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HONORING THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE: VETERANS HONORING DINNER

On November 7, our community gathered for the Veterans Honoring Dinner, hosted by the Bishop Tribal Youth Council and the Cultural Center, to recognize the dedication of our local veterans. Through prayer, song, youth presentations, and a shared meal, the evening offered a warm expression of unity and appreciation. The event stood as a reminder of the deep respect we hold for those who served.



A QUARTER CENTURY OF CLEAN AIR COMMITMENT

Marking 25 years of dedication, our Air Quality Program continues to improve monitoring, research, and community outreach to protect the air we all share. We honor the progress made and look forward to the next chapter of environmental stewardship.



HIGHLIGHTS

COMMUNITY UPDATES

EXCLUDED INDIVIDUALS

CEO WELCOME

PROGRAM UPDATES

COMMITTEE + BOARD VACANCIES

TRIBAL COUNCIL



ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & UPDATES:

2025 UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS:

The Bishop Paiute Tribe will be holding General Council Meetings for the following **Saturday mornings** in 2025:

- **DECEMBER 20, 2025 (LOCATION: TBD)**

*** These meetings are only for Bishop Paiute Tribal Members and required Tribal Staff***

We will be serving breakfast at 8:00AM and the meeting will begin at 8:30AM.

If you would like to add an agenda item, please contact

Charlene Keller (760) 873-3584 ext. 1200.

2026 UPCOMING DISTRIBUTION DATES:

DATES: TBD

CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET:

- **MUST BE 21 YEARS OF AGE**- PROOF OF AGE (DRIVERS LICENSE, TRIBAL ID/CALIFORNIA ID OR BIRTH CERTIFICATE).
- **TRIBAL ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION**- (RESOLUTION OR TRIBAL ID CARD).
- **RESIDENCY VERIFICATION**-MUST BE A PERMANENT RESIDENT OF/ON THE BISHOP PAIUTE RESERVATION, ROUND VALLEY, RED HILL, OR THE CITY OF BISHOP.

(Examples of residency verification: Envelope with postdated stamp within the last 30 days prior to submitting application, Utility bill)

IF YOU HAVE BEEN INCARCERATED OVER 24 HOURS, YOU MUST RE-REGISTER


***IF YOU ARE CURRENTLY A REGISTERED VOTER, NO ACTION NEEDED.*
REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS, CALL THE TRIBAL OFFICE 760-873-3584.

REMINDER TRIBAL MEMBERS:

MAKE SURE YOUR MAILING ADDRESS IS CURRENT.

IF YOU NEED TO CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS, PLEASE FILL OUT A CHANGE OF ADDRESS FORM AND A W-9 FORM (BOTH FORMS ARE NEEDED). IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE TRIBAL OFFICE (760) 873-3584.



Pay Your Tribal Bills Online

- Housing-Rent
- Storage Facility
- Water/Sewer

Credit Card Payments can now be made online by visiting the Bishop Paiute Tribe's website bishoppaiutetribe.com and choosing the appropriate icon.

Easy and convenient from your home computer or mobile device!



BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL OFFICE
CHANGE OF ADDRESS/NAME REQUEST FORM

Copy of ID Card/Driver's License
 CHANGE OF ADDRESS
 CHANGE NAME

NAME (Print): _____
First Name MI Last Name

NEW NAME: _____
First Name MI Last Name Maiden

BIRTH DATE: _____ SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER: XXX-XX-XXXX
(LAST FOUR DIGITS)

NAME CHANGE - PLEASE PROVIDE NEW SOCIAL SECURITY CARD, NEW DRIVER'S LICENSE / ID, MARRIAGE CERTIFICATE OR COURT DOCUMENTS

New Address: _____
City, State & Zip: _____
Previous Address: _____
City, State & Zip: _____
Phone Number: _____ Message Number: _____
E-Mail Address: _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please list all your children under 18 whose address will change. Please include the last four digits of their social security number.

Print First, Last Name, Last 4 of Social

1. _____	6. _____
2. _____	7. _____
3. _____	8. _____
4. _____	9. _____
5. _____	10. _____

FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE or
www.bishoppaiutetribe.com

BPDC Office Relocation

444NBarlowLane (Old Schoolhouse)

Due to the renovation of the BPDC building on See Vee Lane for the Tribal Wellness Center, the BPDC staff have been working all year out of the main Tribal Administration building. BPDC is pleased to announce that we will be moving to the Schoolhouse building on Barlow Lane. We are working on some final preparations and anticipate being in our new office by November 28th.

The new BPDC address is 444 N. Barlow Lane.

Your patience is appreciated as we transition and get settled. Please contact Sara Alves or Dee Anne Chiatovich at (760) 873-3584

for more information.



BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE EXCLUDED INDIVIDUALS

The following individuals **are not** allowed within the boundaries of the Bishop Paiute Tribal Reservation.



TANYA
SOLESBEE

End Date: Indefinite



HECTOR
CERDA

End Date: 9/18/2029



JOSE
CAMACHO

End Date: 4/24/2029



GABBY
MCDARMENT JR.

End Date: Indefinite



RUBEN
GRANADOS

End Date: Indefinite



GABBY
MCDARMENT SR.

End Date: Indefinite



GEORGE
CHEZUM

End Date: Indefinite

NOT PICTURED:

- AUBURN ANDREAS
END DATE: 3/15/2029
- JORDAN BARR
END DATE: 8/16/2026
- DAMIAN MALONE
END DATE: 02/19/2030

- JOHN SALAIZ
END DATE: INDEFINITE
- LAUREN ANDREAS
END DATE: 07/24/2028

PLEASE NOTE: ANY ASSIGNMENT HOLDER HARBORING AN EXCLUDED INDIVIDUAL WILL BE CITED.

**IF SEEN ON THE BISHOP PAIUTE RESERVATION
PLEASE CALL BISHOP PAIUTE POLICE AT (760)873-4477 OR INYO
COUNTY DISPATCH (760)878-0383 OPTION 4**

*Copies of current Ordinances are available at
www.bishoppaiute.net or at the Tribal Office.*



Bishop Paiute Police **Department**

Raymond Allen

Tribal Police Chief

Christopher Aukee

Tribal Police Officer

Winubi Shaw

Tribal Police Officer

Hunter Begay

Tribal Police Officer

Trace Sapp

Tribal Police Officer

Trainee

Courtney Taylor

Animal Control Officer

(760)920-5698

For Ongoing Criminal Activity, If you witness a crime in progress or find yourself in an emergency, please dial **9-1-1** without delay. Following that, contact the Tribal Police at

(7 6 0) 8 7 3 - 4 4 7 7

Newly Hired CEO, Ted Wright



Ted Wright started Monday, November 10th as Chief Executive Officer. He earned a master's degree in educational administration and a Ph.D. in Education Theory and Policy from Penn State University. His doctoral studies focused on tribal political dynamics and economic development. He is Tlingit enrolled with the Sitka Tribe of Alaska and Central Council Tlingit & Haida Indians of Alaska.

Dr. Wright has an extensive background working for tribes and tribal organizations and more than fifteen years of experience as a chief executive for tribal governments in Alaska, Washington and Oregon. He has also managed the American Indian Leadership program at Penn State University and served as a Vice-President at Haskell Indian Nations University. He has conducted strategic planning processes and guided development of tribal, state and federal policy.

He has one child, a son who resides in Anchorage, Alaska with his dog, Murphy and is a physician with specialties in Internal Medicine and Infectious Disease. Ted would like to adopt a cat at some point, but not sure when the right time would be.

In his spare time, he likes to read, write, and travel, and also enjoys movies, sports, hiking, biking, cooking, photography and learning about different people and how they live their lives.

Ted just wrapped up his move to Bishop and is eager to get to work helping advance the interests of the Bishop Paiute Tribe.



**BISHOP
PAIUTE
TRIBAL
MEMBER**

DISCOUNT

ON GAS.

Cash Payment: 25¢ off
Credit/Debit Card Payment: 15¢ off

Enjoy your savings!

*Yuhubi Nobi Gas Station and Bishop Paiute
Gas Station appreciate YOUR business!*

INTRODUCING

Bishop Paiute Tribal Member Portal

Already have an account? [LOG IN](#)

CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Name *

Tribal Enrollment Number *

Email *

Phone number *

Date of Birth *

Password *

At least 8 characters

Repeat Password *

[CREATE ACCOUNT](#)



**Scan QR Code to
Register Today!**

Tribal members have exclusive access to key community documents.
Information on this page is intended for Bishop Paiute Tribal Members ONLY.



Bishop Paiute Tribe

Community Development Department

2026 Housing Program

Elder, Disabled & Veteran Housing Allowance

Provides an annual housing allowance to help cover home-related expenses such as utilities, maintenance, or small repairs.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled Bishop Paiute Tribal member.
- Elder: Age 55 or older.
- Disability: Must receive verified state or federal disability benefits such as SSDI, SSI, or SDI (doctor's letters are not accepted).
- Veteran: Must provide formal military documentation such as a DD-214 or VA benefit verification confirming honorable service.
- Assistance: \$500 per qualifying category (Elder, Disabled, Veteran) – up to \$1,500 per household per year.

Home Improvement Loan (All Income Categories: Below 80% and 80–100% AMI)

Provides zero-interest loans to Tribal members for essential home repairs or modernization projects.

Assistance:

- Up to \$10,000 per qualifying household.
- Repayable over 5 years with a one-time 2.5% administrative fee.
- Eligible work includes roof replacement, flooring, plumbing or electrical repair, and kitchen/bath upgrades.

Down Payment Assistance

Helps eligible low-income Tribal members purchase their first home.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled Bishop Paiute Tribal member in good standing with all Tribal accounts.
- Meet HUD low-income limits ($\leq 80\%$ AMI) and have lender pre-approval.
- Home must be used as the primary residence for at least 10 years.

Assistance:

- Up to \$10,000 grant, of which up to \$5,000 may be used for closing or site costs.
- Home must be used as the primary residence for at least 10 years.

Student Housing Assistance

Supports Bishop Paiute Tribal students attending accredited colleges or vocational schools with monthly rental housing assistance.

Eligibility:

- Enrolled Bishop Paiute Tribal member.
- Must live over 100 miles from Bishop while attending school.
- Enrolled full-time (12+ credits) and maintain a 2.0 GPA or higher.
- Provide proof of enrollment and grades each term. Assistance: Up to \$400 per month for 9 months, paid directly to the landlord.

Program Access All Community Development Department housing programs operate on a first-come, first-served basis. Each program maintains an active waiting list. For the most current information on program openings, eligibility, and availability, please visit or contact our office directly. We have staff here to help you understand your options and prepare your documentation.

48 Tu Su Lane, Bishop, CA, 93514

760-872-4356



Bishop Paiute Tribe Community Development Department

48 Tu Su Lane • Bishop, CA 93514 • (760) 872-4356 • Fax: (760) 872-4806

November 12, 2025

Dear Community Development Tenants and Applicants,

Family Composition and Custody Update

Starting January 1, 2026, all families will be asked to verify which children live in their household and which children they have more than 50% custody of.

This helps us maintain accurate household records and ensure compliance with HUD and tribal housing requirements.

All children residing in your home must be listed on your forms for occupancy and record purposes. However, children may only be added to your verified family composition if an adult in the household can provide notarized or court custody documents showing that they have more than 50% custody of the child.

To verify a child for family composition, you must provide certified or original birth certificates and Social Security cards, along with the custody documents. Custody documents must be signed and notarized by all parents listed on the child's birth certificate to be accepted.

Children living in the home without verified custody will be recorded in the household file as "residing only" and will not be included in eligibility or income deduction calculations until documentation is received.

The Annual Recertification Packets will be due by March 31, 2026. We have extended the date to allow time to gather the required custody and identification documents.

For questions or help getting custody documents notarized, please contact the CDD office at 760-872-4356 or visit us at 48 Tu Su Lane.

Respectfully,

Community Development Staff



Bishop Paiute Tribe Community Development Department

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NOTICE TO TRIBAL MEMBERS – Low Rent Housing List:

The Bishop Paiute Tribe's Community Development Department (CDD) is conducting a full review and update of the Low Rent Housing waiting list to ensure fairness, accuracy, and transparency. During a process change in 2024, the prior system used to track requests for low rent housing may have resulted in some applicants being unintentionally removed or not carried over to the current list.

To correct this and provide every community member an opportunity to verify their place, CDD will be holding a Low Rent Housing List Verification Period. During this period, any tribal member who believes they previously submitted a housing application or written request to be placed on the Low Rent Housing waiting list may submit documentation or proof to verify their prior inclusion.

Submission Instructions:

Please submit any of the following forms of documentation (if available):

- Dated copy of original housing application or request letter
- Email or written correspondence from CDD confirming receipt
- Any other written proof showing your intent to be on the Low Rent Housing waiting list

Submissions can be made in person or by email to the CDD Office during the open verification period. All submissions will be reviewed by CDD staff and the Housing Board to determine verification and reinstatement.

Verification Period:

- Start Date: December 1st, 2025
- End Date: January 30th 2026

Submit Documentation To:

Community Development Department: 48 Tu Su Lane

Email: CDDLlist@bishoppaiute.org

Questions: (760)-872-4356

CDD and the Housing Board appreciate the community's understanding and cooperation during this process. Our goal is to ensure that every tribal member who properly applied for housing has their application fairly reviewed and recognized.

Who Qualifies for CDD Programs?

Eligibility for most CDD programs is based on household income. In general, applicants must fall at or below 80% AMI. Some programs do allow for 80–100% AMI qualification, and those opportunities are noted elsewhere in this newsletter. Use the graph below to help determine where your household falls.

	2025 Median Family Income			\$104,200	United States			
	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
80%	\$58,352	\$66,688	\$75,024	\$83,360	\$90,029	\$96,698	\$103,366	\$110,035
100%	\$72,940	\$83,360	\$93,780	104,200	\$112,536	\$120,872	\$129,208	\$137,544

Community Develop Department Staff

Joshua Houck
Director

Anaya Brown
Administrative
Receptionist/Secretary

Vacant
Housing Counselor

Teresa Martinez
Housing Manager

Jeremy Vance
Construction Manager

Brian Willis
Maintenance Supervisor

Dean Turner
Foreman
Troy Spoonhunter
Foreman

Rubee Manuelito
Maintenance
Kristina Weaver
Housekeeper

Shane Thomas
Carpenter
Augie Brown
Carpenter
David Weaver
Equipment Operator



Air Program Activities Since 2001!

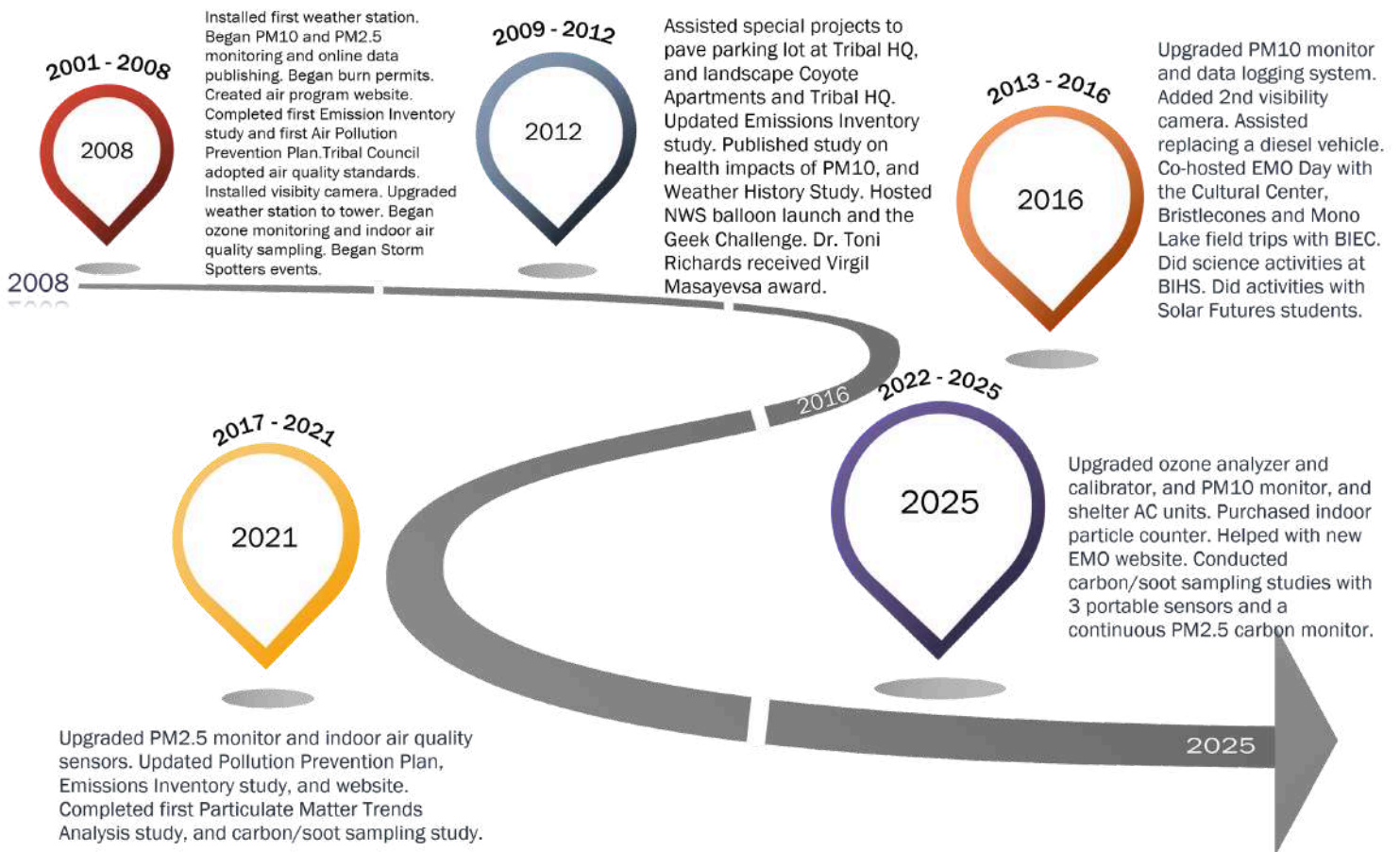
With the end of this year in sight, you're invited to celebrate with us the BPT Air Program going into its 25th year!! Please share in looking over some highlights of the history of the Air Program. The Air Program thanks the community for all the cooperation over the years and for the opportunity to serve you.

We are honored to continue serving the community in 2026!

Visit the Air Program home page at

http://www.bishoptribeemo.com/index_air.htm

For more info call **760-784-9308**



CCDF OUTREACH

QUALITY ACTIVITIES

BIKE RODEO

CCDF provided 70 families with Safety Equipment such as helmets, knee and elbow pads. And T-shirts for children ages 0 - 12 years old.



HEADSTART HEALTH CARNIVAL

CCDF played yard games and had prizes at the annual Fall health carnival. And provided over 60 families with resources for access to childcare.



FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL:

Pamela Martinez @
760-873-4414
Ext.2830

QUALITY ACTIVITIES & SERVICES

CCDF provides services and activities for children ages 0 - 12 years old. Please reach out if you need assistance with Childcare services, or are interested in participating in Quality Activities with CCDF.





Housing & Disability Advocacy Program (HDAP)

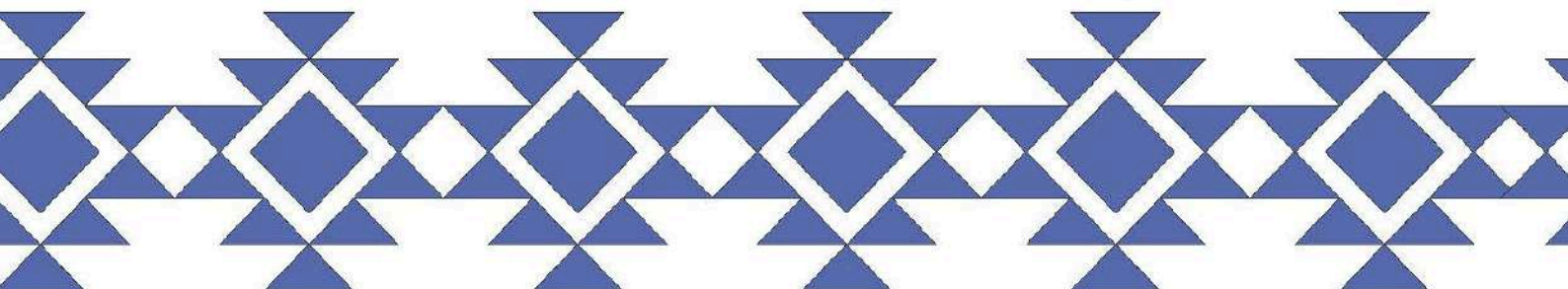
- Enrolled Member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Must be 18+
- Must be in the process to enroll in Social Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD).
- Must be in the appeal process for SSI, SSD
- Must be at risk of Homelessness

Program Cooperation:

- Must agree to actively Participate in Disability Benefits
- Must Engage in Case Management

For More Information Please Call: (760) 873-4414

kristian.oriuela@bishoppaiute.org





Home Safe Eligibility

- Enrolled Member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe
- Must be an adult 60 or older
- A Dependent Adult 18-59 years old
- Receiving Social Security Income (SSI) or Social Security Disability (SSD).
- Must be at risk of Homelessness

Program Cooperation:

- Must agree to actively Participate in Supportive Services, Housing Stabilization.
- Must Engage in Case Management

For More Information Please Call: (760) 873-4414
kristian.oriuela@bishoppaiute.org



Pick up at Bishop Paiute Tribe Social
Services

Building #3



FOOD PANTRY

for Families in Need

The Bishop Paiute Tribe Social Services operates a Food Pantry through the Tribal Opioid Response (TOR) grant. Please bring your Tribal ID at pickup. Supplies are limited and distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

The food pantry is available once per week per household and is intended for individuals and families currently in need of assistance.

For Operational Hours Please Call: 760-873-4414

ICWA PROGRAM UPDATE



ANONDA NELSON & MICHELLE CASTAGNE

32ND ANNUAL CALIFORNIA ICWA CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

- **Conference Attendees: 519**
- **Who Attended: Tribal ICWA workers, Tribal leaders, County & State agency partners, Attorneys, Judges, legal advocates, Social workers**

Application of the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) in Probate Guardianships

At the ICWA Conference Anonda Nelson M.S.W., ICWA Social Worker for the Bishop Paiute Tribe and Michelle Castagne J.D., from California Tribal Families Coalition Co-Presented to about 100 people who attended the workshop. The goal of the presentation was to go over the application of the ICWA in Probate Guardianships. By having a legal & social work approach we brought clear examples on how Tribes can intervene in these proceedings.



ICWA PROGRAM UPDATE CONT.

Presentation Description:

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was incorporated into the California Probate Code by Senate Bill 678 in 2006. Although the Probate Code did not explicitly recognize the application of ICWA until 2006, the Act has always applied to proceedings that result in the removal of an Indian child from their parent or Indian custodian, including probate guardianships where the child cannot be returned on demand.

Despite clear mandates under the law, implementation remains inconsistent across California. Many legal professionals, including judges, attorneys, and child welfare agencies, are either unaware of ICWA's applicability in probate cases or uncertain about how to meet its requirements. This creates a significant gap in protection for Indian children and their families.



This presentation provided an overview of the legal obligations outlined in ICWA and California law when Indian children are the subject of probate guardianship petitions. These obligations include proper inquiry and notice, the duty to provide active efforts, the involvement of a Qualified Expert Witnesses (QEWs), and compliance with placement preferences.



ICWA PROGRAM UPDATE CONT.

The presentation also addressed challenges frequently encountered by tribal representatives, tribal social workers and legal advocates, such as lack of legal representation for petitioners, delayed or inadequate notice to tribes, and insufficient cultural competency among court personnel.

By examining revised guidance on probate court ICWA requirements, this session equipped practitioners with the tools they need to identify ICWA-triggering cases, ensure compliance, and advocate for better practices. *Real-life examples and discussion prompts will help participants recognize common pitfalls and explore ways to promote ICWA's core purpose: keeping Indian children connected to their families, communities, and cultures.



*** Participants were provided with in-take packets designed by the ICWA Program to help tribal social workers/ICWA Representatives assess ICWA compliance, active efforts, parental consent & children's needs.**





ICWA PROGRAM PHONE: 760-873-4414
HOURS: M-F, 8AM-5PM



BISHOP PAUTE TRIBE ELDERS PROGRAM

ACTIVITY & EVENTS CALENDAR



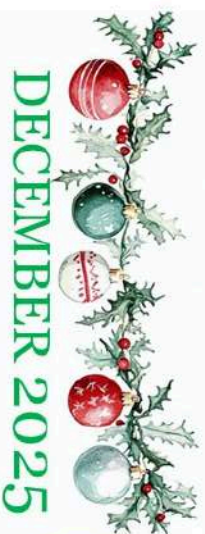
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	2	3	4	5
	Gingerbread House Decorating @ 5:30PM Dinner Provided	ELDERS CHRISTMAS DINNER @ 5:30PM	Coffee with the Chief @ 10AM	CLOSED for the staff party <i>Elders Christmas Bazaar 12/6</i>
8	9	10	11	12
15	16	17	18	19
	Head Start Singers @ 12PM Christmas Stocking Decorating w/ITCC @ 5:30-7:30PM Dinner	Christmas Hot Cocoa Social, 5pm-8pm Dinner Provided Music, Karaoke, Games, Social Interaction.	Vitals Clinic 11AM-1PM	December Birthday Celebration Birthday Bingo \$5 Buy in
22	23	24	25	26
Christmas Caroling 5:30PM Dinner Provided then get into vans to cruise the res.	Pajama Day Christmas Movie Day with popcorn and goodies	HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE	HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY	
29	30	31		
		HOLIDAY NEW YEARS EVE	<i>FYI-First day of Winter 21st</i>	

Menu and Activity Calendars Are Subject To Change

Eva Bacooh – Activities Specialist (760) 873-3052 ext. 1390

BISHOP PAUTE TRIBE ELDERS PROGRAM

MENU



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 Pork Carnitas, Rice, Beans, Salsa, Tortillas, Lime, Mandarin Orange	2 Roast beef Sandwich, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Cheese, Chips, Beet salad, Apple	3 Sunshine Chicken Salad, Whole Wheat Crackers, Strawberries	4 Chili Beans, Naan Bread, Garden Salad, Banana	5 CLOSED Staff Christmas Party
8 Pork Tamales, Rice Garden Salad, Sour Cream, Apple	9 Roasted Chicken, Rice, Potato Wedges, Mango	10 Chef Salad Whole Wheat Crackers, Ranch Dressing, Grapes	11 Spaghetti & Meatballs, Garlic Bread, Mixed Vegetables, Apricot	12 Shrimp Boil w/ Potatoes, Corn, Sausage, Lemon, Pear
15 Beef Stew, Naan Bread, Garden Salad, Orange	16 Chicken Burrito, Rice, Beans and Cheese, Peaches	17 Cheeseburger, Fries, Coleslaw, Cantaloupe	18 Pork Tenderloin, Cranberry Sauce, Scalloped Potatoes, Carrots, Watermelon	19 Clam Chowder, Oyster Crackers, Carrot Salad, Fruit Cocktail
22 Beef Tacos, lettuce, Tomatoes, Salsa, Rice, Beans, Honeydew	23 Christmas Lunch Tamales, Pozole, Rice and Beans, Pear	24 HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS EVE	25 HOLIDAY CHRISTMAS DAY	26 Tuna Sandwich & Tomato Soup, Crackers, Pineapple
29 BBQ Pork Rib, Coleslaw, Baked Beans, Peaches	30 Tri-Tip, Gravy, Baked Potato, Broccoli & Carrots, Pear	31 HOLIDAY NEW YEARS EVE		All meals served with 1% milk Menu subject to change



Menu and Activity Calendars Are Subject To Change

Marco Cardelas – Chef (760) 873-3052



OWENS VALLEY PAIUTE SHOSHONE CULTURAL CENTER

2300 West Line Street, Bishop, CA 93514 | 760-873-8844

HOURS OF OPERATION: WINTER HOURS (October - March)
Tuesday - Saturday, 10am - 4pm | Sunday & Monday, CLOSED

FOR INFORMATION
ON CURRENT &
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES,
FOLLOW US ON



DECEMBER HAPPENINGS

Thursdays & Fridays

December 4

December 11 & 12

December 18 & 19

CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOPS

&

CRAFT ACTIVITIES

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Saturday & Sunday

December 13 & 14

HOLIDAY MARKET

10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Wednesday, December 17
COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION

YPT Certifier: 775.783.0260 x2

8:00 am - 11:45 am

@ Cultural Center Grounds

Monday & Tuesday

December 22, 23, & 24

SPECIAL HOLIDAY HOURS

8:00 am - 6:00 pm

Thursday, December 25

CHRISTMAS

CULTURAL CENTER CLOSED

Wednesday, December 31

NEW YEAR'S EVE

Thursday, December 25

NEW YEAR'S DAY

CULTURAL CENTER CLOSED

Friday, January 2, 2026

NORMAL WINTER HOURS

RESUME



CULTURAL CENTER TO BE FEATURED IN LIVE STREAM FOR 4TH ANNUAL TRIBAL MUSEUMS DAY - DECEMBER 6, 2025

The Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center is excited to participate in the 4th annual Tribal Museums Day on Saturday, December 6, followed by a week of programming through December 12.

This national event started in 2022 celebrates the **Association on American Indian Affairs**'s (Association) 100-year anniversary and highlights Native cultures while supporting tribal museums tourism. As part of this celebration, the **Cultural Center** was asked to be one of four museums to be highlighted in the LIVE Streaming sessions, We will have 20 minutes on December 6 as part of the national broadcast.

Ways you can participate during Tribal Museums weeklong celebration:

WATCH VIRTUAL KICK-OFF: Live event on December 6 at 12pm PST featuring live interviews with Native wisdom keepers from Tribal Museums & Cultural enter across Native Country - available on the Association's social media outlets.

- YouTube: @associndianaffairs
- Facebook: @AssociationonAmericanIndianAffairs
- X (formerly Twitter): @IndianAffairs
- LinkedIn: @AssociationonAmericanIndianAffairs
- TikTok: @americanindianaffairsorg

VIEW THE ASSOCIATION'S WEBSITE: Explore other tribal museums and cultural centers across the U.S. by visiting their website link at <https://www.indian-affairs.org/tribalmuseumsday.html>

SAVE
THE DATE

UPCOMING
ACTIVITIES
WITH THE CC
OUTREACH



WEDNESDAY,
DECEMBER 3RD, 10TH, 17TH
START TIME 5:30 - 7:00PM

BASKET MAKING
WORKSHOP

LED BY CHARLENE REDNER
MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW



HONORING THE SPIRIT OF SERVICE: Veterans Honoring Dinner

On November 7, the Bishop Tribal Youth Council (BTYC) and the Cultural Center partnered to host a Veterans Honoring Dinner at Whiskey Creek, bringing family and friends together to give thanks to our local veterans.

Miss Bishop Paiute Tribe, **Kaytlynn Johnston**, served as MC for the event, offering a warm welcome and acknowledgements to our veterans. The opening prayer was given by tribal elder, **Val Goodwin**, followed by a Flag Song sung by tribal youth, **Chailah Mitchell**.

Arianny Toledo (BTYC) read the poem, “*We Honor You Today*“, then special guest, **Gordon Greene**, Inyo County Veterans Service Officer shared a few words. Guests enjoyed a banquet-style dinner followed by dessert, a beautiful cake made by **Marthina Taylor**, capturing the tribute to our veterans and this year’s Operation Greenlight theme.

Our MC also recognized those who made the evening possible.

- **Trina & Horacio of Whiskey Creek** – for the stunning banquet setup and ongoing collaboration with the Cultural Center
- **Melinda Verdier of Mammoth Embroidery** – for the veterans’ blankets
- **Gary Hampton of Pintail Imaging** – for the custom-made mugs and plaque
- **Marthina Taylor** – for the cake in honor of our veterans
- **Barbara I. Bowman** – winner of the 2025 Veteran Art Challenge, whose print was featured on the mugs

The evening also included appreciation gifts for: **Jon Frankson** for his commitment as Lead Honor Guard; **Dolly Manuelito** for creating two sets of ribbon shirts for the Honor Guard, and **Gordon Greene** for his ongoing outreach and support to local veterans and their families.

We thank everyone who attended and making this a memorable event! Much appreciation goes to:

Bishop Indian Head Start for their artwork thanking our veterans; **Blake Fimbres, Charley Lewis, Sophia Toledo, Arianny Toledo** (BTYC) & **Michael Campos** (BUHS); **Carrie Brown**, BTYC Advisor; and **Kaytlynn Johnston**, Miss Bishop Paiute Tribe



FINAL COMMUNITY MARKET - TOURNAMENTS WINNERS



We hope you enjoyed the market outreach activities for the 2025 season

Chuptuhii



1st - Jerome Federicks

Bone-Hog Handgame



1st - Jayce Fimbers, Matty Fimbers
 2nd - Byron Gustie Jr, Pedo Santana
 3rd - Frank Poncho, Jodi Poncho

THE CULTURAL CENTER STAFF WOULD LIKE TO WISH YOU AND YOURS A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!

WE'LL SEE YOU IN 2026

SHOP AND SUPPORT LOCAL ARTISTS THIS HOLIDAY SEASON

CHRISTMAS POP-UP SHOP

@ THE CULTURAL CENTER
 2300 WEST LINE ST. BISHOP, CA 93514

10AM - 4PM / OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

LOCAL VENDORS, HOLIDAY MUSIC, SNACKS & CRAFTS

DECEMBER 4, 2025

CRAFT SESSION: 11AM - 2PM
 MAKING A NO SEW BUCKSKIN POUCHES
 Free activity - Supplies provided for 25 people

DECEMBER 11 & 12, 2025

CRAFT SESSION: 11AM - 2PM
 MAKING A NATURAL MATERIAL WREATH
 Free activity - Supplies provided for 25 people

DECEMBER 18 & 19, 2025

CRAFT SESSION: 11AM - 2PM
 MAKING A BEADED CHRISTMAS BULB
 Free activity - Supplies provided for 25 people



ATTENTION ALL LOCAL VENDORS

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN SELLING YOUR HAND-CRAFTED ITEMS, MERCHANDISE, BAKE GOODS, ETC?... SPACE WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE MULTI-PURPOSE ROOM FOR VENDORS - 1 TABLE / 2 CHAIRS.

MUST SIGN UP BY WEDNESDAY BEFORE FOR THAT WEEK.

WE ESTIMATE 4-6 VENDORS PER DAY, QUESTIONS OR TO SIGN UP AS A VENDOR, PLEASE CALL THE CULTURAL CENTER 760-873-8844 X. 0. NO FEE!!



SHOUT OUT TO OUR YOUTH COUNCIL... ON MONDAY NOVEMBER 10TH, OUR TRIBAL YOUTH WENT OUT TO REPLACE ALL INDIVIDUAL FLAGS ON VETERAN GRAVES AT THE SUNLAND CEMETERY. IF THEY MISSED ANYONE, THEY LINED UP THE FLAGS ON THE FENCE LINE. GOOD JOB BTYC.



TOOWANO IS UPON US!

ITS THE SEASON TO PRACTICE AND SHARE THOSE STORIES & SONGS WITH YOUR FAMILIES.

- FYI - WE WILL HAVE OUR ANNUAL STORYTELLING SESSIONS ON KBPT 96.1 AND OUR LARGER STORYTELLING EVENT AT THE BEGINNING OF FEBRUARY 2026. WE'LL BE ASKING COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO SHARE.



2025

OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

HOLIDAY MARKET

2 DAY EVENT

Saturday & Sunday
Dec. 13th & Dec. 14th

INDOOR & OUTDOOR EVENT

8:30am to 4:00pm

@ THE OVPS Cultural Center

2300 West Line St. Bishop, CA 760-873-8844

HOLIDAY CRAFTS, JEWELRY, RAFFLES, BEADWORK, APPAREL, BAKED GOODS, FOOD, MUSIC & FAMILY FUN

Please scan the QR Code for the Vendor Application



Vendor information

1 Day: \$15 + Raffle item | 2 Days: \$25 + Raffle item
MUST PAY FEE AT SIGN-UP TO SECURE SPACE
NON-REFUNDABLE FEE

One Table Per Vendor Inside, Limited Space inside.

Vendors will be provided one table and two chairs Baked Goods & Food Vendors must provide valid Food Handler's Certificate.



YUUWANO RECAP

FALL FANDANGO - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025

A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL WHO PARTICIPATED IN THIS YEAR'S FALL FANDANGO! THE DAY WAS FULL OF ACTIVITIES COORDINATED AND ORGANIZED BY MANY HANDS. WE WOULD LIKE TO THANK A FEW PEOPLE AND ORGANIZATIONS FOR THEIR ONGOING SUPPORT: OWENS VALLEY INDIAN WATER COMMISSION, BPT FOOD SOVEREIGNTY PROGRAM, OVDC NÜÜMÜ YAHODA LANGUAGE PROGRAM, BISHOP TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL, AND THE CULTURAL CENTER.



SPECIAL APPEARANCE

This season, we were honored to welcome our friends who visited to share songs and dances, **KUPIACHUM (Mind, Body, and Spirit in Tune)** from the Pala Indian Reservation. Their presence was a beautiful addition to this year's doings!

WORKSHOP INSTRUCTORS

Ikibei (Pinenut Mush) Making: Lavina Bengochia, Tania Spoonhunter, Gerald Lewis
Wihi Patsoo (Wire Basket) Making: Tania Spoonhunter
Rabbit Skin Blanket: Seth Tsoisie
Beaded Earrings: Barbara I. Bowman
Bracelet Making: Balery Covington

EVENT COORDINATORS

Singing Contest: MC and Michelle Cozad
Chuptuhii Tournament: Margaret Cortez
Horseshoe Tournament: Darren Delgado
Youth/Family Games: Nüümü Yadoha Language Program
3-man Handgame Tournament: Vincent Townsend
Youth Handgame Tournament: Vincent Townsend
Food Contest: Milo Vella

REDUCE, REUSE & REFUSE PLEDGE & INCENTIVE GIFT CARDS: Three Creeks Collective & Bishop Paiute Tribe

COMMUNITY MEAL: Carmen Williams & Crew

LIVE ENTERTAINMENT: Harry Andreas Band



YUUWANO RECAP

FALL FANDANGO - SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2025



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR WINNERS!

CHUPTUHII

- 1st place** - Kara Barlow
- 2nd place** - Beverly Coons

SINGING CONTEST

- Adults - 1st place** - Brian Poncho
- 2nd place** - Walter Hanson
- 3rd place** - Glenn Nelson, jr.
- Youth - 1st place** - Leviya Williams
- 2nd place** - Byron Gustie, Jr.
- 3rd place** - Chumash Duro

FOOD CONTEST - BATTLE OF THE BEANS

- 1st place** - TaVooSee Eddy
- 2nd place** - Paula Chandler
- 3rd place** - William Westervelt

FOOD CONTEST - FALL VEGGIE DISH

- 1st place** - Milo Vella
- 2nd place** - Tina Stone
- 3rd place** - Melissa Haskins

FOOD CONTEST - SALSA

- 1st place** - Blair Moxon
- 2nd place** - Valerie Barron
- 3rd place** - Raymond Paul Stone

FOOD CONTEST - TORTILLA

- 1st place** - Paula Chandler
- 2nd place** - Pearl Vega
- 3rd place** - Glenn Nelson, Jr.

FOOD CONTEST - FRYBREAD

- 1st place** - Becky Rambeau
- 2nd place** - Violet Cortez
- 3rd place** - Brian Poncho

FOOD CONTEST - PINENUT DISH

- 1st place** - Melissa Haskings
- 2nd place** - Milo Vella

YOUTH HANDGAME

- 1st place** - Byron Gustie Jr., Frank Poncho, Jaidyn Mekelps.
- 2nd place** - TK Gustie, Chase Wittman, Leviya Williams.
- 3rd place** - Aspen Poncho, Jazz, Pedro.

HORSESHOE

- 1st place** - Jodi Poncho
- 2nd place** - Brian Poncho
- 3rd place** - John Kinney

3-MAN HANDGAME

- 1st place** - Aspen Poncho, Brian Poncho, Jodi Poncho
- 2nd place** - Sai-Yah Fredericks, Justin, Luke.
- 3rd place** - Misty Williams, Tawny Williams, Bryce Williams.



Elevate Youth Group

Targeting ages 12 - 26
For the empowerment of the youth

Goals:

- Gain tools to create future leaders and advocates
- Up lift youth to be successful on your life path
- Reduce overdose risk and substance use
- Have youth lead talking circles
- Training in story telling, public policy, organizing and legislative navigation

Some Activities to look forward to:

- Educational fun field trips
- Monthly cultural exchanges and projects
- Tribal language programs
- leadership workshops

Engaging community activists, cultural leaders, and policy experts

Meeting the limited and long-term needs of tribal youth

Guided by elders, the knowledge keepers of our communities

Hosted by Crossroads Recovery Center
536 W Line st.
Bishop, Ca 93514
(760) 873 - hope

Do you want to make a difference in your tribal community?

Seven Challenges

What do I get out of this?

Helping ages 12 - 26

- You will have a safe space to open up about your life experiences with drugs and alcohol
- individual or group therapy sessions
- Benefits of guided journaling that is completely private + creating and learning mutual respect between you and others
- We will meet you where you are at in your life, and help raise your consciousness and inspire hope
- The support system you need to help you be successful
- How drugs and alcohol can affect your life path + acquire tools to help make better and different decisions

No Blame, No Shame, No Stigma

To sign up come by or call Crossroads recovery center located at 536 W Line St. Bishop, Ca 93514 or call (760) 873- hope

The SAMHSA National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices

Seven Challenges

The children will have opportunity to talk 1 on 1 with a counselor or in a group setting

HELPING AGES 12 - 26

The program is not one size fits all, we tailor it to fit the needs of the individual

Mastery counseling
compressive counseling program

Initial Presentation
Clarification of the issue
Identification and confirmation of a session goal
Possibilities
Resolution
Closure

Individualizes relapse prevention

- Counseling without shame, blame or stigma
- Teaching trust and respectful relationships and building resilience in the face of setbacks

What can this do for my child?

- promote mindful self awareness
- increases emotional literacy
- helps to identify and clarify their own issues
- will help them to take power in their life
- Healthy decision making model
- Supports them in making thier own informed decisions, following through and elivating their progress
- supportive journaling
- (we wrap the program around the corners of the youth we serve)
- Improves client engagment with holistic counceleing

For More Info or to join come by Crossroads recovery center located at 536 W Line St. Bishop, Ca 93514 or call (760) 873- hope

BISHOP EHS

PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS



DECEMBER 2025

What is EHS?

Applications for 2025-26 school year to be accepted throughout the year. EHS is a comprehensive early learning program for children 6 weeks-36 months old. The EHS program delivers early learning/education, health nutrition, and family support services.



Join Our Team

Teacher
Full-time
Open until filled

Cook/Aide
Full-Time

Apply online @
ovcdc.com/employment/

IMPORTANT DATES:

- 12/22-31st Winter Break CLOSED to children

Contact Info

**Education, Culture & Partnership
Liaison**

Josie Rogers

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(760)920-0434 or (760)872-4574



Manor Market Complete Streets Project:

JOIN US FOR THE PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

Stay informed, engaged, and connected! This open house style meeting provides you the opportunity to connect with subject matter experts involved with the project.

Wednesday, December 10th

5:30PM-6:30PM

Jill Kinmont Boothe School

166 Grandview Rd

Bishop, CA 93514



**HOLIDAY
GIFTS
FOR PLAY**

**'TIS THE SEASON
FOR DECEMBER FUN
EARN POINTS DURING
THESE TIMES TO GET
GREAT HOLIDAY GIFTS!
WHILE SUPPLIES LAST**

★ WEEK 1
WED - SUN
Dec 3 - 7
1,250 POINTS
EARNS ONE GIFT

Pick from any of these great gifts and earn up to two!



6-COMPARTMENT
SERVING TRAY



HIGH TIDE MULTI-COLOR
DRINKING GLASSES



41 OZ GLASS TEA POT
WITH FILTER

★ WEEK 2
WED - SUN
Dec 10 - 14
1,500 POINTS
EARNS ONE GIFT

Pick from any of these great gifts and earn up to two!



CAMP FOLDING CHAIR



PLAID VELVET SHERPA THROW



TABLETOP FIREPIT
WITH SKEWER SET

★ WEEK 3
WED - SUN
Dec 17 - 21
2,000 POINTS
EARNS ONE GIFT

Pick from any of these great gifts and earn up to two!



MEGA WIRELESS
SOUND BAR



EVERLAST MASSAGE SET



CORDLESS VACUUM



Win big for being the worst!
FRI • DEC 19 ★ LIVE DJ @ 7

1ST	2ND	3RD	4TH	5TH
\$200	\$150	\$100	\$75	\$50

REGISTER @ 8PM ★ JUDGING @ 9PM

**WANAHA
CASINO**

**'TIS THE SEASON
FOR DECEMBER FUN**
@WANAHA CASINO

**NEW YEAR'S
EVE
PARTY**

31 DEC | STARTING @ 8 PM

LIVE DJ

PARTY SUPPLIES

BALLOON BUST

ALL CASH! WIN \$15 UP TO \$300

ALL SEATED SLOT & TABLE PLAYERS WILL GET A BALLOON AT 8PM



**GRAND
CASH
COLUMNS**

PICK A HANGING COLUMN & WIN CASH FROM
\$200 | \$250 | \$300 | \$350 | \$400 | \$450 | \$500 | \$550 | \$600 | \$650 | \$700

DRAWINGS EVERY 15 MINS • 9PM - 11:30PM

**\$5,000 DRAWING
@ 11:45PM**

EARN ENTRIES STARTING DEC 1ST FROM YOUR PLAY

FRIDAYS UP TO DEC 19

**Christmas
TREE OF CASH**

PICK AN ORNAMENT, WIN UP TO

\$599 CASH

TICKETED
DRAWINGS

DRAWINGS EVERY 15 MINS • 7-10PM

SATURDAYS

UP TO DEC 20



PICK A
HANGING
STOCKING &
WIN UP TO

\$599 CASH

PLUS HOLIDAY TREATS
FROM LOCAL BAKERIES!

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**ALL COMMITTEE'S ARE
PAID HONORARIUMS**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN A VACANCY
ON A COMMITTEE/ BOARD,
PLEASE SUBMIT A LETTER OF INTENT.
FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE TRIBAL
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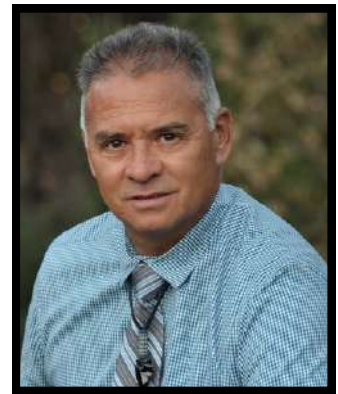
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