O. Box 473
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

Clerk of the Ute Indian Tribal Court
P.O. Box 196
Fort Duchesne, Utah 84026

Date this 12th day of August 2026.

Koralene Tapoof
Estate Administrator

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(Tapoof Continued from Page 1)

Minister of Holy Communion and a catechist, as well as being active in the Council of Catholic Women. A member of the Ute Tribe, Tapoof has also shared her Native spirituality and Catholic faith with others.

"She is just amazing," said Carol Ruddell, a member of the Commission for people with Disabilities who helps coordinate the Catholics Can Award. "She has been able to intertwine her Native spirituality with her Catholic faith and grow them and share them with all."

When Father Joven Opalda was newly assigned to the parish and mission in the Roosevelt area, Tapoof helped introduce him to the community and connect him with members of the Ute Tribe, Ruddell said.

"Through her kindness and hospitality, she helped build relationships that strengthened the bond between pastor and people," Tapoof's nomination states.

A serious car accident resulted in Tapoof having a hip replacement and ongoing arthritis in her knee. Although she now relies on a cane, she has remained actively involved in her faith community, attending Mass faithfully and participating in parish life.

"Her perseverance is an inspiring example of courage, determination and trust in God," her nomination states.

For Ruddell, a parishioner of St. Thomas More in Sandy, the Catholics Can Mass and award celebration are important reminders that every person has unique gifts and a calling to serve.

"The Mass and the Catholics Can Award just acknowledge the uniqueness of each of us as Catholics and how we respond to our baptismal calling," Ruddell said. "We are called to serve, and we are also called to grow in our faith. Growing and giving – that's what it's about."

Regardless of the challenges they may face, Catholics can continue to participate actively in their faith communities, encourage others and serve as leaders, Ruddell said. "Challenges do not limit us. We all need to see that."

Tapoof is an example of someone who continues both to grow in her faith and to give to others, said Ruddell, who encourages people throughout the diocese to attend the Catholics Can Mass.

"Being able to take the time to acknowledge all of our gifts and how we share them is not something that we do all the time," she said. "This Mass gives us the opportunity to celebrate all of our gifts and how we can share them."

The Catholics Can Mass will be celebrated Sunday, Sept. 27, at 10 a.m. at Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church, 3560 West 3650 South, West Valley City.

New Ute Indian Tribe Handgame Committee Elected

U.I.T. Handgame Committee 2026-2027
President: Austin McCook
Vice President: Katherine Arhi
Secretary: Zelleen Cesspooch
Treasurer: Doylene Cesspooch
Members: Chatto Serawop, Irene Thompson, Carley Groves, and Leomy Atwine
(Submitted by outgoing Handgame President Carlo Poowegup)



L-R: Lori Rock, Carlo Poowegup, Zelleen Cesspooch, Dawna Taveapont at Noochew Days Handgame Tournament *(JD, UB)*

Correction: On page 6 of the July September 16, 2026 edition of the Ute Bulletin, U&O International Overdose Awareness Day photograph erroneously captioned Draven Jake. It should have read Draven Hubbard. *(JD, UB)*

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From The Archives



A glimpse into the past women Business Committee members to the present.

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3rd Annual Yoovunuhut Noochew Days September 20-26, 20268





Elders at the Family Tree event (left to right Kathleen Chegup, Elliott Serawop, Linda Serawop, and Bettina Redfoot). Casssandra Manning, at the Opening Day of Nooch Days. Jackie Tapoof, at the Ute dress making. Bison Lunch and Learn Darrrell Shavanaux, Otawna Shavanaux, Shoshana Shavanaux, Katharine and Steven Ridley, Luke Duncan. Honoring for the past and present Business Committee Women -Frances Poowegup, with sister Ginger Ridley and Mary Ridley.









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September/October Community Calendar

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October Nooch Words **seh-dtee-ehp-sah-nee (scary)** **kwee-yeh ooh-re-kuhdt (orange)** **ah-gah-dtuh-vuhch seh-dtee-ehp-sah-nee p'sah-nee-tah' (Sit while scary stories are being told.)** **kwee-yeh ooh-reh-kuhdt-uh tah too-nuhg-ah-nee-vehch (Wear orange shirt.)** **mah-nurh-nee pees-chew-wAy pee-yoom-chee-tuht/mah nurk pees-chew-wAy pee-yoom-chee-kah-pahch-oom (Every child matters.)** From Ute Language (Noohwygyahrahdtoh) and Traditions Department **FALL BREAK** October 14-16 URHS and Uintah County October 15-17 Duchesne County			14 UTE BULLETIN OUT -9am-4pm Huntsman Mammovan Screening and Education (Schedule with Health Eduction at 435-725-4987) -9am-12noon Domestic Violence Awareness Month Presentation at Fort Duchesne -12:10-12:45pm PHDPP Zumba -1-4pm Vaccine Clinic at Fort Duchesne -3:45-5pm RECREATION Ute Warrior Running Club (ends 11/04/26) -4:45pm U&O MOVE at PHDPP -5-6pm Addict II Athlete at PHDPP -5-7:30pm ART EMPOWERS Fall Series (ages 6-17 years) at St. Elizabeth's	15 -9am-4pm Huntsman Mammovan Screening and Education -12pm PHDPP Group Fitness -12pm PHDPP Yoga -1-4pm Vaccine Clinic at Fort Duchesne -5-7pm PHDPP Pony Bead Loom at Fort Duchesne	16 -3rd Annual Uncompahgre Powwow, Montrose, CO 	17 -3rd Annual Uncompahgre Powwow, Montrose, CO
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3rd Annual Yoovunuht Noochew Days

September 20 - 26, 2026









The purpose of the Yoovunuht Noochew Day, is to celebrate being Ute by gathering, and sharing food, activities and knowledge; and will be celebrated in conjunction with the Native American Day, the third week of September. It is part of the Tribe's culture program to strengthen cultural ties.

* All other additional photos will be posted onto the Ute Bulletin Facebook Page*

(Photos taken by the Ute Bulletin Team; Janae Duffy, Gwenita Pawwinnee, Meya Vanvilay, and Neesah Kanip)



























Noochew Days: Hand game

(submitted by Carlao Poowegup, Handgame Chairman)

Last night 9/25/26, there was a handgame tournament to help celebrate Noochew Days here on the U&O. It was a good turnout, good money, good people, good singing, good food, and good company. Here are the winners of the two 5-man tournaments.

The presentation on hand game 9/23/26 was a success with all the help of everyone and the singers. The traditional game had a good turnout; we just hope everyone enjoyed themselves. We enourage all to come learn and start playing. I guarantee you'll have fun.

Thanks, Ute Bulletin and the Ute Tribe, for allowing the Hogan Crew to be part of this year's Noochew Days. It was fun. Be safe out there, my people. I aint got nothing but mad love and respect for you all.





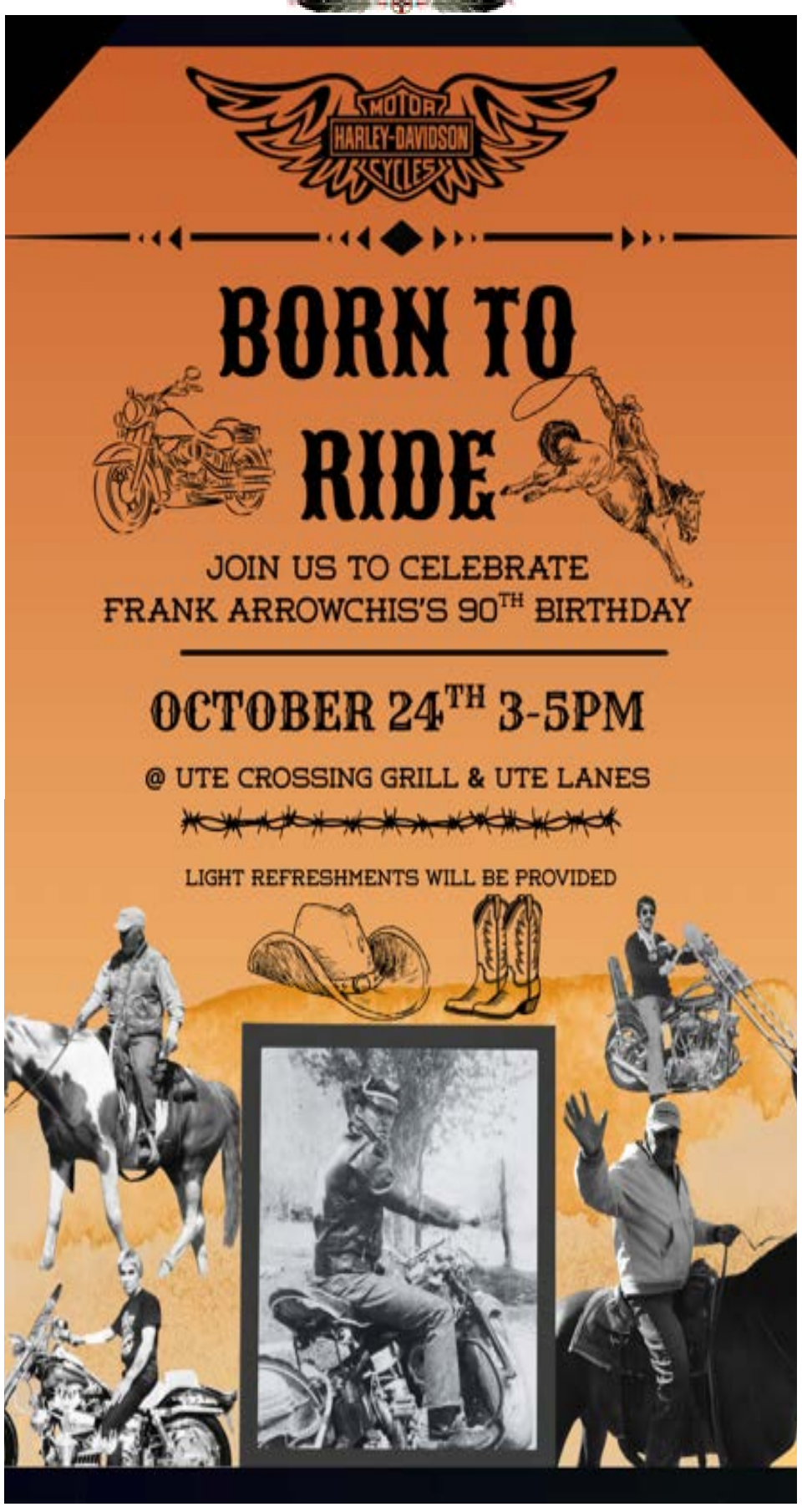






CORRECTION: UB VOL. 60 NO 25, August 19, 2026 (Pg. 5) Whiterocks Community Board Members, Sela Kaufusi - WR Community president's phone number is not correct & is not provided at this time.

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Academics and Education

Submitted by UTTM Jaclyn Chapoose



FALL BREAK
October 14-16 URHS and Uintah County
October 15-17 Duchesne County

Walking Together for Awareness

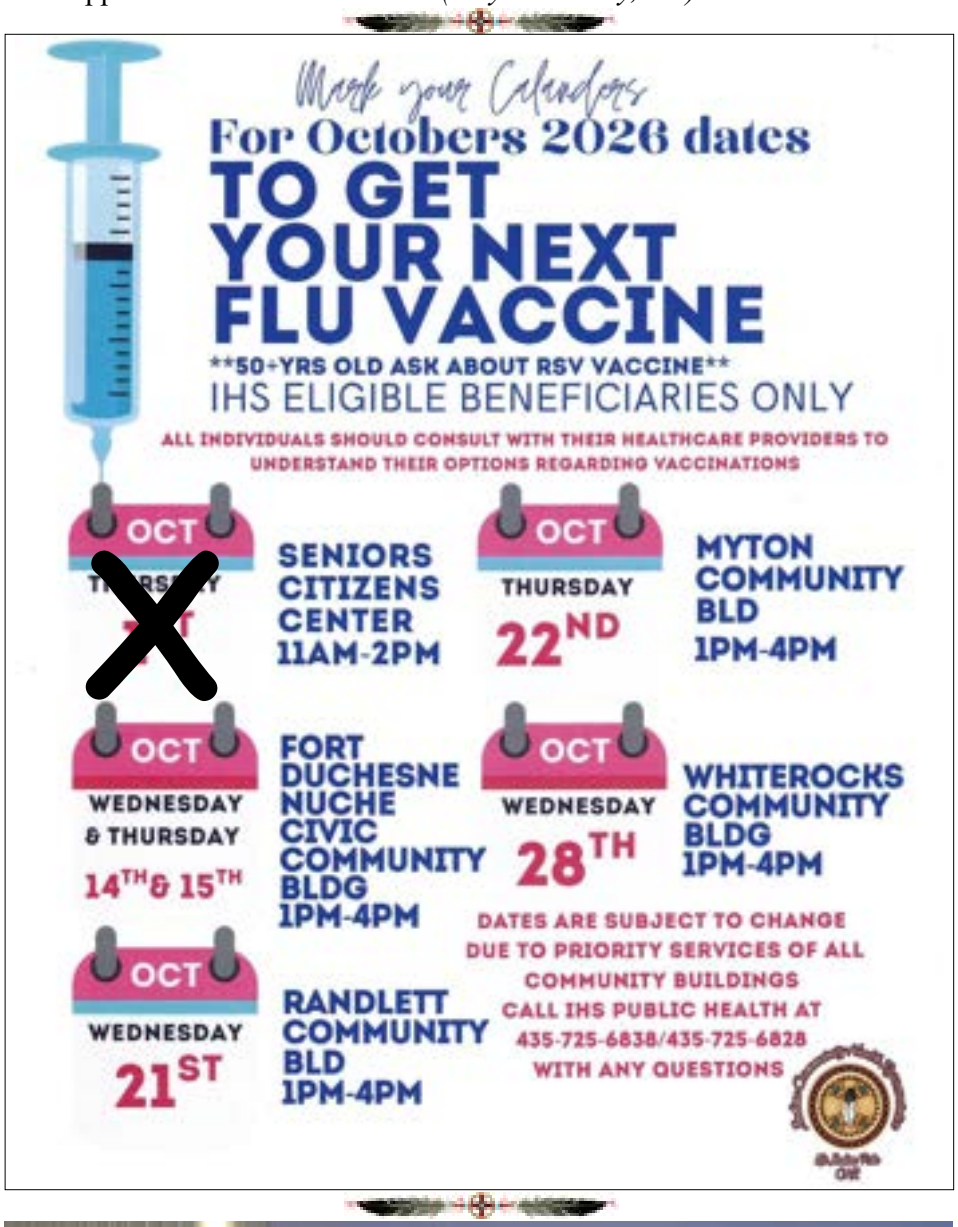
On October 2, 2026, the UIT Victims of Crime Department kicked off the month with a Domestic Violence Awareness Walk at the Painted Horse Walking Path.



Kathy Yazzie, ** Redfoot, Rayma Redcap, and at the Ute Tribe Victim of Crime's Walk Together for Domestic Violence Awareness. (*Meya Vanvilay, UB)*

The walk began at 10:00 a.m. and brought together approximately 30–40 participants from the community. Participants were welcomed with a sign-in sheet and a variety of goodies, including sweat towels, shaker cups, back scratchers, water, and healthy snacks.

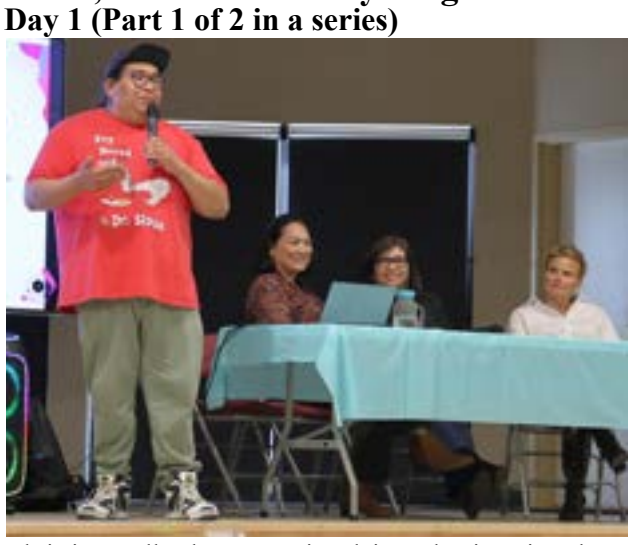
It was a wonderful way to start the month by coming together, promoting awareness, and showing support for victims and survivors of domestic violence. Events like this help remind our community that awareness, education, and support can make a difference. *(Meya Vanvilay, UB)*





Health and Safety

September 29, 2026 ASAPP/NCC Health Education: Many Paths, One Community 'Together for Heath & Healing' – Day 1 (Part 1 of 2 in a series)



Christian Wall, Rhona Kanai-Keleia, Valentina Sireech, and Rebecca McNeil at the Many Paths One Community presentation. *(Gwenita Pawwinnee, UB)*

Many Paths One Community had presenters from Fort Hall Police Department Captain Tierre Johnson, Criminal Investigator Cody Sweat, and Community Outreach Specialist Enessa Teton. Drugs have a big impact in the Native Communities, and Fort Hall is dealing with their drug problem. There were good comments on how they're coping with fentanyl and their efforts to get the people who bring the drugs onto the reservation.

It's a hard thing to fight because so many have overdosed and died due to drugs. Many drugs are laced with fentanyl. This has a big impact on the reservation because so many of the Indigenous people are addicted to the drugs that are being sold.

IHS talked about prescription drugs. It's only the patients who receive the prescription, and no one else.

ASAPP presented on "Understanding Addiction". Rhonda Kanai-Keleia LCSW, Rebecca McNeil LASUDC, Valentina Sireech LSUDC, Christian Wall, and Rafi Dudley North Eastern Counseling Center talked about "Marijuana Legal or Not". *(Gwenita Pawwinnee, UB)*

Day 2

On Wednesday, September 30, 2026 the Ute Indian Tribe Alcohol Substance Abuse Prevention Program partnered with Northeastern Counseling Center to bring awareness to health education for the Ute Tribal membership and community members. During the morning session "Question. Persuade. Refer. Suicide Prevention" presentation was given by Michelle Chapoose *(pictured below, photo by Neesah Kanip, UB)* of Red Pine Treatment Center and December Hatch of StepOne Service discussed "Harm Reduction: Myth vs. Fact" before transitioning to Cynyella Webb's lunch and learn – "Naloxone: if you care, prepare." The late afternoon session was informative of positive community factors from Northeastern Counseling Center (NCC) and after-hour services given from Patricia Bennett, LCSW, NCC.



QPR also known as 'Question. Persuade. Refer." Is a three step intervention plan. It is a not treatment or counseling, but is formed to give hope to those who need positive action when dealing with suicide & crisis. QPR is to increase awareness of stigma and understand suicide as a public health issue, how to recognize someone at risk of suicide, how to 'Question, Persuade, and Refer' someone who may be suicidal, how to access local and national referral resources, and how to offer hope and save a life. Chapoose reviewed the myths and facts about preventing suicide by creating real-life scenarios. For example: 'No one can stop a suicide, it is inevitable'. When dealing with suicide, take all signs seriously. The common clues; Direct Verbal Clues, Indirect Verbal Clues, Behavioral Clues, Situational Clues.

Direct Verbal Clues examples:

•"I've decided to kill myself."
•"If (such and such) does not happen, I am going to 'off' (Kill) myself."
•"I wish I were dead."

Indirect Verbal Clues examples:

•"My family would be better off without me."
•"Who cares if I'm dead anyway."
•"I won't be around much longer"

Behavioral Clues:

•Any previous suicide attempt
•Withdrawing from activities
•Depression, moodiness, hopelessness occurring at the same time
•Drug or alcohol misuse, or relapse after a period of recovery

Situational Clues:

•Death of a spouse, child, or best friend – especially by suicide
•Diagnosis of a serious or terminal illness
•Sudden unexpected loss of freedom/ fear of punishment
•Fear of becoming a burden to others

Reminder – If you cannot ask the question, find someone who can. Almost all efforts to persuade someone to live instead of attempting suicide will be met with agreement and relief, don't hesitate to get involved or take the lead. *(Neesah Kanip, UB)*

Part 2 will appear in the next issue of the Ute Bulletin on October 28, 2026.

Glow Walk a glowing success

Painted Horse hosted a Glow Walk on October 3, 2026. The turnout was awesome. We had over 42 participants attend.

It was a great evening. Everyone enjoyed the walk that started at dusk. The kids enjoyed it because they gave out glow swag: glow sticks, glasses, bracelets, and hair lights. Everyone enjoyed themselves. Thank you, Painted Horse Staff, for hosting this walk. (Gwenita Pawwinnee, JD, UB)

Left to right: Painted Horse Diabetes Prevention Program team members Mercedez Zismer (Community Activities Prevention Specialist), Deljean Redfoot (Personal Trainer), Shawnee Arrowchis (Morning Outreach Coordinator) and Glow Walk participants are aglow against the evening sky on Saturday October 3, 2026. *(Gwenita Pawwinnee, UB)*

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Job Announcements for the Ute Indian Tribe and Ute Tribe Enterprises are available online at www.utetribe.com or at the Human Resource office. Current Job Opening:

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Road Maintenance-IRR Transportation: Road Maintenance Coordinator
Grants Administration: Compliance Supervisor
Road Maintenance-IRR Transportation: Director
Alcohol Substance Abuse Prevention: Clinical Director
Ute Family Service: Child Protection Specialist
Brownsfields: Coordinator
Senior Citizens: Home Health Aide
Head Start Program: Site Coordinator
Head Start Program: Family Advocate
Water Rights: Field Technician
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Water Rights: Ditch Rider
Ute Family Service: Social Worker
Ute Energy Exploration & Marketing: Chief Executive Officer
Red Pine: Male House Manager
Air Quality: Indoor Air Technician
Air Quality: Air Quality Specialist
Minerals/Royalty Management: Compliance Specialist
Air Quality: Air Quality Specialist
Minerals/Royalty Management: Compliance Specialist
BIA/OJS Law Enforcement: Public Safety Operator
BIA/OJS Law Enforcement: Drug & Gang Investigator
BIA/OJS Law Enforcement: Tribal Criminal Investigator
CHR: Community Health Representative
Food Distribution Program: Nutrition Coordinator
Ute Indian Tribe Emergency Medical: UIT EMS AEMT or Paramedic
Justice Center: Process Server
Head Start Program: Cook (3) positions
UTERO: Auditor
UTERO: Office Manager
Ute Indian Tribe Security Dept: UIT Lead Security Officer
Ute Indian Tribe Security Dept: UIT Security Officer
Head Start Program: Health Specialist
Natural Resource Department: Land Use Specialist
Adult Probation & Parole: Probation Officer (2)

Ute Enterprise LLC Job Vacancies:

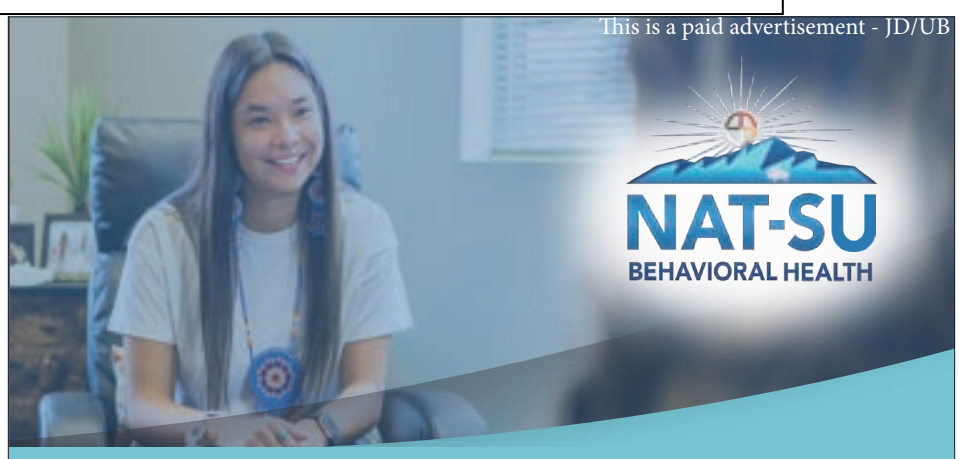
UOWS: Water Truck Driver
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Ute Plaza: Lead Cashier
Ute Plaza: Grocery Stocker
Ute Plaza: Grocery Lead
Ute Petroleum Fort Duchesne: KKC Worker
Ute Petroleum Myton: Deli Worker
Ute Crossing Grill: Bread Maker
Ute Crossing Grill: Prep Cook
Ute Crossing Grill & Lanes: Pinchaser/Desk Clerk

Job Announcements for Ute Enterprise LLC visit www.utetribe.com (Note: Tribal Preference will be exercised. All salaries are DOE and subject to change.) To obtain a Ute Enterprise LLC application stop by our office located 7074 E 900 S in Fort Duchesne, Utah, 84026 or store locations. Follow QR for application send to: enterprisejobs@utetribe.comUte Enterprise Office. Follow QR for application send to: enterprisejobs@utetribe.com



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Opened *October 1st, 2026*
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To obtain an application, stop by our office located 7700 E 800 S in Fort Duchesne, UT 84026 or UIHA website *www.uteindianhousingauthority.org* **& email to** *uiha@utetribe.com*
Note: Tribal Preference will be exercised. All salaries are DOE and subject to change.

Announcement #	Position: Occupancy Manager	Start: $27.00
2026-01	Where: UIHA	HRs 37 (Full Time)

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE: Associates degree in Business Administration, Public Administration or Social Sciences from accredited college or university. Three years of working in property management or a related field, organizational management, or an equivalent combination of experience and education. Preferred experience with occupancy and/or residential specialist training. Preferred experience with HUD regulations, accounting, principles as well as Housing Authority policies and procedures.

Announcement #	Position: Warehouse Inventory Clerk	Start: $22.00
2026-02	Where: UIHA	HRs 37 (Full Time)

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE: High School Graduate or G.E.D.; a two year degree or an equivalent combination of education and/or work experience of three (3) years in management, inventory or warehouse field, or provided any clerical or accounting certification in business, accounting or related field that is relevant to the job description.

Announcement #	Position: Maintenance Worker	Start: $19.00
2026-03	Where: UIHA	HRs 37 (Full Time)

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE: High School Graduate, G.E.D. or equivalent. Provide building trades' certification in the field of carpentry and/or general building maintenance and home inspection/construction. OR a minimum of five (5) years of experience of skilled level carpentry work.

Announcement #	Position: Accounting Specialist	Start: $23.00
2026-04	Where: UIHA	HRs 37 (Full Time)

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE: High School graduate or GED. Must have a two or four-year degree in Accounting or minimum of five years' work experience in accounting. Governmental accounting experience required, understanding of OMB circulars, principles, practices, and techniques of public/Indian housing management and accounting; HUD regulations, NAHASDA regulations, and Tribal laws pertaining to low-rent housing. Experience: Computer literate with proficiency in using Microsoft Office software, Microsoft GP Accounting software, and Housing Data Systems (HDS) tenant accounting software.

Announcement #	Position: Development & Modernization Director	Start: DOE
2026-05	Where: UIHA	HRs 37 (Full Time)

EDUCATION & EXPERIENCE: A Bachelor's of Science degree in Construction Management or related professional discipline is desirable. An advanced degree in either Construction related profession discipline is also highly desirable. Must have at least ten (10) to fifteen(15) years of work related experience in the construction profession.

Application Checklist
(All items are needed as they pertain to the Job Announcement)

- UIHA Employment Application Form
- Resume
- Certifications
- Education Documents
- DMV Driving Record
- Copy of Valid Utah State Driver's License



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Departments

UTE TRIBE FISH AND WILDLIFE DEPARTMENT
P.O. BOX 190, FORT DUCHESNE, UTAH 84026
OFFICE (435) 722-5511 FAX (435) 722-2677

Public Announcement: Bison Health, Sample Collection, and Bison Hunts 2026 (As of 9/29/26):

Bison hunters are free to continue their hunts. **It has been clarified that you are not required to have Fish and Wildlife Big Staff accompany you on the bison hunts,** but it is encouraged that hunters make arrangements with the Fish and Wildlife Big Game Department to have a Big Game Staff Member accompany them during the hunt when possible. Having a staff member present can provide assistance and **help reduce the risk of hunters encountering or handling a sick bison.**

Signs to Watch For:

Bison with pneumonia or other illnesses may show signs such as:

1. Nasal discharge or mucus coming from the nose
2. Moving or walking noticeably slower than other members of the herd
3. A thin appearance or prominent ribs
4. Unusual weakness
5. Separating themselves from the rest of the herd

Hunters who observe a bison displaying these signs should avoid unnecessary contact with the animal and notify Fish and Wildlife Big Game Department.

Reporting Sick Bison:

Hunters who spot a bison that appears to be sick are asked to report the animal to the Fish and Wildlife Big Game Department as soon as possible.

When reporting a potentially sick bison, hunters are encouraged to provide:

1. GPS coordinates of the location where the sick bison was observed
2. The approximate date and time of the observation
3. A description of the bison and the signs of illness observed
4. Any other information that may help Fish and Wildlife staff locate the animal

Providing **accurate GPS coordinates** will help Big Game staff locate and monitor bison showing signs of illness.

Sample Collection:

Fish and Wildlife Big Game Department are happy to provide **sample kits** to hunters who wish to assist us with obtaining samples from harvested bison. Hunters are encouraged to contact the Fish and Wildlife Big Game Department to arrange to receive a sample kit and instructions before or during the hunt.

Hunters who choose to participate are asked to provide the following samples to Fish and Wildlife Staff within 24 hours of harvest:

1. Lungs
2. Spleen
3. Kidneys
4. Liver
5. Fecal matter from the stomach
6. Fecal matter from the rectum
7. Hair and hide

When obtaining the samples, we ask that each part of the animal be separated into **separate Ziploc/Storage Bags and be organized into coolers.** When adding ice to the cooler **please make sure the body parts are stored in the Ziploc/Storage Bags and doesn't directly touch the ice.** This is to assure proper samples are obtained during the harvesting of the animal.

All tissue samples collected should **be no smaller than 1 inch × 1 inch.** Please contact the Fish and Wildlife Office as soon as possible after harvest to make arrangements for receiving and handling the samples.

Hunters are encouraged to contact the Fish and Wildlife Big Game Department in advance to make arrangements for assistance with the hunt and sample collection.

We appreciate the cooperation of all participating hunters. Your assistance with reporting sick bison, providing GPS locations, and providing timely samples will help Fish and Wildlife personnel monitor bison health and better understand potential disease concerns within the herd.

Hunters are encouraged to make arrangements and obtain further instructions regarding the harvest process and contact our Bison Manager, Julian Shavanaux.

Emergency Contact Numbers:

Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife Department: 435-722-5511

Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife Department Dispatch: 435-823-0983

BIA Dispatch: 435-722-2911

Thank you for helping protect the health of our bison herds and supporting responsible hunting.

PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Suspected Poaching Incident: Public Assistance Needed

The Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife Department is seeking the public's assistance in identifying three males connected to a suspected poaching and trespassing incident on September 12, 2026, in the Pleasant Valley area near the Uintah and Ouray Reservation. The incident occurred on private and tribal lands. The individuals were reportedly observed hunting and removing an antelope from tribal land without authorization.

Vehicle Description •White Dodge crew cab truck, model year 2000 or newer •Headache rack •Silver toolbox •Front guard bumper

Suspect Descriptions •Suspect one: Male, approximately 60–70 years old and 6 feet 2 inches tall; used a cane and was accompanied by a white pointer hunting dog

Obituaries



Gladys Pawwinnee
Oct 1, 1929 - Sep 22, 2026
Ft. Duchesne

Gladys Serawop Pawwinnee, age 96, of Ft. Duchesne, died on September 22, 2026, at her home.

Gladys was born on October 1, 1929, in Dragon, Utah, to Archie Serawop and Edna Tahguv. She later married Vernon Pawwinnee.

Gladys enjoyed gambling and being in the outdoors. When she was outdoors she enjoyed sightseeing in the mountains, hunting, and fishing. She also liked horses and working cattle. Family was very important to her, and she liked to attend sporting events to watch her grandchildren. She also could be found sewing and quilting.

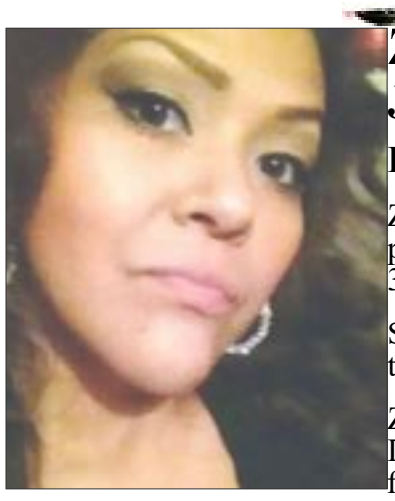
Gladys is survived by her children, Floyd (Annette) Wyasket, Patrick (Diane) Wyasket, Kirby (Rose) Arrive, Gerald Workman, Sheryl Chapoose, Shawn Cuch, and Shaunda (Frank) Hardinger; 32 grandchildren, 72 great-grandchildren, and 10 great-great-grandchildren.

She was preceded in death by her parents, her husband, Vernon, children, Debra Chapoose, Alfonzo Cuch, Jr., and Gale Cuch; grandchildren, LeeAnna Redfoot, Ashton Murray, Chancy Cuch, and Drutanium Black; siblings, Hanna Serawop Santio, Fred Serawop, and Allen Tahguv.

Funeral services will be held on Friday, September 25, 2026, at 10:00 AM at the Ballard Chapel of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints.

A wake will be held on Thursday after 4:00 PM at the Ft. Duchesne Community Building.

Burial in the Randlett Cemetery.



Zipporah Apporas
Jul 29, 1984 - Sep 30, 2026
Roosevelt, Utah

Zipporah Apporas, age 42, of Roosevelt, passed away unexpectedly on September 30, 2026, at her home.

She was born July 29, 1984, in Roosevelt, to Deno Pike and Sonja Apporas.

Zipporah worked as a flagger for the Utah Department of Transportation and as a firefighter for the Ute Indian Tribe. She enjoyed drawing, beadwork, cooking, and spending time in the mountains. In her younger years, she participated in fancy dance and Northern Traditional at Pow Wows and enjoyed playing volleyball and basketball. She also had the opportunity to appear in a movie.

Family was especially important to Zipporah. She cared for her nieces and nephews, was proud of her siblings and made an effort to stay connected with them, and shared a special love for her father. Above all, she loved her sons and took great pride in being their mother.

Zipporah is survived by her sons, Acelino & Rayne Murray, of Vernal; grandmother, Pauline Black, Ft. Duchesne; siblings, Veronica Wopsock, Whiterocks; Sal Wopsock, Indian Bench; Sheila Wopsock, Ft. Washakie, WY; Braxton (Gaylene) Wopsock, Whiterocks; Delnaleen Wopsock, Indian Bench; Ashley Mallory, Roosevelt; Gabrielle Pike, Ft. Duchesne; Emmarie Pike, Rexburg, ID; Sophie Pike, Ft. Duchesne; Stewart Blackhorse, Salt Lake City; Kristina (Ben) Lloyd, Kentucky; Kristella Pike, Salt Lake City; Sunshine (Terry) Conetah, Vernal; Desiree Gardner, Salt Lake City; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, and cousins.

She was preceded in death by her parents; her sister, Joy Whitmer; brother, Del Wopsock; grandmother, Carrie Chase Thompson; and grandfather, Wilbur Black.

Graveside service will be held on Tuesday, October 6, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. at the John Harmes Cemetery in Whiterocks, Utah. There will not be a wake or viewing.

(Continued Suspected Poaching Incident)

•Suspect two: Male, approximately 30–40 years old, with a beard

•Suspect three: Male, approximately 30–40 years old, with shoulder-length hair

Available Photos Available images show the front and rear passenger sides of the truck, the older suspect with the dog, and the two younger suspects together. Although the images are unclear, they are the best currently available. *(Posted to Ute Bulletin Facebook)*

Contact Information If you recognize the individuals or vehicle, or have information about this incident, please call:

•Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife Department: 435-722-5511 during business hours
•Bureau of Indian Affairs in Fort Duchesne, Utah: 435-722-2911 after 6:00 p.m.

How to Report This or Other Incidents •To report this incident or any other suspected poaching, trespassing, or fish and wildlife violation, share as much information as possible with dispatch when you call. Include the date and time, location, descriptions of the suspect and vehicle, the license plate number, and whether you have photos or videos.

•If available, provide a GPS location, map pin, or coordinates to help officers locate the incident.

•Call dispatch or the official agency numbers listed above. Do not contact individual officers directly or rely on social media posts as an official report.

•Reports may be made anonymously. Written statements are strongly encouraged because they are especially helpful to the investigation.

•Information will remain confidential, and reporting parties' identities will be protected to the fullest extent allowed by law.

Safety First Do not approach suspects, trespass, or place yourself in danger to obtain information. If it is safe and lawful, observe from a distance and record details such as the license plate number or vehicle description.

A Spanish-speaking officer is available. Se habla español.

Please report information as soon as possible. Your assistance helps protect tribal lands, wildlife, resources, and traditions for future generations.

Thank you for your cooperation. Ute Tribe Fish and Wildlife Department