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Community Survey

Be on the look out for your Community Survey in the mail. The Tribe needs your feedback and opinion on matters pertaining to the future governmental and business developments on the Reservation. If you return your completed survey on Monday, February 14th and Tuesday, February 15th you can also pick up your 1st Quarter Distribution check from the Tribal Office. Only you can pick up your check in person – no exceptions. Checks that are not picked up on these days will be mailed, as scheduled, on Wednesday, February 16th. Survey participants will be eligible to win gift certificates from the Gas Station:

- 1st Prize \$100
- 2nd Prize \$50
- 3rd Prize \$25

The raffle will be held the following week. Surveys will be accepted until 5:00 p.m. Friday, 18th. Your participation is greatly appreciated and remember your opinion counts!



NIEA President visits our students...

It was an exciting week for many students and staff alike in our schools with the National Indian Education Association President Mary Jane Oatman-Wak Wak during her visit to the Owens Valley on January 20-22. Mary Jane shared her triumphs in life overcoming obstacles in a small town of 2,000 people on the Nez Perce reservation in Idaho. Her experiences had included the hardships of poverty, substance abuse, racism, and family burdens dimming the light of any hope to a promising future. Her persistence, determination, and hard work had provided her another way of life through her Nez Perce culture and language in reaching her goals in higher education. Her dreams are only a beginning with her being selected as the 2010-2011 NIEA President and her appointment by President Obama in 2010 onto the Nation Advisory Board on Indian Education. She provides a voice for the Native American students and Indian Education across the nation and has vowed to carry that voice from our students in our schools in the Owens Valley. BIEC staff Vincent Townsend coordinated Mary Jane's visit which began Thursday morning with our Bishop Tribal Council in an exchange of ideals. She continued on her day at the Bishop Union High School Library with students and staff. She had the chance to visit the Bishop Indian Education Center while students participated in language class and tutoring. Friday, she opened the day with 2 general assemblies at

the Bishop Elementary School; and, she was able to make an informal visit with students at Pali-sades Glacier High School and came back to Home Street Middle School for an intense meeting with the 6th-8th students over lunch. Mary Jane was the Keynote Speaker for the Native American Student Academic Achievement Honoring held at the Barlow Lane Gym with over 200 in attendance. It was not to end there as

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Earned Income Tax Credit Can Put Money in Your Pocket

You could be eligible to get more money back from the IRS - as much as \$5,666. If you earned less than \$48,362 from wages, self-employment or farming last year, you may qualify for a refundable tax credit called the Earned Income Tax Credit, or EITC. But you must file a federal income tax return claiming the credit to get it. EITC can be a big financial boost for working people hit by hard economic times. Many individuals who saw their incomes drop in 2010 may qualify for the first time. The credit has been making the lives of workers a little easier for more than 35 years. Yet it remains little known, possibly because people move into

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February 2011



WÜNÜT NOVÍ
Open House and
Sherman Alexie Mixer
February 24th @ 4pm-5pm
Wünüt Presentation
Gift for Mr. Alexie
Refreshments to be served
Spellbinder Books
Silent Auction
February 1st—21st
Come down to Spellbinder
and bid on some rare and
out of print items
All proceeds will go to
benefit the Wünüt Noví

Committee Vacancies

Letters of Intent are available at the Tribal Office.

- **Assignment Committee**
One (1) committee member is needed.
- **Parent Advisory Committee (Education Committee)**
One (1) committee member is needed.
- **Community Development Department (CDD) Housing**
Two (2) Board members are needed.
- **Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (TEPA)**
Two (2) Board members are needed.
- **Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO)**
Three (3) Board members are needed.
- **Gaming Commission**
Two (2) Commission seats will be up in July 2011. Application packets are available at the Tribal Office and at the Gaming Commission.

Upcoming Events...

February 2011

- 10th BITC Mtg. @ 6pm
Tribal Chambers
- 10th *Gathering Basket
Class with Lucy Parker
@ 7pm Inyo Council for
the Arts (Must pre-
register to attend)
Community Reads Event
- 14th-15th Early Distribution
Check Pick up with
Survey submission at
the Tribal Office
- 15th Tribal Court @ 11am
Tribal Chambers
- 18th-20th All Indian Men and
Women's Basketball
Tournament
- 21st Tribal Office Closed –
Holiday- Presidents' Day
- 23rd Community Talking
Circle @ 5:30pm Tribal
Community Center
- 23rd Sherman Alexie
Presentation @ 7pm
Bishop High Auditorium
- 24th BITC Mtg. @ 6pm Tribal
Chambers
- 24th Wünüt Novi Open House
w/ Sherman Alexie Mixer
@ 4pm-5pm
Wünüt Novi
- 24th Sherman Alexie
Presentation @ 6pm
Barlow Gym

March 2011

- 10th BITC Mtg. @ 6pm
Tribal Chambers
- 15th Tribal Court @ 11am
Tribal Chambers
- 24th BITC Mtg. @ 6pm
Tribal Chambers
- 31st Tribal Office Closed –
Holiday- Cesar Chavez
Birthday

* For more information on
'Community Reads' Events contact
Inyo Council for the Arts
(760) 873-8014

Tribe Secured New Long Term Sewer Agreement

By Seth Barlow, Public Works Director

After many years of negotiations, the Bishop Paiute Tribe has finally secured a long term agreement for sewer treatment services. The new agreement, signed in December and set to become effective early this year, is a 35 year deal with the Eastern Sierra Community Services District (ESCSA) who is the Tribe's current provider of wastewater treatment. The new deal provides for an additional 30,000 gallons per day of treatment capacity bringing the Tribe's total capacity to 315,000 gallons per day. Currently, the Tribe uses between 250,000 and 270,000 gallons per day. The additional capacity is enough for approximately 100 new single family residences on the reservation. In addition, the agreement provides for a detailed feasibility study to explore the option of expand-

ing the current ESCSD facility to provide the Tribe with capacity of up to 650,000 gallons per day of capacity, which would be enough to meet all of the Tribe's future needs for both commercial and residential wastewater treatment.

In addition to the option of expanding the ESCSD plant, the Tribe is continuing to explore potential treatment options with the City of Bishop and/or the Tribe's own treatment facility. Both of these options are likely to be more expensive and in the case of the Tribe's own facility, would require additional land acquisition. However, they may become necessary should it prove to not be feasible to expand the ESCSD plant.

For the present time though, Tribal members can continue to plan for additional home sites for their children and families. Please remember if you are planning to connect to the Tribe's sewer and water system you must complete an application for a Temporary Use Permit. These permits are available at both the Public Works Department at 630 Brockman Lane and from the Tribal Fiscal Office at 50 Tu Su Lane. If you need assistance in completing your application please call 760-873-6638 or stop by the Public Works Office.



Date: February 23, 2011
Time: 5:30 pm- 8:00 pm
Location: Community Center
405 N. Barlow Lane
(HEAD START BLDG.)

Light Meal To Be Served  Drug and Alcohol Free Event

The Bishop Paiute Tribal Council would like to invite all Tribal Members to join together and discuss Community issues and resolution.

 FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT THE BISHOP TRIBAL OFFICE AT (760) 873-3584.

All Indian Men's & Women's Basketball Tournament

February 18 - 20, 2011

Barlow Lane Gym/Bishop Union High School Gym *Drug/alcohol free event!*

MEN'S TOURNEY

14 Teams-True Double Elimination

1st place: \$3,500

Plus Individual Team Awards

2nd place: \$2,000

Plus Individual Team Awards

3rd place: \$1,000

Plus Individual Team Awards

Other award acknowledgements:

4th place, Sportsmanship, All Tourney Team, MVP
Max Points Contest, Half-court contest, Mr. Hustle

ENTRY FEE: \$400

\$100 non-refundable deposit required to secure participation in Tournament

Men's Tourney Contact:

Lynette Romero: 760-937-4319

Jo Barlow: 760-920-2035

T-Bell Harrison: 760-920-4709

BISHOP CALIFORNIA



WOMEN'S TOURNEY

Double Elimination

1st place: \$1,000

Plus Individual Team Awards

2nd place: \$600

Plus Individual Team Awards

3rd place: \$300

Plus Individual Team Awards

Other award acknowledgements:

4th place, Sportsmanship, All Tourney Team, MVP, Ms. Hustle

ENTRY FEE: \$300

\$100 non-refundable deposit required to secure participation in Tournament

Women's Tourney Contact

Lisa Manuelito: 760-937-6888

2010 Tournament Queen
Karissa Stone



Queen Contest info,
contact Lynette Romero!

Sponsored by the Bishop Indian Sports Club,
Bishop Paiute Tribe & the Paiute Palace Casino



Women's Legal Advocacy Program

"Domestic Violence Is Not Traditional"

Call 760-937-2647

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2011 Per Capita & Voter Distribution Calendar

1st Quarter
Voter Distribution
February 16th

1st Per Capita
Distribution
April 20th

2nd Quarter Voter
Distribution
May 18th

3rd Quarter Voter
Distribution
August 17th

4th Quarter Voter
Distribution
November 16th

2nd Per Capita
Distribution
December 14th



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General Council

the topic of Self Governance and informed everyone that an agreement was in place. The members were also informed of a Community Survey that would be mailed to all eligible tribal voters within the next week.

The Scholarship Committee was next on the agenda and Ahwahnee Williams gave a presentation and an overall program update. Scholarship applicants have dramatically increased from past years from ten students applying to 40+ applicants. The Committee stressed the importance of funding for students that are pursuing a higher education.

Kris Hohag, of the Wünüt Group, was next on the agenda and gave a powerpoint presentation which displayed the mission statement and the beliefs of the group. Group activities have included a cemetery cleanup, language, family game nights, graffiti clean up, field trips throughout the valley, and repainting the inside of the

Wünüt building. Wünüt is currently looking for other funding opportunities and volunteers to help with the development of a business plan and for group activities.

Larry Red Owl gave a presentation on the Gaming Commission and went over the background of gaming rules and regulations, organization staff and answered some common questions about the Commission. A break down of Gaming Commission activities for the year 2010 was also provided in a handout to the audience. The Gaming Commission is currently looking for two more Commissioners in the summer.

The Bishop Paiute Development Corporation (BPDC) was on the agenda. Joe Moose and Ray Stone presented the BPDC staff and the BPDC Board. An update was given on the Business Park Rentals, billboard signs, two small business projects, and other projects. Current projects included the 'Fuel Value Added Project' which will add two above ground storage tanks, one of which will mix ethanol, and in addition will also add a second gas island on the south side of the Gas Station that will accommodate large trailers

and diesel trucks. This project drew many questions from the crowd, such as; the disruption of casino traffic, the use of land for the tanks, the distributor/financer/transporter vs. in-house by the Tribe, and the need for a public hearing on this project. An update was also provided on the second Gas Station project, the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Block Grant (EECBG), the Chevron Energy Solutions, Inc., the Retail Store, Entrepreneurship/Homeowner Program and other potential business opportunities. Many members stressed the importance of having community input and public hearings.

The Assignment Committee was last on the agenda. Rhonda Shultz gave an overview of the Committee functions and current Committee members. The Committee reviews Land Assignment applications and can only make recommendations to the Tribal Council. The meeting concluded around 2:00 pm and the next meeting date has not been set. The meeting was well attended and very informative. Be on the look out for meeting notices in



Women's Legal Advocacy Program (WLAP)

Sacramento, CA, January 25, 2010—Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 100 (Jones) recognizes February 2010 as "National Teen Dating Violence Awareness and Prevention Month," and encourages all governmental organizations, private organizations, and public officials, as well as families and youth in California, to work together to raise awareness of teen dating violence and promote prevention strategies. The resolution is sponsored by the California Partnership to End Domestic Violence (CPEDV), California's statewide domestic violence coalition. According to a study in the Journal of the American Medical Association, violent rela-

tionships in adolescence can have serious ramifications, putting those who are victimized at higher risk for substance abuse, eating disorders, risky sexual behavior, suicide, and violence in their adult relationships. The California Healthy Kids Survey shows that 7 percent of 11th grade students in California said they were victims of teen dating violence in the past 12 months. The problem is compounded by lack of appropriate response by parents and other adults. In a survey published in 2009 by Liz Claiborne, Inc. and Family Violence Prevention Fund, the majority of parents surveyed believed they have had a conversation with their teen about

what it means to be in a healthy relationship. However, the majority of teens surveyed said that they have not had a conversation about dating abuse with a parent in the past year. "When relationship violence begins in the teen years, the violence those people experience as adults tends to be more severe," said Tara Shabazz, CPEDV Executive Director. "Preventing teen dating violence is critical not only to support healthy adolescents, but also as a strategy to eliminate the adult domestic violence that affects millions of Californians. We all have a role to play in modeling non-violence and helping teens have healthy relationships."

Bishop Union High School Native Honor Roll Students

Here is a list of the 1st semester Honor Roll students (3.0 and above) at Bishop Union High School.

- Raquel Anakalea
- Candice Bardonnex
- Shaun Braithwaite
- Alexeya Brown
- Yvonna Chandler
- La Varea Chavez
- Caitlin Coleman
- Macy Davis
- Tssiuvvu Dewey
- Graysen Hess
- Raimundo Huarte
- Alyssa Kane
- Katie Manuelito
- Katelyne Lent
- Shanna McKenzie
- Kylie Meneses
- Sage O'Dell
- Steven Orihuela
- Cheyenne Renfro
- Garrett Rogers
- Josie Rogers
- Jannah Seaver
- Tiara Shoshone
- Paige Sills
- Michael Watterson
- Lexi Weaver
- Qwina West, Jr.
- Kelsea Wuester

*Great job everyone!
 Keep up the good work!*

Tribal Employment Rights Office

Those seeking employment please come in and complete a Job Skills Application. Your confidential information will be entered into a job skills bank for referral purposes to match potential job seekers with possible jobs that may be suited or related to the desired field and or experience of the applicant.

The TERO office is located at the Bishop Paiute Development Corporation Building at 270 See Vee Lane. If you have any questions, please stop by the office or call 873-7893.



Native American
"Showcase"
Arts and Crafts Sale
 9:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Indian Taco Sale
 11:00 a.m.—4:00 p.m.
Saturday, February 19, 2011
Bishop Tribal Elders Building
350 Barlow Lane
Bishop, CA

The Bishop TERO Office is seeking Bishop Tribal Members to sell or showcase their handmade Arts and Crafts. Limited Booths will be free to Bishop Tribal Members. For more information and to reserve your space, contact the Bishop TERO Office at (760) 873-7893.

The Bishop Tribal Elders will also be having a 50/50 Raffle and Indian Taco Sale. Tacos are \$5.00 each and can pre order by calling (760) 873-3052

How to sell on:

**Are you a
 Artist?
 Basket maker?
 Beader?
 Jewelry craftsman?**

The Bishop TERO Office is conducting a survey to see if Tribal members are interested in learning how to sell their products on eBay.

Please contact the TERO Office if you are interested in having this class at (760)873-7893 or stop in at 270 SeeVee Lane

Tribal Children Gift Giveaway

Bells were ringing and the sounds of children laughing filled the Community Center on December 20, 2010. The Bishop Paiute Tribal Council had bags full of Christmas Gifts to give to Tribal Children in the Community. Christmas music played throughout the evening while everyone enjoyed hot cocoa and a variety of yummy desserts. Santa's sleigh arrived just in time to take photos with the children. This event was well attended and was a joyous night for many families. We would like to give a big thank you to our Tribal Council and everyone who participated to make this event successful. Photos below are from 2010 Community Holiday gatherings.



Tribal Community Gatherings



Manu huu I would like to introduce myself as the new Community Project Coordinator for the Tribe. If you don't know me my name is Lidia Schultz and I am a Bishop Paiute Tribal member. I am married with four children, 3 girls and 1 son. I am really excited about the future and am looking forward to working with the community.

During December two gatherings were held. One was the "Community Family Winter Gathering" on December 18th, 2010 at the Home Economic Building at the Tri County Fair Grounds. The Community Family Winter Gathering was a huge success. We had 346 in attendance for this gathering. The setting for this gathering was meant to be a very personal event with the set up of the tables and holiday music playing throughout the evening. We had a prime rib dinner with holiday deserts catered by The Paiute Palace Casino. We offered free pictures to all families who attended, as well as gifts given to all the children. We still have

pictures of families from the gathering who were unable to get theirs that night. If you were unable to get your pictures that night, they are available at the Tribal Office. Throughout the evening we heard from Barbara Mora, Cheyenne Stone from the Inyo American Indian Education Initiative, Inc., Huubu Program, and Tribal Councilman Chad Delgado. The evening ended with some really wonderful raffle items. The second gathering was "Ringing in 2011, Family Gathering" on December 31, 2010 at the Barlow Lane Gymnasium. The night was full of plenty to do for all ages. We had bounce houses, Wii's, and Live entertainment by Joseph Lent, and members of WuNut'. Bingo was a huge hit for both the adults and children who attended. Huge Subway sandwiches, chips and water were made available throughout the entire event. We had Regina Aguilera from Native Wellness Institution come and give everyone a very entertaining presentation along with her daughter

"I am really excited about the future and am looking forward to working with the community"

ter who is part of the Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls. We had some of our locals get up and participate with the Riata Ranch Cowboy Girls in trick roping. We ended the night with apple cider, a lot of horn blowing, and a New Year raffle with items that were family oriented. It was a great way to ring in 2011. We will be having vouchers available in the future for Drill Team, Swim Team, Soccer, Football and Cheer. We also have some day trips planned in the summer to go up and hike and fish and learn about our Native land. So keep an eye out for these upcoming events.



2011 Joe Olinghouse Scholarship



The Joe Olinghouse Memorial Scholarship is established on behalf of the Bishop Paiute Tribe for Current, Fall Time, Bishop Paiute Tribal Students that are attending Accredited Institutions of Higher Learning...

For more information contact the Student Services Coordinator at (760) 873-8740. Applications will soon be available at the Bishop Indian Education Center or at the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office.

Deadline TBA

This scholarship is sponsored by the Bishop Paiute Tribe and Luebben-Johnson & Barnhouse LLP

Scholarship Committee Update...

The Scholarship Committee had close to 50 applicants for the Spring 2011 Tribal Scholarship. Congratulations to all applicants and good luck in your strive for higher education!

- The Scholarship Committee is pleased to announce the following:
- 53 College Students received a 2010 Spring Tribal Scholarship
 - 17 College Students received a 2010 Summer Tribal Scholarship
 - 51 College Students received a 2010 Fall Tribal Scholarship
 - 47 College Students received a 2011 Spring Tribal Scholarship

The Tribe is pleased to announce the 2011 Joe Olinghouse Scholarship. This scholarship was established in memory of Joe Olinghouse, a longtime supporter of the Bishop Paiute Tribe. Joe dedicated many hours, weeks, and years researching and defending the Tribal lands and Water rights. It was his goal to see the Bishop Paiute Tribe retain and regain ancestral lands and water rights that were illegally taken. Joe's dedication to the people will be long remembered and we are honored to provide this scholarship in his name.

Things you should ask your student about...

Battle of the Books should be on the minds of some elementary students...Students are out of school the week of February 14th– 18th...4th Grade Mission Reports are coming up fast and book reports are almost due...Home Street students have Parent Conferences March 2-4th...Farewell Basketball Classic—Faculty vs. 8th Graders March 18th...Home St. School Open House/Minimum Day – April 14th...Home Street 8th Graders should be looking into the AVID program...High School Registration is approaching...Star Testing is approaching...High School 3rd quarter progress reports mailed out Feb 9th...High School CAHSEE testing March 8th and 9th...Spring Break April 18-22...



Home St. School Native Honor Roll Students

Here is a list of the 2nd Quarter Honor Roll students (3.4 GPA and above) and students with a 3.0 GPA at Home St. Elementary School:

6 th grade	
Jaden Piper	3.9
Ashlyn Hess	3.1
Anthony Vega	3.1
Victoria Begay	3.0
Sean Brown	3.0
Justin Alvey	3.0
Cecilia O'Dell	3.0
Kailah Watterson	3.0

7 th grade	
Morgan Cunha	3.7
Wallace Eddy	3.7
Sabrina Barlow	3.6
Dylan Coleman	3.5
Gene Dondero	3.5
Sydney Reno	3.3
Rosalind Cardenas	3.2

8 th grade	
Tamia Shoshone	4.0
Cierra Rossi	3.8
Thomas Sills	3.6
Tiarney Andreas	3.5
Troy Watterson	3.5
Kerisa Isaac	3.4
Aunwahu West	3.3
Evan Meneses	3.1
Frank Desmond	3.0

BISHOP TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL
Sundays at 4pm to 8pm
Wünüt Novi
(Old Elder's Bldg.)
Homework Club & Game Time

WÜNÜT MENTOR MEETINGS
2nd & 4th Wednesdays
at 5:30 pm
Wünüt Novie

**Bishop Union High School
Native American Student Association
(NASA) Leadership**

- President**
Katie Manuelito
Vice President
Tomi Andrade
Treasurer
Josie Rogers
Secretary
Jocelyn Williams
Historian
Raquel Anakalea
Freshmen Representative
Wunubi Shaw
- Associated Student Body**
Grayson Hess
Missy Moffett

Fall 2010 Student Achievement Awards Bishop Union High School Athletics

- Varsity Volleyball**
Katie Manuelito
Cross Country
Sage O'Dell
Jennah Seaver
JV Football
Dan Andreas
Harlan Dewey
Jarred Ruelas
Cy Scott
Noah Williams
Christian Younger
Calderon
Varsity Football
Roman Amisone
Steven Orihuela
Jamie Ruelas
Thumpsa Shoshone
Qwina West
Cheer
Shanna McKenzie
Kelsea Wuester
Dance Team
Missy Moffett



Education Center News and Upcoming Activities...

College Visits & Conference Participation Eligibility Requirements

Bishop Union High School students who are interested in opportunities after high school will have the chance to participate in the 2011 Spring Semester Educational Field Trips and College Visits provided by the Bishop Indian Education Center. Last semester's activities included the 2010 National Indian Education Association Convention, the 2010 American Indian Science & Engineering Society Conference, and the 2010 National Congress of American Indian Convention. Students who had met the eligibility criteria and had completed all the requirements had been selected for each trip.

"It's never too early to start talking to your kids about college— don't wait until high school start in kindergarten"

Students are subject to meet the eligibility criteria and fulfill all requirements in order to be considered for the 2011 Spring Semester activities.

For more Information, please email Vincent Townsend at bishop_youth.activities@yahoo.com or call (760) 873-8740. Please connect with the Bishop Tribal Youth Activities at www.facebook.com/Bishop.Tribal.Youth.Activities for updates and community events are posted regularly.

Spring Semester Eligibility and Requirements:

(Only one conference per student per semester)

- Current BUHS or PGHS Native American High School Student
- Recommendation from Ann Keller, Title VII Native American Liaison
- 2.5 GPA and higher
- Student must be in Good Standing and have Good Attendance
- Attend Family Formation/Teen Pregnancy Workshop (in-school/lunchtime workshops)
- Civic Engagement (volunteer work from the 2011 Spring Semester)
- One Page Essay on; *'How can higher education benefit my future, my family's future, and my community?'*

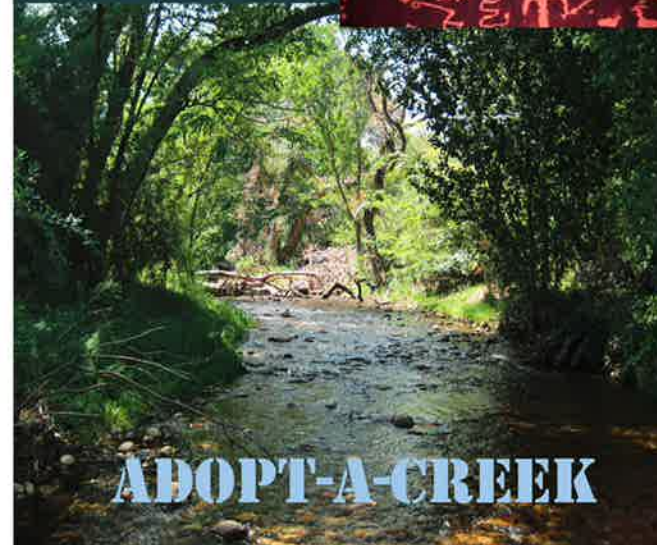
** College Visits – Students must complete BUHS College Form



Upcoming Conferences/College visits...

- Southern California CSUs and UCs - February 16-17
- UCLA Youth Conference - March 18-20, 2011
- Fort Lewis College, SIPI, Durango - Projected Date April 20-22
- Haskell Indian Nations University & University of Kansas - Projected Date May 12-15

All activities are subject to change and any updates will be mailed to the students/parents/guardians



With the new year comes a new program sponsored by the Environmental Management Office! This program gives assignment holders and renters the opportunity to participate in creek cleaning projects throughout the reservation. The creeks are a valuable natural resource. Not only do they provide flood protection, creeks are vital to wildlife habitat and enhance our community and quality of life.



Assignment holders and renters situated along the creek are encouraged to adopt their stretch of creek. All households neighboring the creek will be contacted to determine if they would like to participate as stewards in our program.

The way the program works is simple: water program staff will coordinate with participants to determine which portion of the creek they will adopt. Once the Adopt-A-Creek application is filled out, adoption begins! During clean-up events and when needed, garbage bags and gloves will be provided and debris will be collected at no cost.

We will recognize participants by placing an Adopt-A-Creek sign with the participant names at the adopted creek site.

Join today! Call BryAnna or Juliette in the WQCP at (760) 873-3584

2011 Youth Softball & Baseball Season Family Workshop Packets Available

Please stop by the Bishop Tribal Office between January 16th and February 28th & pick up your packets to be eligible for a sports voucher.

Eastern Sierra Girls A.S.A



Bishop Little League



Packets must be turned in by Feb. 28th 5p.m. If you have any questions please feel free to call Lidia at 760.873.3584 ext. 252.



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NIEA President Visit

Mary Jane provided training and updates on Indian Education at the Leader and Tribal Education Department Forum held at the Bishop Tribal Community Center the following day.

It is hoped to have Mary Jane back sometime soon to our beautiful Owens Valley as we are thankful and appreciative for her support to our children and their future. A Special Thank You to Gerald Kane, Bishop Paiute Tribal Elder Jasmine Andreas, Bishop Tribal Council Shawn Bengochia, Bishop Indian Education Center Director, Macy Davis Pabanamina Gathering Princess 2010-2011, Geraldine Ebersole, BIEC Teacher, Vivian Piper, Kellie Coleman, Cindy Cox, and Ann Keller, our Native American Liaisons, Betsy McDonald, Bishop Elementary School Principal, Patrick Twomey, Home Street Middle School Assistant Principal, Chase Tague, OVDC TANF, BIEC Staff Raven Williams, TiAna Vargas, Tomi Andrade, and Jew Braithwaite, Volunteers Robert Chavez Jr, Edua Braithwaite, and Elroy Barlow and Vincent Townsend, Youth Activities Specialist and Award Event Coordinator in making the Awards Honoring a success!

WüNuT Novi Infoshop/ Youth Media Arts Center is a positive community space available to the youth in our community for various programs, events, resources and a place to just hang out. It is not a baby sitting service. It is a shared community space for expression, education and entertainment. WüNuT Novi will be volunteer staffed and open hours will be determined by availability of volunteers and community participation.



If you or anyone you know is able to donate any of the items below, please contact Kris @ 760-920-3389 or Kathy @ 760-937-0573 or email us at wunut-standup@gmail.com or message us on Facebook Computers, Printers/ copier, Large TV, Projector, DVD Player, Video Cameras, digital Photo Cameras, Silk Screen Machine, Magazine racks, bookshelves, pool table, ping pong table, heavy punching bag and Musical Instruments Thank you!

Tribe Receives a Charitable Contribution from San Manuel Tribe

By Emma Williams, Grant Writer

BISHOP, CA – January 12, 2011 – The Bishop Paiute Tribe received a \$21,000 charitable contribution from the San Manuel Band of Mission Indians of Highland, California. This donation will directly impact the Tribe's Social Services program.

The Bishop Paiute Tribe has always provided services and programs on the Reservation; although, due to current economic hardships faced by most people the Bishop Paiute Tribe was met with an increased demand for Tribal Social Services. The Bishop Paiute Tribe is committed to meeting the demand and in doing so submitted a proposal for a charitable contribution from the San Manuel. The San Manuel answered this call and graciously contributed \$21,000 to the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Social Services Program. This contribution will help sustain Tribal Social Services for income eligible Tribal members. The Bishop Paiute Tribe appreciates the support from San Manuel and will forever remember this generous contribution.

According to a 2009 Tribal Census, Reservation unemployment rate is 28% and the poverty rate is 34%. Demand for Social Service far exceeds what the Tribe can provide. Support from San Manuel will directly impact the Bishop Paiute Tribe's Social Services Program and ensure the continuation of the following services: Emergency Food Assistance, Emergency Medical/Dental Travel Assistance, Utility Assistance, Emergency Housing Assistance, and Clothing Assistance. This contribution continues the Bishop Paiute Tribe's strive to maintain community cohesion and wellbeing.

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The San Manuel Band of Mission Indians is a federally recognized American Indian Tribe that is located near the city of Highland, California. San Manuel has an extensive and impressive history of charitable giving. More recently, in 2010 San Manuel contributed \$1.7 million to Haitian earthquake relief and \$320,000 to assist Tribes in Nebraska, South Dakota and Arizona with emergency relief efforts from devastatingly freezing winter storms.

The Bishop Paiute Tribe is committed to looking after the well being of its people and will continue to for many generations to come. For more information on the Tribal Social Services program please contact the Tribal Office at (760) 873-3584.

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and out of eligibility as their financial, marital and parental statuses change. IRS estimates four of five eligible people claim and get their EITC. Unlike other tax credits, both EITC eligibility and the amount of the credit is based on several factors such as the source and amount of your income, or combined incomes if married, whether you have qualifying children and how many. Workers without children also may qualify. The amount of the credit peaks then phases out at certain income limitations depending on filing status and other factors. You may qualify for EITC even if you had no federal tax withheld or are not otherwise required to file. The credit is complex, but worth exploring. It's even more valuable if your state has a corresponding tax credit. The online EITC Assistant at www.irs.gov/eitc can help determine your eligibility and estimate

the amount of your credit. Free help preparing your return and claiming EITC is available at volunteer income tax assistance sites and IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers. To locate a volunteer site, call your community's 211 or 311 number for local services or call the IRS at 1-800-906-9887. Find an IRS Taxpayer Assistance Center in the blue pages of your telephone directory. Remember: if you are eligible, you must file a federal income tax return, even if you are not otherwise required to file, and you must specifically claim the credit to get it. Find more information about EITC at www.irs.gov or in your tax software package. According to the IRS, rural and non-traditional families -- such as grandparents raising grandchildren -- childless workers, and non-English speaking taxpayers are among those who most frequently overlook the credit.

Highlights from the General Council Meeting

The first General Council meeting of 2011 was held on Saturday, January 29th at the Community Center. The meeting was well attended by many Tribal members including Council members Jasmine Andreas, Monty Bengochia, Dale "Chad" Delgado, and Frances Romero. Jasmine Andreas, Secretary/Treasurer, conducted the meeting in the absence of Chairman Bill Vega. With a full agenda the meeting tackled some issues and questions from the audience right away. A discussion ensued over the sewer agreement with Eastern Sierra Community Service District (ESCS). Councilwoman Andreas updated the community by stating that an agreement has been reached and sent to BIA, which is now awaiting the opinion of the Solicitor. Many opinions waged over this issue, from the Tribe developing a sewer plant to getting community input on this issue before an agreement is

actually signed. The meeting proceeded with an update from the Tribal Council on matters at hand, including, the State Tax Compact that the Tribe has been working towards for some time. The question of compromising the Tribe's sovereignty was asked in attaining a State Tax Compact. Councilwoman Andreas assured members that Tribal Sovereignty has not been compromised and further stated how important a State Tax Compact is for the Tribe. The LADWP Land Settlement was also discussed and Councilwoman Andreas described the Tribe's dire need for more land, and further stated that the Bishop Paiute Tribe is the fifth largest Tribe, by population of Tribal members, on one of the smallest land bases in California. Currently, the Tribe is going to have to prep for litigation again and continue the fight for land and water rights. The community was updated with news that an Archivist is working

with the Tribe to preserve and organize Tribal documents. One Tribal member suggested enlisting volunteers to help with this process and or form a committee to complete this task. The Tribal Council updated the community on the recent changes in management. The Tribe is currently in the process of hiring a new General Manager for the Paiute Palace Casino, a Head Start Director, a Bishop Paiute Development Corporation (BPDC) Manager, a Public Works Director and a Human Resources Manager too. The current structure of Administration was also discussed. Many people voiced their opinion on the need to employ Bishop Tribal members with experience or creating intern positions that allow Tribal members the opportunity to learn how to run programs. The Tribal Council reaffirmed that there is a hiring freeze in place at the Casino and that the Tribal Office's hiring freeze is going into its second year. The meeting continued with the Tribal Council updating members on ordinances that are currently being considered for development, such as; amendments to the Gaming Ordinance, Adult Guardianship in the Tribal Court, and Habitability. The Tribal Council also touched on

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