

TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

MAY 2026



LAND PURCHASE RESOLUTION

Beginning Seats to the Sunland Cemetery Expansion

On March 24th Councilman Chad Delgado attended a regular meeting of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power (LADWP) Board of Commissioners, which was held at the LADWP headquarters located in downtown Los Angeles. Councilman Delgado addressed the LADWP Commissioners with a statement of support, requesting that the Commissioners adopt a resolution approving the sale of 11.24 acres of land. This land sale would allow the Bishop Paiute Tribe to expand its cemetery, which is at capacity. Councilman Delgado's statement reminded the LADWP Commissioners of the complex history that the Tribe shares with the LADWP, including the thousands of acres that were acquired by the LADWP to support the City's water system.



Councilmember, Delgado and Janisse Quinones, CEO for LADWP

The LADWP Commissioners unanimously adopted the resolution approving the land sale. With the adoption of the resolution, the sale now proceeds to the Los Angeles City Council for final approval. Once the final approval is obtained, the Tribe will be able to begin work on expanding Sunland Cemetery. "This land acquisition would be a historic first for the Bishop Paiute Tribe. It would be the first time the Bishop Paiute Tribe has been able to reacquire a portion of its original reservation lands" stated Councilman Delgado.

The Tribal Council is scheduled to meet with President Marks of the LADWP Commission in the very near future and are hopeful that additional collaboration with the LADWP will continue.



Councilmember, Delgado delivering his remarks to the Board of Commissioners.

| Newsletter Highlights

- Beginning Seats to the Sunland Cemetery Expansion**
- Tribal Community Announcements**
- Bishop Paiute Tribe's New Hire**
- Tribal Departments Updates**
- Vacant Committees/Board Seats**
- Community Calendar**

| Bishop Paiute Tribe

-  (760)873-3584  (760)873-4141
-  Bishoppaiutetribe.net
-  50 Tu Su Lane, Bishop CA, 93514
-   Bishop Paiute Tribe

STAY UPDATED & STAY INFORMED

Follow the tribal social media pages or call the tribal office.



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;

 ~~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 have any questions, please contact Jordan Fimbres, Executive Assistant to Tribal Council | (760) 873-3584 ext. 1310.





2026 UPCOMING DISTRIBUTION DATES:







UPCOMING DISTRIBUTION DATES

Checks will be ready for pick up on Wednesday, May 13th 2026, Please review the detailed flyer for more information.

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.

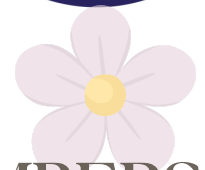
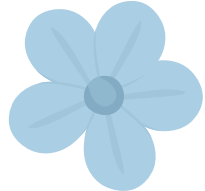
REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE LOBBY AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE.

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

MAY VOTER'S DISTRIBUTION &
PER CAPITA PICK UP



Wednesday, May 13th, 2026



LOCATION: TRIBAL CHAMBERS/
JUSTICE CENTER
50 TU SU LANE

7:00 AM - 4:00 PM

THE TRIBAL CHECK PICK-UP SCHEDULE IS ORGANIZED BY LAST NAME & IS AS FOLLOWS

- LAST NAMES A - D: 7:00 AM - 8:30 AM
- LAST NAMES E - H: 8:30 AM - 10:00 AM
- LAST NAMES I - M: 10:00 AM - 11:30 AM
- LAST NAME N - Q: 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM
- LAST NAMES R - U: 1:00 PM - 2:30 PM
- LAST NAMES V - Z: 2:30 PM - 4:00 PM

**ELIGIBLE TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO ARE WORKING DURING THEIR PICK UP TIMES,
MAY PICK UP UPON THEIR AVAILABILITY.
SET TIMES ARE PROVIDED TO REDUCE FOOT TRAFFIC.**

ANY CHECKS NOT PICKED UP WILL BE MAILED THE FOLLOWING DAY.

MAY 14TH, 2026

**For more information or if you have any questions, call the tribal office: Ambrosia Stone
760-873-3584 Ext 1340**

Community Message from Emma Williams

Interim Chairwoman

RECENT HIGHLIGHTS



Tribal Nation Leader Summit



Emma Williams Speaking at the Tribal Nation Leader Summit



Ribbon Cutting for the Arrowhead Apartments Solar Project Completion (GRID Alternative)



*Tribal Council met with Allan Marks
President of LADWP Board of
Commissioners
Adam Perez, DWP, Elsa Jimenez, DWP,
Audrey Owens DWP Native Liaison*

Manahuu! I hope this message finds you all well and healthy. Spring is finally here and with the warmer weather approaching we prepare for more outdoor events for the Tribe. These months are some of the busiest at the Tribe and seeing our community at these events is wonderful. The month of April was momentous for the Tribe, from the incredible milestone of being the first “Middle Mile” broadband customer in the state. This was made possible by a 2022 State initiative from Governor Newsom that allowed the Tribe to tap into the “Digital 395” broadband network that runs along US Hwy 395, from Barstow to the Nevada Stateline. The Tribe is in the “Last Mile” phase, working toward laying the fiber optic cable to tribal households. The Tribe will be an Internet Service Provider (ISP) to the Tribal community, providing high speed internet at an affordable rate. This was momentous and would not have been possible without the help of the following: Phil Fowler (IT), Tammy Spoonhunter (IT), Mike Aldana (IT), Bonnie Bobb (Grant Writer), Brian Poncho, tribal staff and Tribal Council support.

On April 13th, I attended a California Tribal Nations Summit at the California Natural Resources Agency in Sacramento, California, where Tribal Leaders throughout California were invited by the Governors’ office to meet and discuss State coordinated efforts and opportunities. I was asked to be on a panel to discuss “Middle Mile” and the Tribe’s GRID Solar Projects. This was the last summit with Governor Newsom – it is with great hope that his predecessor will continue these summits with Tribal Leaders. Governor Newsom was very proactive and instrumental in directing State agencies to give Tribe’s first rights of refusal for landback and access to State initiatives and grant opportunities.

The Tribe is always working toward self-sufficiency and being a first in reaching many milestones. Another great achievement is the partnership with GRID Alternatives, the Tribe has 227 homes that have solar panels. Our goal is to have 300 homes with solar panels by 2030 – I believe we will reach this goal. Over the course of many years these households collectively will have saved millions in energy costs. We would not have had this opportunity if it weren’t for Brian Atkins (Planner and former EMO Director). Brian has been with the Tribe for over 20 years and has created many plans for the Tribe, including the Energy Plan. His contributions and knowledge have elevated the wellbeing of the community – thank you Brian!

Tribes grow and are always ever changing – having a strong staff to help guide and continue on the path toward self-sufficiency is key. All of the hard work that our staff does to keep our services running and keeping our community healthy is greatly appreciated.

Here are some of the projects that the Tribe is working on: Creating a Non-Profit for the Tribe, looking into a Tribal Dispensary, Archiving the Tribe’s records, expanding the Wellness Center, planning a Carwash and retail centers.

The Hotel is almost competed! Hoping to open this summer!

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE EXCLUDED INDIVIDUALS

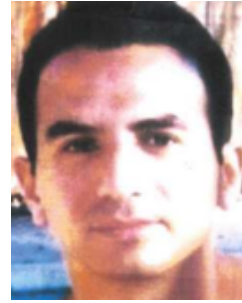
THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS ARE NOT ALLOWED WITHIN THE BOUNDARIES OF THE BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL RESERVATION. ANY ASSIGNMENT HOLDER HARBORING AN EXCLUDED INDIVIDUAL WILL BE CITED.



LAUREN ANDREAS
DURATION: 7/24/2028



AUBURN ANDREAS
DURATION: 3/15/2029



HECTOR CERDA
DURATION: 9/18/2029



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Taysha Spratt
DURATION: INDEFINITE



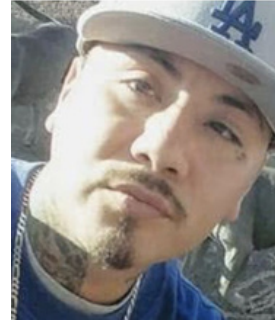
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JORDAN BARR
DURATION: INDEFINITE



JOSE CAMACHO
DURATION: 9/18/2029



DAMIEN MALONE
DURATION: 2/19/2030



RAYMOND JOHN GARCIA
DURATION: INDEFINITE



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JOHN SALAIZ
DURATION: INDEFINITE



GABBY MCDARMENT JR.
DURATION: INDEFINITE



RUBEN GRANADOS
DURATION: INDEFINITE



GABBY MCDARMENT SR.
DURATION: INDEFINITE



GEORGE CHEZUM
DURATION: INDEFINITE



TANYA SOLESBEE
DURATION: INDEFINITE



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

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

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

Committee Coordinator

Community Message:



Ciera Heavy Runner
Committee Coordinator

Manahüü! My name is Ciera Heavy Runner, and I am excited to begin working with the Bishop Paiute Tribe as the new Committee Coordinator. I am a member of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, who was born and raised here in Payahuunadü. I am the daughter of Karlinda and Ed Keller, and the granddaughter of the late Shirley and Dusty Maddox. My husband and I reside on the Bishop Paiute Reservation with our six children. We stay active with year-round sports and taking part in community events. I am passionate about contributing to the betterment of our tribal community, and I look forward to bringing my knowledge and experience to this position. I have a Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration from Salish Kootenai College. I have also actively participated in our tribal committees by sitting on the BPDC Economic Board of Directors and the CDD Housing Advisory Board. I am honored to have the opportunity to work directly with our tribal community in this capacity.

◆◆ BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE TRIBAL COURT ◆◆

PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

TRIBAL COURT CODE



MAY 12, 2026

5 PM AT THE TRIBAL JUSTICE CENTER/CHAMBERS

MAY 14, 2026

10 AM - 11 AM AT THE TRIBAL ELDERS BUILDING

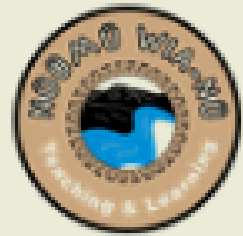
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WAS RENAMED THE "TRIBAL COURT CODE"
COMMENTS OR QUESTIONS PLEASE CONTACT 760-784-9581
50 TU SU LANE BISHOP, CA 93514



Are you a plant person? Join our...



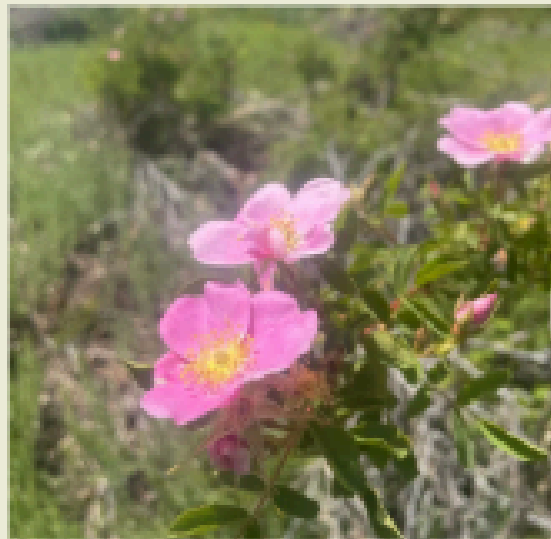
NÜÜMÜ WIA-NU PLANT “WALK & TALKS”



Sunday afternoon visits to seasonal plant kin

Bring friends
& family!

snacks provided
& bring a reusable
water bottle!



Monthly!

4/12, 5/31, 6/28

11:00-12:00 p.m.

Meet at the
Cultural Center

FSP & THPO's Cultural Botany staff and the Cultural Center are collaborating to host monthly meetups with tribal community members to visit plants and places of interest. This is chance to talk about plants in the area, what they mean to you & maybe this sparks memories, stories, and new connections.

Let's go on a walk and talk!

Please reach out to Cultural Botanist Veronica Pallan at
(760) 874-8859 / veronica.pallan@bishoppaiute.gov
or visit Environmental Management Office A.

Or fill out our Cultural Botany Participation Survey

[<tinyurl.com/yyxkhwb7>](https://tinyurl.com/yyxkhwb7)

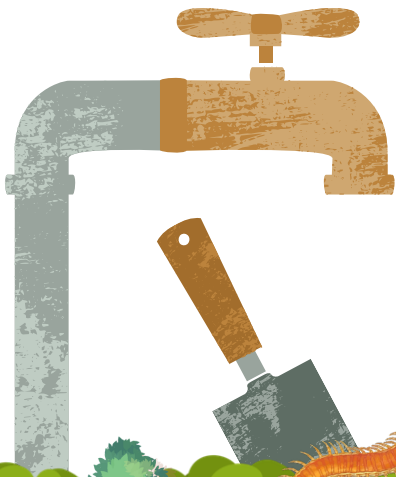


HEDGEROW & NATIVE POLLINATOR WORKSHOP

Are you curious about making your garden more sustainable, productive, and pollinator friendly?

Join us to learn how you can promote biodiversity and resilience in your own backyard. All levels are welcome, from beginner to master gardener - there is something for everyone! Workshop is free and open to the public.

CULTURAL CENTER GARDEN
NEXT TO THE OWENS VALLEY
PAIUTE-SHOSHONE CULTURAL CENTER
2300 W LINE ST
BISHOP, CA 93514



**THURSDAY
MAY 7TH
5 - 7 PM**





Food Sovereignty Program

May 2026 Events



GardenFest

Saturday, May 2nd, 11am-2pm

250 N. Fowler Street and the Church Street Parking lot

Visit the FSP table at Eastern Sierra Land Trust's Garden Fest! This annual gathering is a great opportunity to connect with local gardeners and share knowledge. There will be live music and a native plant sale!



Hedgerow & Native Pollinator Workshop

Thursday, May 7th, 5-7pm

Cultural Center Garden, next to the Cultural Center at 2300 W Line Street

Learn how to make your garden more sustainable, productive, and pollinator friendly. All levels welcome. Workshop is free and open to the public.



Eastern Sierra Composting Meeting

Wednesday May 13th 10-11:30am

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

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!



Plant Walk & Talk

Sunday, May 31st, 11-12pm

Field trip for the Native community! Contact Veronica for details

(760) 874-8859 / veronica.pallan@bishoppaiute.gov

Or scan the survey QR code: tinyurl.com/47dc8pyx



Evening Garden Volunteer Opportunity

Wednesday, May 20th 5-7pm

Cultural Center Garden, next to the Cultural Center at 2300 W Line Street

Stop by after work for some peaceful time in the garden! Evenings in the garden are very pleasant this time of year! We will tend the garden together and share some snacks.

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

New Community Fridge for Bishop Paiute Tribal Elders

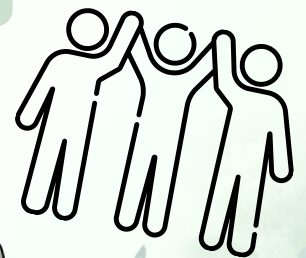
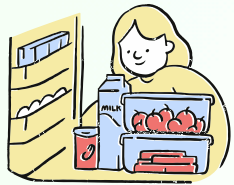


New Community Fridge for BPT Elders

The Food Sovereignty Program is proud to announce a new community fridge inside the Elders building! Located in the living room next to the Puzzle Table, it will be periodically stocked with garden produce and eggs from the Food Sovereignty Program, deer and elk meat from EMO's tuhidda Cultural Hunting Program, and donations from the public. Please feel free to share non-expired perishable food here and help yourself!

Please keep others in mind, take only what you need, help maintain cleanliness, and close the doors when browsing or finished to save on electricity costs. If you notice any issues, please immediately notify Elders Program or Food Sovereignty Program staff. If you have any questions about donating to the fridge, please reach out to Morgan Cox by email at morgan.cox@bishoppaiute.org or phone (760) 920-5701. Expired produce will be composted by Eduah Schwenk (760)920-7853.

Huge shout-out to Jolie Varela and Indigenous Women's Hike who graciously donated the fridge and for her work to set up and stock Native-serving community pantries throughout the valley. We also express our gratitude to the Elders Program staff for hosting this fridge and everyone who contributes to keeping it bountiful and in good order. We hope that this new community amenity extends the shelf-life of precious food and helps keep our Elders nourished and safe.





2026-2027

Now Enrolling School Year

Bishop Indian Head
Start Preschool

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW BEING ACCEPTED
FROM MARCH 2, 2026 TO JULY 13, 2026

Children must turn three years old before September 1, 2026.

You may pick up an application at:

Bishop Indian Headstart

405 North Barlow Lane, Bishop CA 93514

Scan me



Applications available on the

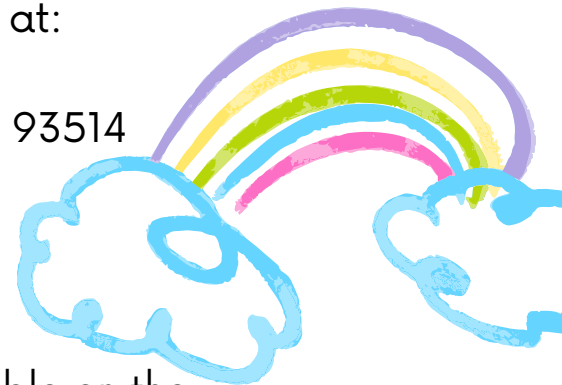
Bishop Indian Head Start Website as well at

<http://www.bishoppaiutetribe.com/programs/headstart/>
Or SCAN THE CODE!

For more information contact:
Susie Cisneros or Sylvia Ramirez
Office Phone: (760)872-3911
susie.cisneros@bishoppaiute.org
sylvia.ramirez@bishoppaiute.org

This institution is an equal opportunity provider.

BIHS is a CACFP provider!





NATIVE AMERICAN SCHOLARSHIPS 2026-2027

Cobell Scholarship

Available for Undergraduate, Graduate, & Vocational/Trade Students for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

<https://cobellscholar.org/>

Deadline: March 31st, 2026

Vocational/Trade open June 1st to May 15th

Native Forward Scholars Fund

Funding opportunities for Undergraduate and Graduate students for tuition, internships, fellowships, exams, etc.

<https://www.nativeforward.org/>

Deadline: June 1st, 2026

PLEASE NOTE: THE LIST OF SCHOLARSHIPS PROVIDED IS JUST A SMALL SAMPLE OF THE OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE. WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO CONTINUE RESEARCHING FOR ADDITIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES THAT MAY BE A PERFECT FIT FOR YOU!



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Deadline: Varies

American Indian College Fund

Available for Certificate, Undergraduate, & Graduate students for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

<https://collegefund.org/students/scholarships/>

Deadline: Application Opens February 1st & Ends May 31st

American Indian Services

Available for Undergraduate Students for the Fall and Winter/Spring semester.

<https://www.americanindianservices.org/scholarships>

Deadline: Fall Application Opens May 1st - Deadline July 1st

Winter/Spring Application Opens September 1st - Deadline November 1st

American Indian Education Fund

Available for Undergraduate & Graduate Students for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

<https://nativepartnership.org/aief/>

Early Deadline: March 1st, 2026

Final Deadline: April 4th, 2026

Association on American Indian Affairs Scholarship

Available for Undergraduate & Graduate Students for the 2026-2027 Academic Year.

<https://www.indian-affairs.org/nativescholarship.html>

Deadline: May 31st, 2026

Indian Health Services

Available for Undergraduate & Graduate Students for the 2026-2027 Academic Year seeking a degree in a health profession.

<https://www.ihs.gov/scholarship/scholarships/>

Deadline: February 28th, 2026



Need Assistance Applying?

Contact College & Career Counselor
Tamia Shoshone

760.873.5740

tamia.shoshone@bishoppaiute.org

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Tamia Shoshone

760.873.5740

tamia.shoshone@bishoppaiute.org

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.

MEMBERSHIP RATES

FIRST RESPONDERS, VETERANS, LAW ENFORCEMENT - \$30.00 MONTHLY

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL ELDER - \$5.00 MONTHLY - \$50.00 YEARLY

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL EMPLOYEE - \$30.00 MONTHLY - \$300.00 YEARLY

BISHOP TRIBAL MEMBER - \$25.00 MONTHLY - \$240.00 YEARLY

YOUTH - \$15.00 MONTHLY

GENERAL PUBLIC - \$40.00 MONTHLY - \$420.00 YEARLY

WALKING/HIKING GROUP

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT 11AM MEETING

LOCATION THE NUUMU FITNESS CENTER

GYM PHONE NUMBER (760)784-9686



Anthony Tucker - Nuumu Fitness Manager - anthony.tucker@bishoppaiute.org

Joseph Molina - Nuumu Fitness Attendant - joseph.molina@bishoppaiute.org

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE ELDERS PROGRAM

ACTIVITY & EVENTS CALENDAR



May 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Menu subject to change	Mother's Day May 10th 			1 Shrimp Ceviche, Tomatoes, Onions, Cucumber, Tortilla Chips, Avocado, Watermelon, Milk 8 MOTHERS DAY BRUNCH @ 10am Scramble Eggs, Sausage Links, Country Potatoes W/ Bell Pepper & Onions, Strawberries & Yogurt
4 Meat Loaf, Au-gratin Potatoes, Gravy, Broccoli, Honeydew, Milk	5 Herb Roasted Chicken, Rice Pilaf, Asparagus, Watermelon, Milk	6 Chef Salad, Whole Wheat Crackers, Cantaloupe, Milk	7 Pork Roast. Pasta Salad, Asparagus, Banana, Milk	
11 Chicken Pot Pie, Garden Salad, Green Apple, Milk	12 Spaghetti&Meat Balls, Marinara Sauce, Mixed Veg-gies, Pears, Milk	13 SunshineSaladW/ 14 Chicken, Whole Wheat Crackers, Red Grapes, Milk	SlowRoastTur-key, Stuffing, Gravy, Cranberry Sauce, Green Beans, Milk	15 Teriyaki Salmon, Rice Pilaf, Lemon, Asparagus, Strawberries, Milk
18 Tri-tip,Gravy, Rice, Broccoli& Carrots, Apricots, Milk	19GrilledHam, Mac&Cheese, Green Beans, Apple, Milk	20 BBQ Ranch Chicken, Salad, Tomatoes, Corn, Black Beans, Cheese, Chips, Cantaloupe, Milk	21 Pork Chile Verde Burrito, Garden Salad, Green Grapes, Milk	22 Shrimp Boil W/Potatoes, Corn, Sausage, Lemon, Pears, Milk
25 HOLIDAY	26 Bacon Cheeseburger, Lettuce, Tomatoes, Coleslaw, Peaches, Milk	27 Chichen Tostada Salad, Salsa, Chips, Avocado, Orange, Milk	28 Salisbury Steak W/Gravy, Pasta, Green Beans, Pineapple, Milk	29 Clam Chowder Oyster Crackers, Carrot Salad, Green Apple, Milk

MEALS

Menu and Activity Calendars Are Subject To Change

Marco Cardelas– Chef (760) 873-3052

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE ELDERS PROGRAM

ACTIVITY & EVENTS CALENDAR



May 2026



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
	Mother's Day May 10th 			1
4	5 BEADED GRAD CAP WORKSHOP BRING YOUR OWN CAP @ 5:30PM LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED	6 BREAKFAST CLUB 9AM CHUP-TUHII BEGINNERS @ 12:30PM GRAD CAP @ 5:30PM	7 COFFEE W/ THE CHIEF @ 10AM LIGHT DINNER SERVED	8 MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH @ 10AM MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION
11	12 BEADED GRAD FEATHERWORKSHOP BRING YOUR OWN FEATHER @ 5:30PM LIGHT DINNER PROVIDED	13 ELDERS ADVISORY BOARDMEETING @ 4PM EVERYONE WELCOME TO ATTEND	14 WRITE A FRIEND A LETTER @ 1PM STATIONARY PROVIDED	15
18	19	20 CHUP-TUHII BEGINNERS @ 12:30PM	21 VITALS CLINIC @ 11AM-1PM w/ TIHP	22
25 HOLIDAY	26	27	28 VISIT THE MONO BASIN VISITORS CENTER PICNIC IN LEE VINING LEAVE @ 8AM	29 BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION BIRTHDAY BINGO \$5 BUY IN

ACTIVITIES

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



FAMILY FORMATION PRESENTS

YOUTH FOOTBALL & CHEER

SKILL DEVELOPMENT CLINIC

Hosted by your BUHS Football Team and Cheer Squad!

The Skill Clinic is open to any youth that will be participating in the 2026 Youth Football & Cheer Season.
By attending, your family becomes eligible for Family Formation Assistance.

Waters & Snacks will be provided.

DATE, LOCATION, & TIMES

Saturday, May 16th

Barlow Lane Field

Freshman & Sophomore Divisions

10:00am to 12:00pm

Junior Varsity & Varsity Divisions

12:00pm to 2:00pm

PRE-REGISTER HERE



ELIGIBILITY

1. Must have a current prevention application on file
2. Youth must be actively participating during their session

For more information, please contact the Family Formation Office at (760)873-4473.

CURRICULUM

Youth Skill Development

FAMILY FORMATIONS

FAMILY FORMATION PROGRAM



We've Moved...

...to a New Location

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE
50 TU SU LANE
MAIN BUILDING

Located between
Administration
Receptionist and
Enrollment Department

Contact information:

Hannah Frankson,

Family Formation Coordinator

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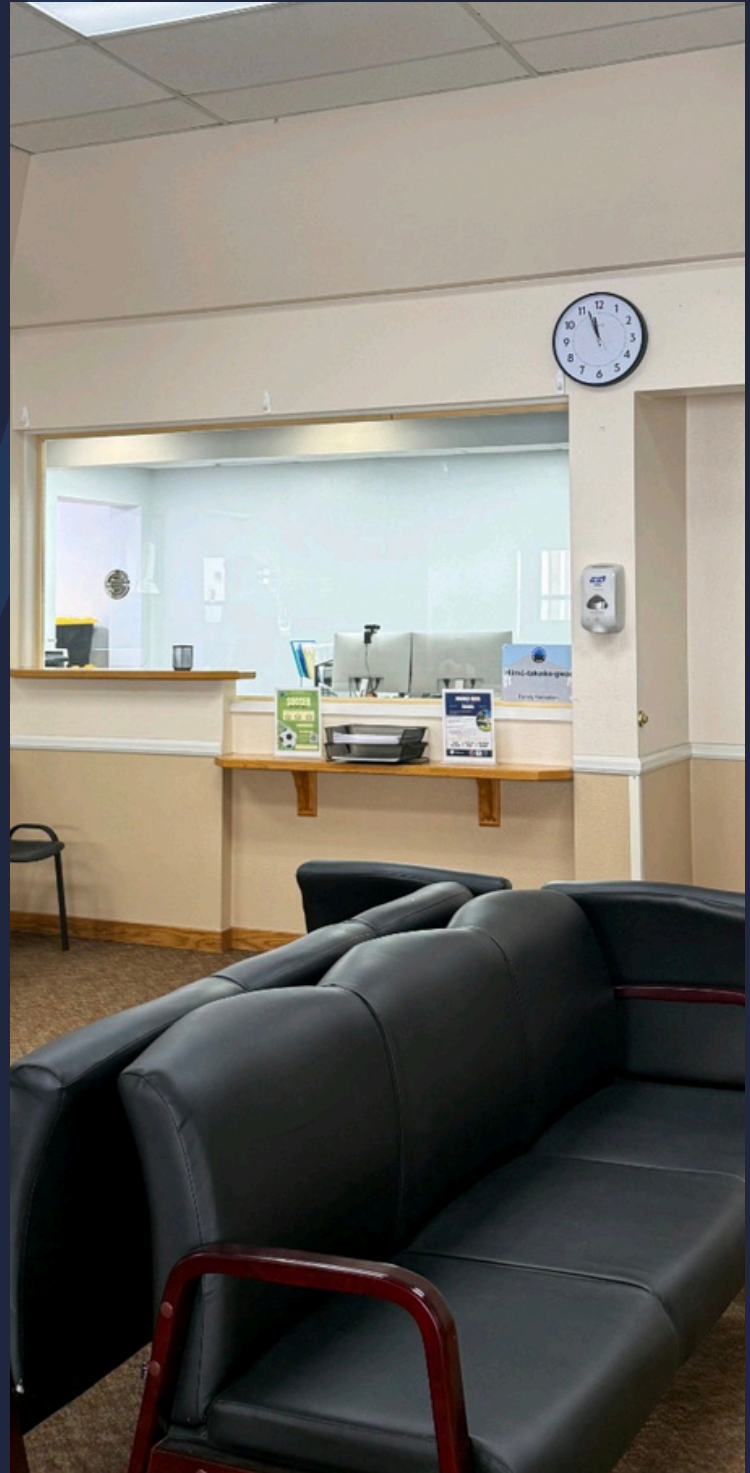
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HOURS OF OPERATION: SUMMER HOURS (April - September)
Tuesday - Friday, 10am - 6pm | Saturday & Sunday, 10am - 3pm

FOR INFORMATION
ON CURRENT &
UPCOMING ACTIVITIES,
FOLLOW US ON



MAY HAPPENINGS @ THE CULTURAL CENTER

Sundays, May 3, 10, & 17
COMMUNITY LANGUAGE CLASS
Please call THPO @
760.873.3584 x1992 for details
10am - 11:30am

Monday, May 9
MMWIP
COMMUNITY AWARENESS EVENT
Begins at 9am
Please call Social Services @
760.873.4414 for details

Tue, May 12 - Wed, May 13
GIFT SHOP BUYING DAYS
10am - 6pm

Monday, May 18
BISHOP YOUTH HANDGAME
Please call Family Formation @
760.873-4473 for details

Wednesday, May 20
COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION
@ Cultural Center Grounds
YPT Certifier: 775.783.0260 x2
8am - 11:45am

Fri, May 22 - Sun, May 24
MEMORIAL WEEKEND MARKET &
ART CHALLENGE JUDGING
Fri, 10am-6pm | Sat, 10am-3pm
Sun, 10am-3pm

Monday, May 25
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE
Sunland Indian Cemetery
9am

Sunday, May 31
NüüMü WIA-Nü
TEACHING & LEARNING:
Walk & Talk
11:30am/ Meet at the CC

CULTURAL CENTER WELCOMES STATE OFFICIALS AND BROADBAND TEAM

On April 1st, representatives from the State of California arrived to participate in the Middle-Mile Connected event. The Cultural Center Director, Tara Frank provided a guided tour for footage and recordings for their video presentation.

On April 2nd, a group of approximately 10 officials visited the Cultural Center to learn about the museum, engage with our history, and browse the gift shop. Tara once again led a grand tour for them and offered deeper insight into the Tribe's cultural traditions, lifeways, and the significance of the exhibits. On April 3rd, two representatives returned to the Cultural Center to film additional footage and conduct tribal member interviews

Middle-Mile Connected event We were honored to welcome our guests, share our stories, traditions, and ongoing efforts to celebrate our cultural ways while showcasing how the museum's technology has improved over the years.

Just to share a little Cultural Center history. Internet was very limited prior to 2014 at the museum, a hotspot connection was used for internet and copper wiring for the phone line. In 2015 the tribe's IT Dept. installed a wireless bridge from the IT office window to first bring internet to the building since no provider would run a cable. It was a pretty basic and slow connection that would go out if it was raining or snowing heavily or if there were too many leaves on the trees between the cultural center and the main office. But it was better than nothing.

In December of 2020 fiber optic cable was installed between the Administration IT room and the CC for direct access to the servers and the digital 395 connection at about 100Mbs (Megabits per second). By 2025 that had been raised to 700Mbs, and by mid 2026 it will be above 1000Mbs.

Thank you IT Department for taking care of us at the CC!



MISSING AND MURDERED
INDIGENOUS WOMEN AND GIRLS
AWARENESS DAY

WEAR RED ON MAY 5TH

WE SEE YOU
WE REMEMBER
WE WILL NOT FORGET



OWENS VALLEY PAIUTE SHOSHONE CULTURAL CENTER

NUUMU WAI NU - PLANT WALK AND TALKS RECAP



Our first Walk and Talk was held on April 12th. This activity was about the local plants, sage, paiute words, community stories and memories, plus a light one mile walk along the COSA trail. Along the pathway, Lavina Banning, Phillip Kane and Tom Gustie identified and shared information on the willow, tule, cattail, rose hip, sage brush, and also talked about the pupfish. This was a collaboration between the Cultural Center and the Food Sovereignty Program. The next Walk and Talk will be May 31st and June 28, meet up at the Cultural Center.

NUUMU WAI NU - HANDGAME SONG NIGHTS RECAP



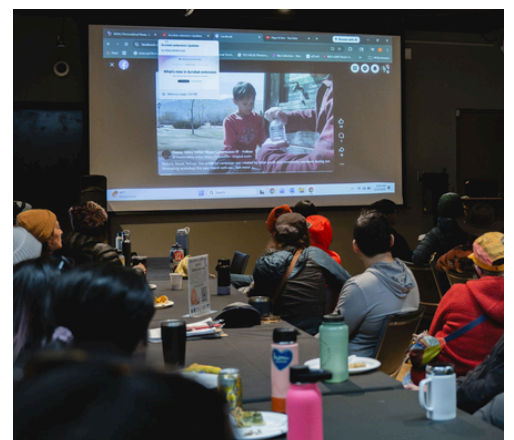
The Handgame Song Nights took place on April 1st and April 15th. We're grateful to have Glenn Neslon Jr. and Vincent Townsend share some local songs. They started the night off with background information of Handgame and the purpose of the game. The night was full of positive energy as we played and sung Handgame songs for the remainder of the night. We are thankful for the community participation, because it's important to carry on our Nuumu and Newe traditions; for that is who we are!

FLASH FOXY FESTIVAL VISITS AND SUPPORTS CULTURAL CENTER WITH DONATION

The Flash Foxy Climbing Festival attendees visited the Cultural Center on March 15th for a early breakfast, museum tour, screening of "PAYA" and discussion, and then broke out smaller do partake is stewardship projects. Flash Foxy Managing Director Lou Bank shared, *"It was a magical event and we are grateful for the opportunities to learn from you at the Cultural Center, and to help steward Tribal land with the Environmental Management Office and Food Sovereignty Garden"*.

As part of their ongoing commitment to giving back, Flash Foxy raised a total of \$2,167 in support of the Bishop Paiute Tribe and the Cultural Center. This donation includes proceeds from their Friday and Saturday raffle fundraiser, as well as contributions from festival ticket sales as a continued acknowledgement that their events take place on and benefits from native land.

Lou also expressed that visiting the Cultural Center has become a highlight for many attendees and the teachings shared by Cultural Center have helped them deepen their connection with Payahuunadü. We extend our sincere appreciation to Flash Foxy for their generosity, partnership and respect for our community. We look forward to Flash Foxy Climbing Festival 2027!



OWENS VALLEY PAIUTE SHOSHONE CULTURAL CENTER

ATTN ARTISTS: SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK!

**SUBMISSION DEADLINE:
MAY 15, 2026, BY 6:00 PM**

2026 ART CHALLENGE



The Cultural Center is accepting submissions for this annual Art Challenge, and we want to see your creativity with this year's them: "No Veteran Stands Alone". This is your chance to create a piece that pays tribute to all Veterans who have served. The winning artwork will be featured throughout the year and on veteran memorabilia in November 2026.

WHO CAN ENTER?

- Owens Valley Paiute and Shoshone tribal members, aged 18 and over.
- **Submission Deadline: May 15, 2026, by 6:00 PM**

PRIZES:

- 1st Place: \$400 + permanent display at the Cultural Center
- 2nd Place: \$300
- Consolation Awards for all remaining participants

DESIGN GUIDELINES:

- Complete the Submission Form and a W-9
- Artwork must be at least 11" x 14" (no exceptions)
- Hand-drawn only—accepted mediums: Paint, Charcoal, Chalk, Colored, or Ink & Pen (No computer-generated art)
- Must honor all Veterans and reflect theme

VOTING & JUDGING:

- Artwork will be displayed at the Cultural Center from May 23 - May 25
- Submissions will be anonymous and numbered
- Owens Valley tribal members (18+) will vote in person with ballots provided by the Cultural Center staff.



MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE SUNLAND CEMETERY MAY 25TH AT 9AM

On Monday morning, join us for the flag raising ceremony as we all come together to honor our fallen heroes. All are welcome to pay their respects to those who gave their lives in service to our country.

HONOR | REFLECT | REMEMBER

WAYS TO OBSERVE MEMORIAL DAY

- Visit a cemetery or Memorial
- Attend a local Memorial Service
- Display the American flag at half-staff until noon, then raise it to full-staff for rest of day
- Share stories or history of fallen service members from your family
- Thank a veteran!



MEMORIAL WEEKEND MARKET AT THE CULTURAL CENTER

**MAY 22RD - 24TH
10am-3pm**

- ★ **NATIVE ARTIST VENDORS
ON THE FRONT LAWN**
- ★ **CULTURAL DEMONSTRATIONS
INSIDE THE MUSEUM**
- ★ **GIFT SHOP SALES - SPIN
THE WHEEL DISCOUNT**



Native Vendors...

Are you interested in being a vendor at this event? We'd love to have you join us! There is NO VENDOR FEE! Please sign up by scanning the QR code:

OWENS VALLEY PAIUTE SHOSHONE CULTURAL CENTER



FALLEN WARRIORS RESPECTFULLY DISPLAYED IN THE VETERANS MEMORIAL EXHIBIT:



Cline P. Howard
U.S. Army-WWII
Oct. 1, 1944



William "Billy" Lewis
U.S. Marine Corps-Korea



Irving "Dutch" Watterson
U.S. Army-Korea
Aug. 8, 1950



William Y. Warlie
U.S. Marine Corps-Korea
Dec. 3, 1950



George Donald Brown, Jr.
U.S. Navy-Korea
Sep. 29, 1955



Harold Eugene Willis
U.S. Army-Vietnam
Jan. 25, 1966



Eric Melvin Dewey
U.S. Marine Corps-Vietnam
July 29, 1967



James Alec Williams
U.S. Marine Corps-Vietnam
July 1, 1968



Manuel Levi Dick
U.S. Army-Vietnam
Aug. 5, 1970



MEMORIAL DAY MOMENT OF SILENCE AT 3:00 PM

Memorial Day is a time to remember and honor the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice while serving in the U.S. military. Their courage, dedication, and love for our country will never be forgotten.

So that their sacrifices are always remembers, President Bill Clinton signed into law the National Moment of Remembrance Act (PL 106-579) in December 2000. This act encourages all American to pause at 3:00 pm local time on Memorial Day for a minute of silence to honor those who gave their lives in service to our nation.

Carmella LaSpada, founder of the Moment of Remembrance said, "It's a way we can all help put the 'memorial' back in Memorial Day."

**SAVE
THE
DATE**

TAATSAWANO JUNE 12-13 @ THE CULTURAL CENTER GROUNDS

NATIVE CRAFTS & FOOD BOOTHS - VETERAN FLAG CEREMONY - CHUPTUHII TOURNAMENT - CULTURAL PERFORMANCES AND SINGING - CULTURAL WORKSHOPS - ADULT HORSESHOE TOURNAMENT - FAMILY HANDGAME - LIVE MUSIC - YOUTH HANDGAME TOURNAMENT COMMUNITY MEAL: A TUKA GI - COME EAT! - HANDGAME TOURNAMENT



TRIBAL COMMITTEES

The following boards & committees are comprised of Bishop Paiute Tribal members. Members wishing to serve on any board or committee, or fill a vacant seat, will need to complete a letter of intent.

EDUCATION PARENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Five (5) Open Seats

The purpose of PAC shall be to assist the Community, Tribe, and local education agencies (LEA) in bringing about the most effective Indian Education and LEA programs and policies. To achieve this purpose, the PAC shall provide advice and assistance in developing, and evaluating the Bishop Indian Education Center.

SOCIAL SERVICES COMMITTEE

Four (4) Open Seats

The Social Services Committee is established to provide oversight, guidance, and support to the Social Services Department in alignment with Tribal laws, policies, funding requirements, and the overall mission of strengthening and protecting Tribal families and community members. The Social Services Committee operates under the authority delegated by Tribal Council. The Committee serves in an advisory and oversight capacity and does not engage in day-to-day program administration.

Current Memeber(s):
SABRINA RENTERIA

ELECTION BOARD

Three (3) Open Seats

Current Memeber(s):
MARY DAVIS | VALERIE SPOONHUNTER

CULTURAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Two (2) Open Seats

Through the Owens Valley Paiute-Shoshone Cultural Center, the Bishop Paiute Cultural Advisory Committee (CAC) will provide constructive input, recommendations, and valuable feedback regarding cultural and historical issues. The Cultural Advisory Committee will coordinate with Bishop Paiute Tribe staff and other agencies in implementing activities and events that primarily focus on the local Paiute-Shoshone people with the inclusion of intertribal cultures; providing educational awareness for the cultural traditions of indigenous people

Current Memeber(s):
LAVINA BENGOCHEA-BANNING
DIANA TERRAZAS | CHARLENE REDNER

MISS BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE COMMITTEE

Two (2) Open Seats

The princess committee maintains communication with the Miss Bishop Paiute Tribe through her reign, assist with needs as requested with monthly check ins, planning and organizing the annual princess pageant.

Current Memeber(s):
LETICIA GONZALES
JORDAN ANDREAS | ALYSA CHARTRAW

BISHOP PABANAMANINA POW WOW COMMITTEE

Two (2) Open Seats

The Bishop Pabanamanina Pow Wow Committee is responsible for the planning and coordinating of the annual Bishop Pabanamanina Pow Wow/Pow Wow Princess Pageant during the California Indian Day weekend.

Current Memeber(s):

JOAN HUFF

JOANN HANSON | LYNETTE ROMERO
TEEHEENAH DUCKEY

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

Two (2) Open Seats

The scholarship committee takes part in reviewing tribal scholarship applications with the responsibility of determining the status of the reviewed application whether their are approved or denied.

Current Memeber(s):

KATRINA STONE

DEEANNE CHIATOVICH

LISA MANUELITO

TEEHEENAH DUCKEY

LAND ASSIGNMENT COMMITTEE

One (1) Open Seat

The Land Assignment Committee is responsible for the review, evaluation, and recommendation of land assignment inquiries and land assignment applications submitted by eligible Bishop Paiute Tribal members. The Committee ensures that all applications are reviewed in accordance with Tribal laws, policies, and established eligibility criteria. The Committee provides fair, consistent, and informed recommendations to Tribal Council or designated authority regarding land assignments, while supporting transparency, accountability, and the responsible use of Tribal lands.

Current Memeber(s):

ANTHONY BROWN

MARY MARCINKO

RHONDA SCHULTZ

TAWAANEE RODRIGUEZ

TRIBAL COURT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

One (1) Open Seat

The Bishop Paiute Tribal Court Advisory Committee (hereinafter "Committee") is organized exclusively to make recommendations to further develop and enhance the Bishop Paiute Tribal Court (hereinafter "Court"). In order to evaluate implementation and progress the Committee will: Review reports from the Tribal Court Administrator/Clerk and Chief Judge, Review of financial expenditures, Review statistical data generated by the Court, Observe Court proceedings to gain first-hand knowledge of operations, without interfering with the judicial process, and Make recommendations to the Council regarding Court operational needs.

Current Memeber(s):

PATRICIA HOWARD | VALERIE GOODWIN

LIDIA SCHULTZ | TOIYAGADUH STONE



BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE
COMMITTEE & BOARDS
WEBPAGE

Interested in joining a tribal committee?

Please complete a letter of intent, forms can be found on the tribal website or at the tribal office. This form can be emailed, upon request if needed for those located out of the area.

FOR QUESTIONS OR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT:

Ciera HeavyRunner - Committee Coordinator

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COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

NOTICE

HOUSING UTILITY & ACCOUNT UPDATES- EFFECTIVE JUNE 1ST

- **Utility Allowances**
 - Utility allowances will be *removed* from the housing system.
- **Loan Accounting**
 - Automatic loan principal reductions will end.
 - Loan balances will reflect *actual* payments made.
- **Utility Responsibility**
 - CDD will no longer manage or bill tenant utilities.
 - All tenants must have utilities in their own name by **June 1st** Including:
 - Water and Sewer- Fiscal 760-873-3577
 - Propane- HUNT Propane. Pick up application at CDD office
 - Electricity- Southern California Edison
- **Garbage Service- Program Clarification**
 - **House Rentals** - Garbage Service will continue to be provided by CDD in accordance with lease agreements.
 - **Apartment Buildings**- Garbage service will be billed as a **flat monthly charge of \$40** and will show on the monthly statement
 - **Lease Purchase Homes**- Garbage service remains the responsibility of the homebuyer.

TENANTS WHO NEED ASSISTANCE CONFIRMING UTILITY ACCOUNT
SETUP SHOULD CONTACT CDD AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

760-872-4356

48 TU SU LANE BISHOP CA, 93514

MIDDLE MILE CONNECTED! APRIL 2, 2026



BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE IT DEPARTMENT

Manahu,

I'd like to thank everyone who joined us at the historic Middle Mile Connected event. We were so excited to celebrate this huge milestone for both the Bishop Paiute Tribe, and the State of California. I'd especially like to thank all of the exhibitors that came to show how they're using technology to make the world a better place, the Governor of California, the California Department of Technology, the California Public Utilities Commission, Kumazaa Nobi for their delicious NDN tacos, and all of the people who showed up to witness this remarkable occasion.

As a keepsake souvenir of this historic event, I had intended to pass out some commemorative keychains to all of our participants and guests. Unfortunately, due to the trade difficulties and the war, shipment was delayed and they did not arrive in time. The keychain has a light up Bishop Paiute Tribe logo (in laser red, naturally) and comes in a nice box with the date of the connection. If you would like one of these keychains, please call the Tribal office I'll set one aside for you to pick up when they arrive. No charge of course, this is just a little way to say thank you.

Thank you again for joining us and we look forward to our broadband journey continuing well into the future for the good of the Tribe, and for all of our communities who are bridging the digital divide!



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April 3, 2026

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Bishop Paiute Tribe Hosts Gov. Gavin Newsom to Connect High-speed (760)Public Broadband at “Middle-Mile Connected” Event

BISHOP, Calif. – The Bishop Paiute Tribe today warmly welcomed Gov. Gavin Newsom as he turned on the nation’s largest open-access, public broadband network and connected its first rural community in partnership with the Bishop Paiute Reservation. It is the first high-speed internet connection on a sovereign Tribal nation in California delivering affordable, fast internet for the Eastern Sierra.

Gov. Newsom met with Paiute students who directly benefit from access to broadband before joining Bishop Paiute Tribal members along with Bishop City, County and State officials at the Barlow Gymnasium for a luncheon to celebrate the new partnership.

“The Bishop Paiute Tribe is now online, taking a major step toward closing the digital divide,” said Chairwoman Emma Williams. “We’re the first Tribe in California to connect to California’s Middle-Mile Broadband Network. This opportunity not only provides access to high-speed internet, but it also affords us workplace development opportunities and is a segue to creating and operating our own Tribal ISP broadband services. This wouldn’t have been possible were it not for Gov. Newsom initiating funding for rural and Tribal communities throughout California.”

Paiute students were among the first to log on, experiencing dramatically faster speeds and new access to education, health care, cultural resources, and workforce development. More than 35% of rural areas lack internet access, especially Tribal communities. Gov. Newsom’s “Broadband for All” initiative aims to bridge the divide across all 58 California counties.

“Many Tribal communities struggle with unreliable internet due do infrastructure gaps,” said Paiute Tribal member Leviya Williams, local representative for United National Indian Tribal Youth. “The digital divide is the gap between those who have access to technology and those who don’t. When communities don’t have internet, they miss out on education, job opportunities, health care and important civic information. Expanding high-speed internet helps create equal opportunities and a stronger future for everyone.”

Gov. Newsom thanked the Bishop Paiute Tribe and the team that designed and built the system.

“I’m grateful to be here today. We’re not just talking about closing the digital divide — we’re doing it. California is delivering fast, reliable, and affordable internet to communities across the state. That means more students with stronger access to educational resources, more families accessing critical health care, and more Californians having the opportunity to apply for good-paying jobs. This progress is real, it’s measurable, and it’s making a difference in people’s lives.”

As the first customer of California’s Middle-Mile Broadband Network, the Bishop Paiute Tribe is bringing high-speed, reliable internet to rural, Tribal, and historically underserved areas and beyond.

“Today marks a historic first as a California Tribal nation enthusiastically leads the way to provide increased access and reliability to their local community,” said California Tribal Affairs Secretary Christina Snider-Ashtari. “California’s partnership with the Bishop Paiute Tribe demonstrates the progress we can make when we work together to provide a brighter future for all Californians.”

This groundbreaking partnership is a model for government-to-government relations between Tribal nations and the state. As a Tribally owned internet service provider, the Bishop Paiute Tribe, with more than 2,200 citizens, will independently manage and operate its broadband service, including setting pricing and service offerings for households on and off the reservation. The partnership reflects California’s commitment to Tribal sovereignty and self-determination.

“This investment connects our community while creating local jobs and giving us the ability to lead and manage our own digital future,” said Tribal Council Member Meryl Picard.

The new internet service in Bishop is made possible by connecting to a 423-mile segment of the MMBN that runs from Barstow to the Nevada border along Highway 395. Demonstrating California’s innovative approach to infrastructure development, CDT acquired dormant fiber infrastructure and transformed it through major upgrades into a robust, high-capacity backbone now serving rural and tribal communities throughout the Eastern Sierra Nevada region.

The Middle-Mile Broadband Initiative ensures that California has a resilient, open-access broadband network enabling communities to connect to high-speed internet for generations to come. Once complete, last mile projects will take internet connections from middle-mile lines to homes, schools, businesses, and more.

“Connecting the Bishop Paiute Tribe as the first customer of California’s middle mile broadband network illustrates true partnership and a commitment to serving all corners of California,” said Government Operations Secretary Nick Maduros. “This milestone reflects the power of working hand in hand with tribal communities to build infrastructure that supports opportunity and long-term connectivity.”

1 Photos attached
CAPTIONS

Photo courtesy Gov. Gavin Newsom

Gov. Newsom was joined onstage by Bishop Paiute Tribal Council Member Meryl Picard, Chairwoman Emma Williams, Golden State Net Tribal Advisor Matt Rantanen, and Hannah Frankson, who sang a Paiute honor song to open the ceremonies.



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May

SUNDAY MONDAY TUESDAY WEDNESDAY THURSDAY FRIDAY SATURDAY

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 5:00PM Enrollment Committee Meeting at Bishop Paiute Tribe 10:00AM Community Language Class at the Cultural Center	4 8:00AM Tribal Council Business Meeting	5 10:00AM Cultural Advisory Committee Meeting via Zoom 12:00PM Cultural Advisory Committee Meetings via Zoom	6 6:00PM Nomination Night Justice Center/Tribal Chambers 11:00AM NüüMü Hiking/Walking Group at Fitness Center	7 6:00PM Cultural Center Giftshop Buying Days 7:00AM Voter's Distribution and Per Capita Pick up 4:00PM Elders Advisory Board Meetings 11:00AM NüüMü Hiking/Walking Group at Fitness Center	8 5:30PM Utility Board Meeting	9 9:00AM First Aid & CPR Training at Social Services Bldg #3
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31 11:00AM NüüMü WIA-Nü Teaching & Learning: Walk & Talk 10:00AM Community Language Class at the Cultural Center						





Miranda Stewart-Hess Jr.

Paiute, Yaqui & Apache

THIS SUBMISSION WAS SUBMITTED BY LYNETTE HESS-BLOSSOM, GRANDMOTHER

Miranda Stewart Hess Jr. is 16 and an enrolled tribal member of the Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley. She is the daughter of Bishop Paiute Tribal Member Brandon Hess and Big Pine Paiute Tribal Member Miranda Stewart-Hess Sr. Her paternal Grandmother is Lynette Hess- Blossom a Bishop Paiute Tribal Member, and her maternal Grandfather Robert “Bob” Stewart who is a Big Pine Paiute Tribal Member.

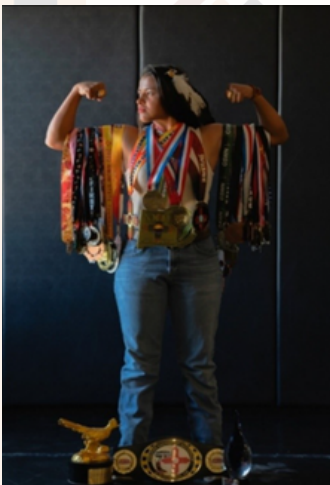


Miranda has been wrestling since age four (4) and is a 5 x State Junior Wrestling Champion; 2x Champion in South Dakota and 3x Champion in New Mexico. Miranda received the coveted honor of New Mexico Youth Wrestler of the Year 2024 Award and finished her 2024 season undefeated. Miranda made Varsity as a High School Freshman and tried three (3) new styles of wrestling over this past summer, Beach, Freestyle and Roman-Greco. Just after a few months of learning Miranda earned the 2025 New Mexico USA Wrestling Olympic Style State Tournament Champion title in both Freestyle and Roman-Greco. Miranda also became the 2025 Fargo Beach Wrestling Champion and the 2025 Southern Plains Regional Roman-Greco Champion in Oklahoma City, OK. She is the New Mexico Athletic Association State Championship Runner-Up in Folkstyle. Miranda also contributed to her team winning the back-to-back NMAA Class A-5A State Team Championship title. As if that’s not enough Miranda Jr. was nominated by the Founding Director and his wife, Dr. Dan, and Susan Ninham, to be inducted into the North American Indigenous Athletic Hall of Fame (NAIAHF). The panel voted for her into the Class of 2025 at the age of 15, an amazing accomplish for Miranda.



Miranda’s Sophomore year started off great, making the Varsity Team again. And fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming a High School State Wrestling Champion in Folkstyle. Miranda entered the State Tournament as the #1 seed and beat four (4) Seniors to claim her spot at the top of the podium. Outscoring all four (4) of her opponents by 40 points. Miranda also made the distinguished 2026 New Mexico Dream Team this year, joining other Elite Athletes from the New Mexico State.

Miranda was chosen by a local news station to represent Women’s History Month and the fastest growing High School sport in the country, Women’s Wrestling. Her story won two (2) Emmys and led to a follow-up interview highlighting her Induction into the NAIAHF as the youngest and First American Female Wrestler to ever be inducted.



Miranda is a huge promoter of girls joining wrestling and encourages everyone to try wrestling out. This year Miranda has become a volunteer coach on two (2) different teams; a Middle School Team and a Youth Club Team.

Miranda was a pioneer of the sport in her early career and was the only girl on her team from 2013-2017 in South Dakota. Girls joining wrestling were virtually unheard of when Miranda first started, so she mainly wrestled boys. Miranda continues to wrestle at the High School level and again earned her spot on the High School Varsity Team as a Sophomore at a 6A High School.

Miranda’s goals are to be a; Three (3)-Time State High School Champion in Folkstyle, Wrestle for the University of Iowa, Become an Olympic Wrestler and join the UFC, and continue her wrestling coaching career.

FOLLOW HER CAREER ON HER PUBLIC INSTAGRAM ACCOUNT; @MIRANDA_STEWART_HESS_JR

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE 2026 ANNUAL ELECTIONS

NOMINATION NIGHT

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, MAY 6, 2026

WHERE: JUSTICE CENTER/TRIBAL CHAMBERS, 50 TU SU LN, BISHOP, CA 93514

TIME: 6:00 P.M.

Any eligible tribal member may be nominated. Any eligible tribal member not nominated who desires to be placed on the ballot as a candidate shall file a "Declaration of Candidacy" no later than May 6, 2026. *Candidate filing fees must be paid no later than May 12, 2026, by 5:00 p.m.* All eligible candidates must be in good standing with the tribe.

(see Bishop Paiute Tribe Election Ordinance, available at the tribal Office or Bishop Paiute Tribal Website).

NO REFUNDS will be made if a candidate declines running in election.

Primary Election: Tuesday, June 9, 2026

General Election: Tuesday, July 14, 2026

Polls Open at 7:00 AM and Close 7:00 PM

PRELIMINARY VOTERS LIST:

THE PRELIMINARY VOTERS LIST WILL BE POSTED AT THE BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL OFFICE ON MAY 1, 2026.

MEMBERS WHOSE NAMES DO NOT APPEAR, MUST REGISTER TO VOTE BY MAY 12, 2026, BY 5:00 P.M.

REGISTRATION FORMS ARE AVAILABLE AT THE BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL OFFICE, 50 TU SU LN, BISHOP, CA 93514.

OFFICIAL VOTERS LIST FOR THE PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS:

THE OFFICIAL VOTERS LIST WILL BE POSTED ON MAY 15, 2026 (NO CHANGES WILL BE MADE AFTER THIS DATE) AT THE BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL OFFICE.

THIS LIST WILL BE USED FOR THE 2026 PRIMARY AND GENERAL ELECTIONS.

FOR ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT CIERA HEAVY RUNNER AT THE TRIBAL OFFICE, (760) 873-3584 EXT. 1331.

Eligible Voter Sample Ballots will be mailed on or before May 15, 2026.

ABSENTEE BALLOTS

ABSENTEE BALLOTS WILL BE READY FOR PICK UP OR MAILING ON MAY 18, 2026.

Eligible voters may request an absentee ballot to vote and return the absentee ballot to the Tribal Office on the same day or before polls close on Election Day, June 9, 2026.

To request an absentee ballot please call (760) 873-3584.

WE WANT YOUR

FEEDBACK!



Bishop Paiute needs your input on how to improve waste and recycling services!

Bishop Paiute Tribe wants to hear from residents and businesses about your current waste and recycling services and how they can be improved. Survey responses will be used to evaluate how Bishop Paiute Tribe could offer recycling, composting, trash, and bulky waste collection services to residents and businesses.

Please take 10 minutes to complete the survey. Anyone that completes the survey by June 12th is eligible to win one of 20 \$50 Visa Gift Cards (limit one entry per household or business).



Complete the survey by June 12th for a chance to win \$50!

CINCO DE MAYO

TUESDAY • MAY 5TH

PICK-A-PINATA & WIN UP TO \$500!

HOT SEAT DRAWINGS EVERY 15 MINS • 6PM TO 9PM



LIVE DJ
6PM - 9PM



CARNITAS

\$18.95

Both served with Pico de Gallo, Spanish rice, black beans, fresh lime and flour tortillas



SUNDAY • MAY 10

WANAHA MOTHER'S DAY

GIFT & DINING SPECIALS

Double Heart Dancing Crystal Necklace



500 POINTS

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

Crystal Tennis Bracelet



900 POINTS

EARN PTS SAT TO SUN TO GET MOM GREAT GIFTS!

MONDAY • MAY 25

MEMORIAL DAY

\$3K

CASH GIVEAWAY



\$100 @ 4PM | \$200 @ 4:30PM | \$300 @ 5PM | \$400 @ 5:30PM | \$500 @ 6PM | \$500 @ 6:30PM

\$1,000 DRAWING @ 7PM



EARN ENTRIES STARTING MAY 1ST!



RASPBERRY BABY BACK RIBS

Served with your choice of mashed potato, baked potato or rice pilaf.

Full rack \$28.95 OR 1/2 rack \$23.95

Burrata Salad with roasted beets, watermelon, fresh basil, basil oil, and Marcona almonds. \$18.95



**WANAHA
CASINO**

MAY FUN!

@WANAHA CASINO



WIN AMAZING PRIZES ON FRIDAYS IN MAY

EARN POINTS WEEKLY IN MAY!

PLUS

\$50 FREE PLAY HOT SEATS EVERY 15 MINS BETWEEN PRIZE DRAWINGS!

EARN ONE (1) ENTRY FOR EVERY 1,000 PTS EARNED WEEKLY

FRIDAY • MAY 1 - DRAWINGS AT 7PM • 8PM • 9PM • 10PM



FRIDAY • MAY 15 - DRAWINGS AT 7PM • 8PM • 9PM • 10PM



FRIDAY • MAY 22 - DRAWINGS AT 7PM • 8PM • 9PM • 10PM



FRIDAY • MAY 8 - DRAWINGS AT 7PM • 8PM • 9PM • 10PM



FRIDAY • MAY 29 - DRAWINGS AT 7PM • 8PM • 9PM • 10PM



WEDNESDAYS



EVERY 30 MINS FROM 1-3PM & 6PM-8PM

HOT SEAT | PLAY WITH YOUR CLUB CARD TO BE SELECTED

SATURDAY

HOT SEATS

\$100 CASH DRAWINGS

HOT SEAT | A WINNERS EVERY 15 MINS • 7PM - 9PM

MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND

THURS - SUN • MAY 21 - 24

VISIT OUR BOOTH AT MULE DAYS TO SPIN THE PRIZE WHEEL!

**WIN MULE DAYS SHIRT
FREE PLAY ★ FUN PRIZES**



EARN 700 PTS FROM FRI, MAY 22 TO SAT, MAY 23 TO RECEIVE A SHIRT!

WHILE SUPPLIES LAST

BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS

If you are looking to be added to a Tribal Council Business Agenda , please complete the agenda request forms at the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office.



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- CIMC Representative - OVCDC
- Owens Valley Board of Trustee



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- Tribal Representative for the Bishop Area Wastewater Authority (BAWA)



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TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING SCHEDULE

For questions, please contact Jordan Fimbres, Executive Assistant to Tribal Council
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MAY
2026

MEETING SCHEDULE

TRIBAL COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA REQUESTS ARE
AVAILABLE FOR PICK UP IN THE FRONT OFFICE.



Tribal Council Business Meeting
Monday, May 4th, 2026



Tribal Council Business Meeting
Monday, May 11th, 2026



Policy Committee Meeting
Wednesday, May 13th, 2026



Regular Tribal Council Meeting
Thursday, May 14th, 2026



Tribal Council Business Meeting
Monday, May 18th, 2026



Departmental Updates
Wednesday, May 27th, 2026



Regular Tribal Council Meeting
Thursday, May 28th, 2026

*Save the
Date*

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING

SATURDAY, JUNE 6TH, 2026

At the Community Center

*Tribal Council Question/Comment Cards are available at the Tribal Office and can
be submitted to Jordan Fimbres, Executive Assistant to Tribal Council*

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

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SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2026

At the Community Center

Tribal Council Members in Attendance -

Steven Orihuela, Chairman, Emma Williams, Vice-Chairwomen, Meryl Picard secretary/Treasurer, Jeff Romero, Council Member, and Chad Delgado, Council Member

Bishop Paiute Tribe's Sewer Rate Study Findings

PRESENTERS: Sandra Warlie, Public Works Director, Abigail Seaman, Utility Finance Consultant III and Victor Coronado, Small Utility Project Manager II

This presentation was provided at the Regular Tribal Council Meeting on February 12th, 2026, with a second presentation for community on March 7th, 2026. Highlight the sewer rate study findings regarding the current rates and usage, this presentation broke down the studies into parts for the community input. The objectives of this study covered the understanding, project, calculation, and increase, due to the new wastewater customers being added to the system studies explain why the rates need to increase. New Wastewater customers:

- Wanaaha Hotel
- Toiyabe Dialysis Unit
- Yuhubi Nobi Gas Station/Retail Center
- Four New Septic to Sewer Residential Connections

During this presentation Abigail Seaman, Utility Finance Consultant III cover insight in the wastewater expenses and the treatment cost starting from August 2023 to December 2025 as this cost has increased. Ms. Seaman covered the increase justification for the new water/sewer rates for tribal members, non-tribal members, businesses, livestock, and commercial facilities on the Bishop Paiute Reservation. This rate study also expanded out on what the neighboring local locations pay such as Mariposa PUD, the City of Bishop, Eastern Sierra CSD (2026, and June Lake PUD. Ms. Seaman reviewed the new sewer rate revenues which showed the difference from 2025 to 2026. This presentation closed with a five-year plan regarding the rate increase, tribal member rate increase, and the revenues costs that can be covered from the increase

Effective Date: June 1, 2026

PROPOSED MONTHLY RATES: Tribal Member - \$40.00 | Tribal Member Elder - \$25.00

For more information or questions, please contact Sandra Warlie, Public Works Director at (760)873-6638 | sandra.warlie@bishoppaiute.org

Bishop Paiute Tribe's Quarterly Budget Update

PRESENTER(S): Alexandra Helms, Chief Operations Officer

This presentation provided highlighted the Bishop Paiute Tribe financial over regarding account balance, money coming in, going out, financial statements, and the Wanaaha Hotel Loan for 2025. Ms. Helms cover the 10 different bank accounts balances as of January 1, 2026, and reviewing the tribal revenue sources. The Bishop Paiute Tribe has 9 different revenue sources such as general funds through **Net Gaming**

Revenue: Fuel Tax, TERO Tax, Sales Tax, Revenue Share Trust Fund, and Water/Rental/Irrigation, Enterprise Funds: Gas Stations and BPDC, and the Federal & State Grants.

Gross Revenue for 2025: \$48,315,068.68 (Unaudited,subject to change)

A revenue comparison was provided for community's review for the year 2024 to 2025 highlighting the revenue for tribal enterprise, general, and grant.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

CONTINUED

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2026

At the Community Center

The Bishop Paiute Tribe Operating Expenses were covered and reviewed for the community. **Tribal operating expenses:** Personnel, Benefits, Professional Services, Insurance, Support Services, Other Operating Cost, Utilities, Rental Equipment, Capital Expenditures, and Distribution.

Total Expenses for 2025: \$47,572,407.33 (Unaudited,subject to change)

A expenses comparison was provided for community's review for the year 2024 to 2025 highlighting the revenue for tribal enterprise, general, and grant.

Within this presentation a break down of general funds, grant funds, Bishop Paiute Gas Station, Yuhubi Nobi Gas Station, Bishop Paiute Development Corporation and ARPA funding for the 2024 in comparison to 2025. Ms. Helms covered the outline of the Wanaaha Hotel Construction Loan as of December 31, 2025, which covered the construction budget, loan amount, loan draws, what is left in the loan, and tribal equity.

Construction and Planning Costs: \$20,815,156.01

Per Capita and Voter Distribution

Checks can be picked up, Wednesday, May 13th, 2026

VOTER DISTRIBUTION PAYMENT \$320-\$330 | PER CAPITA (*TO BE DETERMINED*)

Wanaaha Hotel Project Update

PRESENTERS: Mark Wilson and Alex Tellez from the Summit Project Management Team Members Mark Wilson cover an overview of the current Wanaaha Hotel Project which included an insight on the piping system, flood of the hotel, insurance claim, and the construction loan information.

The flood was address and an outside clean up company Servpro who was contacted and was brought in to assist with the flood clean up. Mr. Wilson provided insight on the pipe breaking on the fourth floor and what has been done to ensure it get fixed properly along moving forward. Three different insurance company are currently involved in this flooding incident which the Summit Project Management Team and Tribal Council are working closely to get the project back on track. The Summit Project Management Team has requested a work plans and construction schedule to follow and track the progress of the hotel from the construction company Morefield.

Steven Orihuela, Chairman has informed the community that Tribal Council meets with the Wanaaha Hotel Project Management Team, BPDC Staff, and the Administration Staff weekly and ensure progress is getting made and items are address properly.

Mr. Wilson addressed all comments or concerns of the community, which he has ensure the community the Summit Project Management is doing everything they can to make sure things are done correct and are on track on the Wanaaha Hotel Project.

GENERAL COUNCIL MEETING SUMMARY

CONTINUED

SATURDAY, MARCH 7TH, 2026

At the Community Center

Wanaaha Casino Operational and Financial Update

PRESENTERS: Michael Padilla, General Manager and Tenaya Howard, Director of Finance

For this presentation, the Wanaaha Casino team covered the January 2026 Performance with Prior Year-to-Date, January 2026 Profit Center Revenue Detail, Trailing Twelve Month Revenue Comparison, FY 2025 Revenue Milestone Reached, and Operating Revenue-Historical Trend which this informational is unaudited, and can be subject to change.

Michael Padilla, General Manager reviewed the overview of the smoking and the hotel/casino planning, which the smoking section is currently getting reconfigured for additional slots. Tenaya Howard, Director of Finance covered the comparison of January 2025 to January 2026 regarding the Gaming Revenue, Non-Gaming Revenue, and Less: Cost of Sales.

Gross Profit for January 2025: \$1,283,659 | **Gross Profit for January 2026:** \$1,519,696

The comparison of January 2025 to January 2026 displayed Payroll & Benefits, Marketing, Leases-Participation Games, Other Operating Expenses and Depreciation, Net Income, and EBITDA figures.

Total Operating Expenses for January 2025: \$1,114,586

Total Operating Expenses for January 2026: \$1,121,480

Ms. Howard review the Wanaaha Casino Profit revenue for the gaming and non-gaming items which were broken down into graph for the community see the break down in picture form.

Gaming Revenue: *Slots and Table Games* | January 2026: \$1,374,605

Non-Gaming Revenue: *Restaurant, Bar, Smoke, Gift Shop, and RV* | January 2026: \$271,716

During the closing of this presentation Ms. Howard informed the community the Casino Revenue surpasses the \$20MM for the first time in history during FY 2025! With this great news, a 30-year historical operating revenue chart was shown to the community for visual comparison. Update from Ms. Howard 4/17/26: Since the presentation, the casino has endured their annual financial audit and the \$20MM+ in revenue has been confirmed.

Community Comments/Questions

This was an open opportunity for Tribal Council to ask questions or provide comments to tribal topics, this was addressed by Tribal Council or passes to the Administration team for follow up.

- Utility Board Meetings
- Social Services
 - Housing Programs
 - Application & Process of Application
 - Project Contractors and Contractor's requirements
 - Scope of Work and Cost of Each Project
 - Advertising of Program
- Community Survey Results
- At Will Policy
- Campaign Concerns regarding Steven Orihuela, Chairman
- Water/Sewer Rate Increase Only for Non-Tribal Members
- Donation Requests
- Building of Tribal Homes
- Hiring Process through Human Resources
- Relationship Concerns between Toiyabe and the Bishop Paiute Tribe
 - Lease Agreement
 - Is Toiyabe in Compliance?
 - Are Monthly Reports and Payments Being Submitted?



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