



BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE TRIBAL NEWSLETTER



FEDERAL LAW ENFORCEMENT TRAINING

The Bishop Paiute Tribe's Tribal Police Department send another Officer Trainee to training at the Federal Law Enforcement Training Center located in Artesia New Mexico.

On January 13th 2026, Trace Sapp successfully completed his training and graduated from the United States Indian Police Academy along with his fellow trainees.

On January 22nd 2026 during the Regular Tribal Council, Trace Sapp was sworn in by Steven Orihuela, Tribal Chairman. On behalf of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, we would like to congratulate Mr. Sapp on his success and wish him the best on his future career and duty with the Bishop Paiute Tribe.



NEWSLETTER HIGHLIGHTS



TRIBAL COMMUNITY INSIGHT & UPDATES



MIDDLE MILE



TRIBAL DEPARTMENTS & PROGRAM UPDATES



TRIBAL COMMUNITY CALENDARS





2026 UPCOMING GENERAL MEETINGS:

The Bishop Paiute Tribe has updated the upcoming General Council Meeting dates for 2026. The new meeting dates will be held Saturday mornings on the following dates listed;

- March 7, 2026
- September 19, 2026
- June 6, 2026
- December 5, 2026

*** 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 Ambrosia Stone (760) 873-3584 ext. 1200.



2026 UPCOMING DISTRIBUTION DATES:

DEADLINE TO REGISTER:

- JANUARY 12, 2026
- APRIL 13, 2026
- JULY 13, 2026
- OCTOBER 12, 2026

DISTRIBUTION DATE:

- FEBRUARY 11, 2026
- MAY 13, 2026
- AUGUST 12, 2026
- NOVEMBER 11, 2026

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



VACANCIES FOR THE BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE COMMITTEES/BOARDS:

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

CONSTITUTION COMMITTEE

DAVID WEAVER
VICTORIA BEGAY
DIANE HART
CHRISTOPHER TURNER
VACANT

EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

VACANT
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ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE

JORDAN ANDREAS
LYNDA CHARLEY
PHILLIP KANE
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TRIBAL COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

PATRICIA HOWARD
VALERIE GOODWIN
LYDIA SCHULTZ
VACANT
VACANT

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

SABRINA RENTERIA
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VACANT
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CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

KAYLA STONE
DIANA TERRAZAS
CHARLENE REDNER
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MISS BISHOP COMMITTEE

LETICIA GONZALES
JORDAN ANDREAS
ALYSA CHARTRAW
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VACANT

UTILITY ADVISORY BOARD

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DIANE HART
WILLIAM VEGA
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TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY (TEPA) BOARD

NOAH WILLIAM
AHWAHNEE WILLIAMS
TERRY BOUCH
VACANT
VACANT

TRIBAL HISTORIC PRESERVATION OFFICE (THPO) COMMITTEE

MERVIN HESS
ALROY BARLOW
Darrell Maddox
Patricia Bengochia
VACANT



FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CONTACT
AMBROSHIA STONE, CHIEF OPERATIONS OFFICER AT (760)873-3584 EXT. 1340

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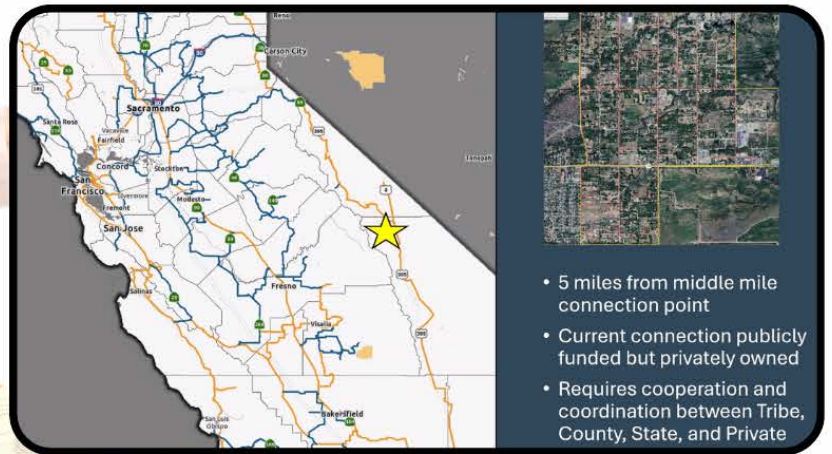
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MIDDLE MILE BROADBAND PRESENTATION

JANUARY 16, 2026 IN SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA



- 5 miles from middle mile connection point
- Current connection publicly funded but privately owned
- Requires cooperation and coordination between Tribe, County, State, and Private

Chairman Steven Orihuela recently represented the Bishop Paiute Tribe at a California Middle Mile Advisory Committee meeting, where he spoke about the critical role broadband infrastructure plays in strengthening Tribal communities, economies, and sovereignty. He appeared by invitation in person at the conference in Sacramento California among many representatives from state and local governments across California. His presentation was well received and helped underscore why Tribal voices are essential in statewide broadband planning efforts.

During his remarks, the Chairman emphasized that broadband is critical infrastructure just like roads, water, or electricity. Reliable, high-speed internet enables tribes to fully participate in today's economy while maintaining ownership, control, and local decision-making over their networks. Tribal ownership of broadband infrastructure not only strengthens sovereignty, but also ensures that connectivity solutions are designed to meet the unique needs of Tribal communities.

The Chairman highlighted that Tribal communities remain among the most underserved areas in the country when it comes to broadband access. This digital divide limits access to opportunity and services that many others take for granted. Broadband, he noted, is a cornerstone for equal opportunity in the 21st century, opening doors to education, healthcare, employment, and civic participation.



In addition, broadband expands access to online training and certification programs, supporting lifelong learning for Tribal members of all ages. Telehealth services were another key focus, as they significantly reduce long travel times for medical care—especially for elders and individuals with mobility challenges—while improving access to specialists and timely care.

The Chairman concluded by emphasizing that Tribal broadband is not just an investment in technology, but an investment in people, sovereignty, and the Tribe's future. The positive response to the presentation reflects a growing recognition of the importance of Tribal leadership in broadband development.

This presentation was just the beginning in a series of events and milestones coming up this year in broadband development for the Bishop Paiute Tribe. The Tribe is scheduled to be one of the very first to connect to the state's Middle Mile Broadband Initiative, which will bring ultra high speed connectivity to the people and institutions of the Bishop Paiute Reservation. Under a grant from the National Telecommunications and Infrastructure Agency, the Tribe is expected to provide high speed low cost internet to over 130 homes by June of 2027.



BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE

HUMAN RESOURCE OFFICE

Recruitment Information:

If you are interested in applying at the Bishop Paiute Tribe, please contact the Human Resource Office for more information.

Job listings
&
descriptions

Employment
Applications
& Resumes

Contact Information:

Phone #: (760)873-3584

EXT. 1620

Recruiting@bishoppaiute.org

New Hire

Bishop Paiute Tribe's Human Resources Director

Community Message:



Christopher Novak
christopher.novak@bishoppaiute.org

Hi, my name is Christopher Novak and I am honored to serve as the Human Resources Director for the Bishop Paiute Tribe. I bring a strong background in tribal human resources, employment compliance, and workforce development, with experience supporting tribal governments and Indigenous organizations.

I am passionate about creating HR practices that are fair, transparent, that align with tribal values. I believe Human Resources should be a trusted partner—supporting employees while helping leadership build strong, sustainable teams.

In this role, I looked forward to listening, learning, and working collaboratively to strengthen workplace culture and ensure policies and practices support both employees and the Tribe's long-term vision. I welcome anyone who is willing to come and share history, insight, and recommendations.

Respectfully,
Christopher Novak



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NEW HIRE

ICWA SPECIALIST FOR SOCIAL SERVICES



Wasuya Martinez

Manahuü, My name is Wasuya Martinez. I'm the daughter of Pamela and Neil Martinez, granddaughter of Eugene Martinez. I'm 19 years old and apart of the Bishop Paiute Tribe and the Navajo Nation.

I am the new ICWA specialist for the Social Services department of the Bishop Paiute Tribe. I have always been strongly committed to serve and represent our community to the best of my ability. Through Princess titles in and outside our valley, the eastern representative on California's Native American truth and healing youth council also serving as a Bishop Tribal Youth Council female business area representative at national conferences in Minnesota, Arizona and Washington D.C..

Since graduating from Bishop Union High School in 2024 I have resided in Lawrence, Kansas. Where I studied at Haskell Indian Nations University majoring in American Indian and Alaskan Native Studies. I am excited to use my education to help contribute to the well being of my community, here with the Bishop Paiute Tribal Social Services.



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24 HOUR FITNESS

270 N. SEE VEE, BISHOP CA, 93514



Monthly memberships can be purchased through gym master or in person at the Nuumu Fitness Center.

For more information, please contact the fitness center at (760)784-9686

Anthony Tucker - Nuumu Fitness Manager - anthony.tucker@bishoppaiute.org
Joseph Molina - Nuumu Fitness Attendant - joseph.molina@bishoppaiute.org

TRIBAL POLICE DEPARTMENT

Raymond Allen
Chief of Police

Courtney Taylor
Animal Control Officer

Trace Sapp
Tribal Security Officer

Marisella Garcia
Tribal Police
Administrative Assistant



Wunubi Shaw
Tribal Police Officer

Hunter Begay
Tribal Police Officer

Christopher Aukee
Tribal Police Officer

(760)873-4477



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NEW GAS DISCOUNTS

ALL BISHOP TRIBAL MEMBERS WILL RECEIVE A .25 DISCOUNT PER GALLON WITH CASH OR CREDIT.

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GAS CARD REQUEST FORMS CAN BE FOUND AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE'S IN THE FRONT LOBBY.

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Family Formation Presents

BUHS Spring Sports & Activities Workshops



Dates and Times of Workshops

- February 5, 2026 @5:30pm
- February 12, 2026 @6:30pm
- February 19, 2026 @5:30pm

**Curriculum:
Indigenous Games**

Location for ALL Workshops

BIEC Cafeteria

Parent & Youth must attend to be eligible for the workshop incentive!



To pre-register:

Scan the QR code
or

Copy and paste link to the internet search bar:
<https://familyformation.typeform.com/to/TKGT7k5P>

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHT OFFICE NEWSLETTER FOR 2026

Now available at the Tribal Office, and have
been mailed to local tribal community!

- Tribal Forestry Restoration Program
- TERO Ordinance
- TERO Compliance
- TERO Service
- Proposed Trainings
- Upcoming Trainings
- 2025 Statistics
- 2025 Employers Percentage Graphing Chart

SAVE THE DATE

Environmental Management Office

OPEN HOUSE

Come Discover Our Work & Connect with Your Community

When: Wednesday, February 18th

Where: Cultural Center

Time: 5:00PM-7:00PM

For more information, please contact
Environmental Director, Tom Gustie III at
thomas.gustie@bishoppaiute.org



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Food Sovereignty Program February 2026 Events



Eastern Sierra Composting Meeting

The Bishop Paiute Tribe is leading a regional effort to turn local green wastes into a resource that boosts soil health. Help us map resources & build a business!

Wednesday Feb 11th, 10:30am-11:30am

Cultural Center, 2300 W Line Street, Bishop and Zoom: tinyurl.com/ydnwcewa



Seed Starting Workshop

Introductory hands-on workshop. Start seeds together in trays and take them home to plant out later in the spring.

Thursday, February 19th, 12pm-1pm

Elders' Garden, behind the Tribal Elders' Building at 350 N Barlow Lane



Fruit Tree Pruning at Head Start

Help prune trees at Bishop Indian Head Start so the students will have plenty of fruit this year! Prior pruning experience not required - all levels and ages welcome! Tools and snacks will be provided.

Saturday, February 7th, 10am-12pm

Bishop Indian Head Start School, 405 N Barlow Ln



♥ ♥ Garden Volunteer Day ♥ ♥

Wondering what to do for Valentine's Day? Bring your sweetie to the garden, or find one there! Forget speed dating and try weed dating! There's nothing more romantic than turning compost piles! Tea and cookies will be provided.

Saturday, February 14th, 10am-12pm

Cultural Center Garden, just SW of OVPSCC at 2300 W Line Street, Bishop

Please contact fsp@bishoppaiute.org or (760)920-2543 with any questions, or check for updates on our Instagram [@bishoppaiutefoodsovereignty](https://www.instagram.com/bishoppaiutefoodsovereignty) Facebook page [@bishoppaiutefoodsovereigntyprogram](https://www.facebook.com/bishoppaiutefoodsovereigntyprogram) and linktree: linktr.ee/bptfsp



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OWENS VALLEY PAIUTE SHOSHONE CULTURAL CENTER

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

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

FOR INFORMATION ON
CURRENT & UPCOMING
ACTIVITIES, FOLLOW US ON:



FEBRUARY HAPPENINGS

Tuesday, February 10
Wednesday, February 11
GIFT SHOP BUYING DAYS
10am - 6pm

Thursday, February 19
COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION
8am - 11:45am
@ Cultural Center Grounds

February 16-20 & 23-27
Monday-Friday (both weeks)
*Songs & Stories
on 96.1 KBPT @ 11am

Friday, February 20
Storytelling Night
5:30pm



THANKS FOR BEING A PART OF OUR 2025

What a year it's been! From traditional gatherings to community fun, we are so pleased that all these moments brought our communities together in the best way! We were also happy for the opportunity to collaborate and participate in events hosted by our other partners. Our sincere thanks to our collaborators, volunteers, and communities for making these events memorable for all!

Annual Gatherings & Community Events

Sharing our Our Oral Traditions | *EMO Earth Day & CC Spring Market | Spring Pinenut Blessing | *Memorial Day Weekend Market | Memorial Day Service | *Taatsawano | Traditional Cleaning & Cooking of Pinenuts | Tüba Nüga | *FSP Fall Community Markets | *Yuuwano | Veterans Honoring Dinner | *X-mas Pop-Up Shops | *Holiday Market

*Local Vendor Opportunities along with monthly Gift Shop Buying Days

Special Events & Exhibits

Annual Native Veteran Art Challenge & Exhibition | Nümüü Nawahii Fashion Show | OVIWC Film & PSA Screenings - *Saging the World & Reduce, Reuse, Refuse* | Participation in Operation Greenlight for Veterans

Nümüü Wia-Nü: Lecture and Teaching & Learning Series

Lectures: Endangered Owens Pupfish, Willow Basketry | **Teaching & Learning:** Archery, Beading, Chuptuhii, Flute, Handgame, Ikibei, Plant Identification, Pollinator Gardens, Rabbit Blankets, Tule Ducks, Wihi Patsoo, Willow Threading, Willow Basket Making

Demonstrations & Cultural Arts

Coiled & Twine Basketry | Beaded Collars | Baskets & Cordage | Tule work | Willow work | Beadwork | Traditional Music

Community Partnerships

Ft. Tejon Forced March Memorial Walk/Run | Flash Foxy Climbing Festival | Inyo County Office of Education | Inyo County Veteran Services | Orange Lutheran High School | Wanaaha to showcase local Native artists in new hotel

WITH APPRECIATION

We recognize our knowledge keepers and partners whose expertise and generosity made these events possible: Lavina Bengochia, Barbara Bowman, Balery Covington, Mary Davis, Renee Davis, Bill Eddy, Gerald Lewis, Nichole Lomaintewa, Allen Mike, Lucy Parker, Robert Piper, Jr., Charlene Redner, Joseph Sepsey, Melanie Smokie, Tania Spoonhunter, Seth Tsosie, Milo Vella, Troy Watterson, FSP & ESLT, and EMO & CDFW



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MILITARY OBSERVANCES

March

- 1 - U.S. Navy Seebee Birthday
- 13 - K-9 Veterans Day
- 25 - Medal of Honor Day
- 29 - National Vietnam War Veterans Day

April

- 9 - National Former POW Day

May - National Military Appreciation Month

- 1 - Silver Star Service Banner Day
- 17 - Armed Forces Day
- 26 - Memorial Day

June

- 12 - Women Veterans Day
- 14 - U.S. Army Birthday | Flag Day

July

- 4 - Independence Day
- 27 - National Korean War Veterans Day
- 28 - National Buffalo Soldiers Day

August

- 4 - U.S. Coast Guard Birthday
- 7 - Purple Heart Day
- 14 - Navajo Code Talkers Day

September

- 18 - U.S. Air Force Birthday
- 18 - National POW/MIA Recognition Day
- 27 - Gold Star Mother's Day
- 29 - National VFW Day

October

- 13 - U.S. Navy Birthday

November - Veterans & Military Family Month

- 10 - U.S. Marine Corps Birthday
- 11 - Veterans Day

December

- 7 - Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day
- 13 - U.S. National Guard Birthday



2026 VETERAN ART CHALLENGE

The Cultural Center is excited to invite you to enter the 2026 Art Challenge by using your artistic skills to honor our Native Veterans, the backbone and strength of our country. This challenge will be open to adult members of one of the Owens Valley Paiute or Shoshone Tribes, 18 years of age or older and should reflect the 2025 Native Veteran theme.

What artwork will be accepted?

- Must be hand drawn using paint, watercolors, charcoal, chalk, graphite pencils, color pencils, or ink & pen (NO Computer Art)
- Must be at least 11" x 14" in size
- Must be submitted by Friday, May 15, 2026 at 6:00 pm.
- One (1) entry per artist

Awards

1st place - \$400 | 2nd place - \$300
Consolation Awards for remaining participants

The winning artwork will be on permanent display at the Cultural Center and the image will be used throughout the year, as well as for veteran memorabilia in November 2026.

INYO COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE CONTACT INFORMATION

Gordon S. Greene,
Veterans Service Officer

Phone:
760-873-7850

Physical/Mailing Address:
1360 N. Main Street,
Suite #254
Bishop, CA 93514

Veterans Crisis Line:
988

Office Hours

Mon, Tue, Fri
8:00 am - 12:00 pm
1:00 pm - 5:00 pm

Bishop Appointments

Mon, Tue, Fri
8:30 am - 11:30 am

Walk-ins

Mon, Tue, Fri
1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

TO VISIT THE INYO COUNTY VETERANS SERVICE WEBPAGE, PLEASE SCAN THE QR CODE:



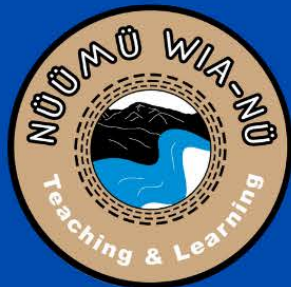
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SEEKING NATIVE ARTISTS & DEMONSTRATORS FOR 2026

The Cultural Center is launching its 5th year of demonstrations at the museum; and this past year we added more more classes and workshops. The focus of this program is to showcase the cultural heritage of the Paiute and Shoshone people and offer support to our local native artists.

- Demonstrations will run from May through August, or as needed during special events and tours.
- Classes/Workshops will be offered two different ways: 1. Contract w/ Instructor = No fees for participants; or 2. By Class/Workshop Fee = Fee required by all participants, to cover Instructor time and/or supplies. Classes will be dependent on season, supplies, instructor availability and schedule.



If you are interested in being a demonstrator or instructor during the 2026 year, please fill out the questionnaire using the QR code or reach out to the Cultural Center Outreach Program at 760-873-8844.



GIFT SHOP BUYING DAYS 2/10 & 2/11 10am-6pm

THE FIRST BUYING DAYS OF 2026 IS HERE!

The first buying days of 2026 are just around the corner. Calling all Owens Valley Paiute & Shoshone artists...it's time to get busy! We're seeking new, original, and handcrafted items and are interested in:

Beadwork - belt buckles, bolos, coin purses, medallions, men's wallets, credit card holders, beaded pens, retractable badge holders, hair barrettes, hair ties, headbands, hair combs, hat bands...

Leatherwork - wrist cuffs, pouches....

Woodwork - clapper sticks, carvings...

Fiber, Seed, Shell, or Gourdwork - baskets, burnt or painted items, and jewelry - especially pieces featuring **pinenuts**...

Flintknapping - bolos, carvings, jewelry...

Silverwork - earrings, rings, necklaces...

Other Native-made Items - apparel, art (various medium), photography, pottery, ribbonwork (bags, shirts, vests, neckties...)

Please note - All items must be new and your own original work and please **avoid**:

⊘ *Logos or trademarks | Pen or pencil markings | Used or soiled items | Fake cloth backing | Excess mirror or cabochon use*

Consignment Option - Any item priced over \$100 may be considered for consignment at staff discretion.

We can't wait to see what you bring in!



HUBIA-NA TÜNIDDO' MANIPÜ - SONG, STORY, TO DO IT



SHARING OUR ORAL TRADITIONS



ROUND TABLE LEARNING

- **Tuesday, February 3rd:** 10:00am - 4:00pm
@ Sage Smoke Studio in Big Pine, CA
- **Wednesday, February 4th:** 10:00am - 4:00pm
@ Three Creeks in Big Pine, CA
- **Thursday February 5th:** 10:00am - 4:00pm
@ Tunwi Nobi Building in Bishop, CA

LIGHT LUNCH PROVIDED

COME JOIN US AS WE PREPARE FOR THE UPCOMING KBPT RADIO LISTENING SESSIONS. DURING THIS ACTIVITY WE WILL BE REVIEWING STORIES, HAVING OPEN DISCUSSIONS, AND LOOKING INTO SOME TRIBAL HISTORY THAT WE CAN RECORD OR SHARE DURING THE STORYTELLING EVENT. IF YOU HAVE ITEMS YOU WOULD LIKE TO SHARE, PLEASE BRING THEM WITH YOU.

STORYTELLING FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

5:30PM - 8:00PM

AT THE CULTURAL CENTER
(FINGER FOODS AND SNACKS WILL BE AVAILABLE)
OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

LOCAL ELDERS AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS WILL BE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE AND SHARE ORAL STORIES, SONGS, AND MEMORIES!

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 21ST

12:30PM - 2:30PM



SPECIAL GUEST:
SAGE ROMERO
INTRODUCING
HIS NEW LITERATURE
"Wolf and Isha Make the Land"
(all in Nüümü)



LISTENING SESSIONS

TUNE INTO 96.1 KBPT RADIO
AT 11:00AM ON THE FOLLOWING DAYS:

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 16TH
through
FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 20th

MONDAY,
FEBRUARY 23RD
through
FRIDAY,
FEBRUARY 27th



FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THIS EVENT, PLEASE CONTACT THE CC OUTREACH PROGRAM, OFFICE: (760) 873-8844





BISHOP EHS Program HIGHLIGHTS

February 2026



What is Early Head Start?

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
Apply online @
ovcdc.com/employment/

Upcoming Events

- February 13th Staff Development (1/2 Day)
- February 16th President's Day (CLOSED)

Contact Info

**Education, Culture & Partnership
Liaison**

Josie Rogers

jrogers@ovcdc.com

(760)920-0434 or (760)873-5107



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QUALITY IMPROVEMENT CCDF



CCDF Providers & CCC Providers are Eligible for program support such as:

Toys, Books, & Activities

Health & Safety Items

Early Learning Supports

MORE INFORMATION

- 760-873-4414 ext.2830
- pamela.martinez@bishoppaiute.org



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RAVE



HEALING THROUGH CULTURE: RAVE'S DECEMBER WORKSHOPS

The RAVE (Relief After Violent Encounters) Program concluded December with a series of successful and engaging cultural workshops, bringing community members together through creativity, healing, and cultural connection.

RAVE staff are grateful to everyone who participated and helped make these workshops a success. The continued interest and engagement reinforce the importance of culturally grounded, trauma-informed programming as part of RAVE's ongoing support services.

The RAVE Program looks forward to offering additional workshops and classes in the coming months and remains committed to providing safe, healing spaces for individuals and families in the community.



During the month, participants took part in the Beaded Bulb Workshop, Beaded Earring Workshop, and Ribbon Skirt Making Workshop. These hands-on classes provided a supportive space for participants to learn traditional skills, express creativity, and strengthen cultural identity.

Attendance remained strong across all workshops, and participants shared positive feedback about the welcoming environment and the opportunity to connect with others while creating meaningful, handmade items. The workshops not only encouraged artistic expression but also supported emotional well-being by fostering community, reflection, and empowerment.



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Bishop Paiute IT Department

BE VIGILANT!



The Bishop Paiute IT Department encourages the community to keep all devices—workstations, laptops, tablets and cell phones—up to date to maintain security.

Updates fix problems, improve security, and add improvements to help device work safely and correctly.



Cyber thieves look for outdated devices with security weaknesses. They use these vulnerabilities to break into systems, steal personal or work information, install harmful software, or disrupt services. Keeping devices updated helps close these security gaps and protects against attacks.

PASSWORDS: Keeping passwords secure is essential to protecting your information. Use strong, unique passwords (*especially any sites dealing with your finances*) for each account and never reuse the same password across multiple systems. Do not share passwords or personal information with anyone, and never give sensitive details over the phone, as cyber criminals often use calls to trick people into revealing information. Password management software or applications can help generate and store passwords.



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Apply for FREE SOLAR!



Goal: **300 homes** by 2028. **227 homes** with solar so far!



See if you qualify!
Scan, call, or email GRID

951.465.2864

IEOutreach@gridalternatives.org
www.gridsolar.org/ie/

Applications available at Tribal CDD Office (48 Tu Su Lane)

760.872.4356

A partnership with GRID Alternatives Inland Empire. Limited funding is available for solar + battery.

Earn \$200 for each home
that goes solar with us!
Refer friends, family & neighbors
www.gridsolar.org/ie/refer/



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BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE ELDERS PROGRAM

ACTIVITY & EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026



ACTIVITIES

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2	3	4 HEALTHY COOKING CLASS @ 10AM BEGINNERS CHUP-TUHII @ 12:30PM	5 COFFEE WITH THE CHIEF @ 5:30PM LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED	6
9	10 PUZZLE PIECE HEART WREATH @ 5:30PM LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED	11 BREAKFAST CLUB @9AM ELDERS ADVISORY BOARD MTG. @4PM	12 RIDGECREST SHOPPING DAY LEAVING AT 7AM	13 EARLY HEAD START CHILDREN COMING TO MAKE SUN CATCHERS WITH ELDERS @ 10:15AM
16 HOLIDAY	17	18 BEGINNERS CHUP-TUHII @ 12:30PM	19 VITALS CLINIC @ 11AM-1PM	20
23 WOOD BURNED EARRINGS OR DAISY CHAIN NECKLACE @ 5:30PM LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED	24 WOOD BURNED EARRING CLASS CONTINUED IF NEEDED	25	26	27 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION BIRTHDAY BINGO \$5 BUY IN

Menu and Activity Calendars Are Subject To Change

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



BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE ELDERS PROGRAM

ACTIVITY & EVENTS CALENDAR

FEBRUARY 2026



MEALS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Two Cheese Enchilada, Rice, Three Bean Salad,	3 Salisbury Steak, Pasta, CA. Veggies, Mandarin Oranges	4 Sunshine Salad, Chicken, Whole Wheat Crackers	5 Pork Roast, Red Potatoes, Asparagus, Banana	6 Clam Chowder, Oyster Crackers, Carrot Salad, Red Grapes
9 Lasagna, Mixed Vegetables, Green Grapes	10 Shrimp Caesar Salad, Red Apple	11 Turkey Wrap, Ranch, Sweet Potato Fries, Cantaloupe	12 Beef Stew, Naan Bread, Banana	13 Tuna Salad on a Croissant, Tomato Soup, Orange
16 HOLIDAY	17 BBQ Chicken, Pasta Salad, Watermelon	18 Chili Beans, Corn Bread, Garden Salad, Peaches	19 Taco Salad, Tortilla Chips, Banana	20 Teriyaki Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Lemon Asparagus, Strawberries
23 Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, Strawberries	24 Beef Burrito, Bell Peppers, Salsa, Green Apple	25 Chicken Stir Fry, Brown Rice, Pineapple	26 Slow Roast Turkey, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans	27 Shrimp Boil, Coleslaw, Kiwi
All meals served with 1% milk Menu subject to change				

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JANUARY-DECEMBER 2026 YERINGTON PAIUTE TRIBE COMMODITY FOOD PROGRAM SCHEDULE

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YERINGTON NV 894477

PLEASE CALL AHEAD AND SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT BEFORE VISITING OUR WAREHOUSE OR OFFICE TO ENSURE PROMPT SERVICE.

TAILGATE SITE	JAN	FEB	MARCH	APRIL	MAY	JUNE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DECEMBER
FALLON @ GYM/HOUSING	7	3	3	1	5	2	7	4	1	6	3	1
YERINGTON	8	5	5	3	7	4	9	6	3	8	5	3
BRIDGEPORT	9	6	6	2	8	5	10	7	4	9	6	4
YOMBA BENTON & FISH LAKE	12	9	9	6	11	8	13	10	8	12	9	7
CARSON & WOODFORDS COMMUNITY CENTER/ GYM	14	11	11	8	13	10	15	12	9	14	10	9
LOVELOCK@TRIBAL ADMINISTRATION	16	13	13	10	15	12	17	14	11	16	13	11
BIG PINE @ OLD TRIBAL OFFICE	21	18	17	14	19	16	21	18	15	20	17	15
BISHOP CA CULTURE CENTER	22	19	18	15	20	17	22	19	16	21	18	16
RENO ADMINISTRATION	27	24	24	21	26	23	28	25	22	27	23	22
SCHURZ@ GYM	29	26	26	23	28	25	30	27	24	29	24	23

ITS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO CHECK YOUR BOXES

IT IS ESSENTIAL TO CHECK YOUR BOXES FOR ITEMS SUCH AS CHEESE AND MEATS UPON RECEIVING THEM TO ENSURE YOU HAVE EVERYTHING YOU NEED. REGULARLY VERIFYING YOUR INVENTORY HELPS MAINTAIN ACCURACY AND PREVENTS SHORTAGES DURING DISTRIBUTION.

NEW CLIENTS—PLEASE BE AWARE THAT WHEN APPLYING FOR FOOD BENEFITS, YOU MUST PROVIDE COMPLETE HOUSEHOLD INFORMATION. THIS MEANS SUBMITTING SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBERS AND BIRTHDAYS FOR EVERY HOUSEHOLD MEMBER. WITHOUT THESE DETAILS, WE CANNOT ADD THEM TO YOUR CASE. BE SURE TO BRING COPIES OF HOUSEHOLD BILLS, SUCH AS THOSE FOR ELECTRICITY, RENT, GAS, AND WOOD. ADDITIONALLY, IF YOU RECEIVE ANY TYPE OF INCOME—including SOCIAL SECURITY AWARD LETTERS, DISABILITY DOCUMENTATION, OR PAYCHECK STUBS—you MUST HAVE THESE ON HAND. PLEASE NOTE THAT GAMING INCOME IS NOT CONSIDERED AS PART OF YOUR HOUSEHOLD INCOME.

THE WAREHOUSE/OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED AT THE END OF EVERY MONTH DUE TO DOING INVENTORY. DURING THIS TIME, NO PICKUPS, DELIVERIES, OR ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES WILL BE AVAILABLE UNTIL THE INVENTORY PROCESS IS COMPLETED. PLEASE PLAN YOUR VISITS AND COMMUNICATIONS ACCORDINGLY TO AVOID ANY INCONVENIENCE.

SCHEDULE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE! STAFF WILL POST ON COMMODS FACEBOOK PAGE AND NOTIFY TRIBAL OFFICES

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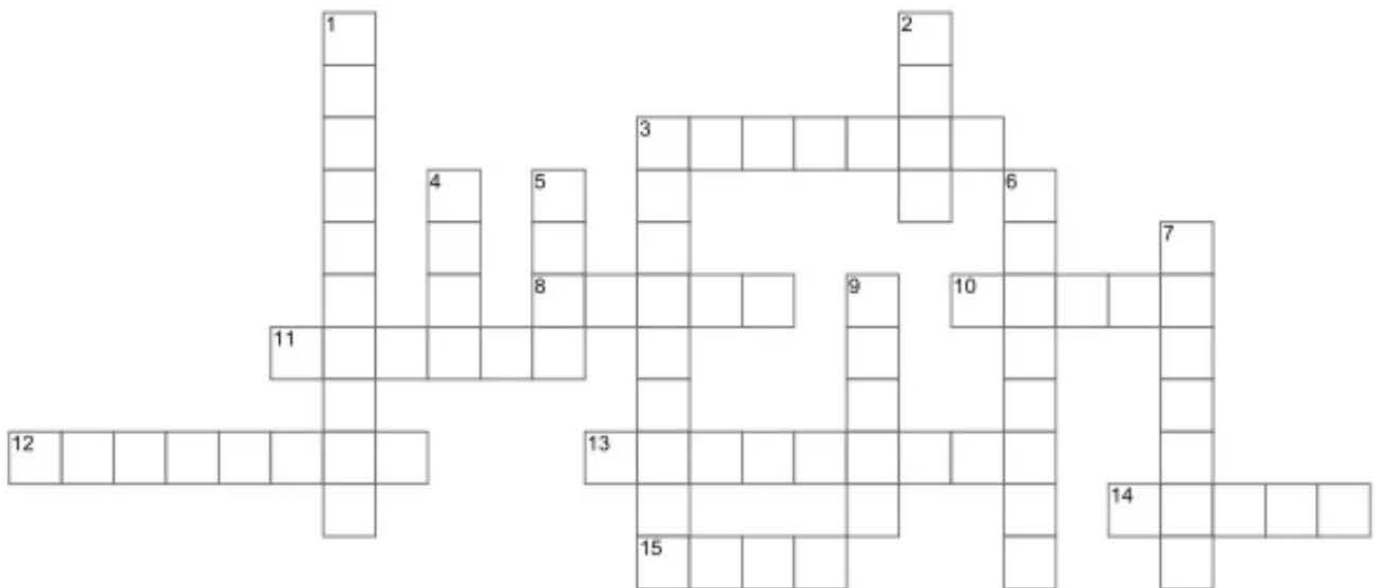
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HORIZONTAL

3. A present to show our love and appreciation.
8. Having a pleasing flavor; not sour or bitter.
10. Uses arrows to make people fall in love.
11. Closest confidant.
12. The month of love and winter's embrace.
13. Favorite type of candy.
14. Symbol of love.
15. A pale shade of red.

VERTICAL

1. A affectionate nickname for someone you cherish.
2. A simple expression of affection.
3. A special bond between two individuals.
4. Something given to celebrate a special occasion.
5. Symbol of love, delicate and fragrant.
6. A number.
7. A person who considers another individual to be exceptional.
9. Can actually contribute to feel happier.

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