

*June 2022 Newsletter*  
*Bishop Paiute Tribe*



*2022 Art Challenge Winning Hand Drawn Art Piece: Lucinda Yandell*

 **Bishop Union High School**   
**Class of 2022**



Uriah Benally



Dustin Chandler



Saige Connolly



Jaylee Doll



Evelina Dondero



Savannah Forrest



Hai Wee Fredericks



David Gonzales



Jake Gutierrez



Dominic Houle



Maliah Houle



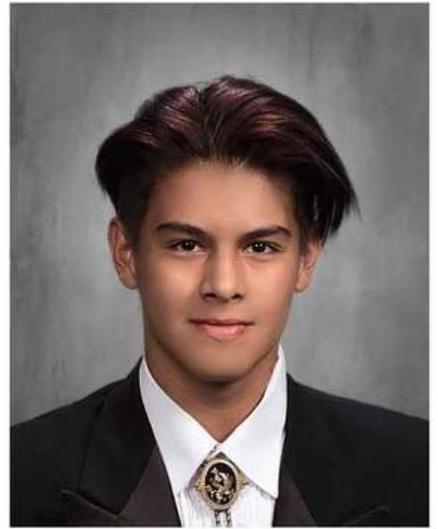
Angeline Lent



Jacob Lomaintewa



Uriah Martinez



Mason McKellips



Geneva Molina



Draven Nelson



Haley Paco





Nevaeh Paz



Kenyon Piper



Joseph Red Owl



Tara Rossi



Daniel Sepsey



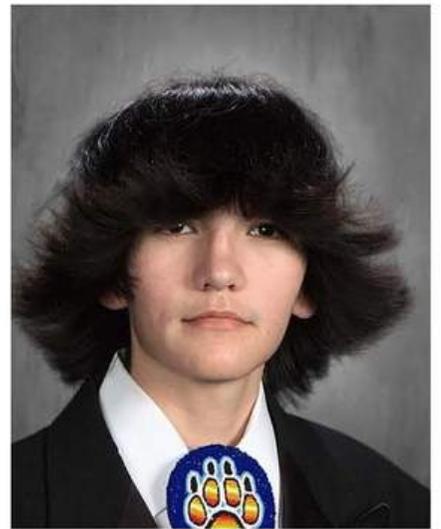
Ezra Spoonhunter



Jace Spoonhunter



Leilani Torres



Usungapu West





Dominic Westervelt

**2021-2022 NASA Princess  
Senior Uriah Martinez**





# **Congratulations Graduates!**



## **Palisade Glacier High School**

**Eric Barr**  
**Malaysia Bencoma**  
**John-Anthony Cunha**  
**Rainah Dewey**  
**Noelani Lukaszka**  
**Marshall Marquez**  
**Clifton Mason III**  
**Orion Nash**

**Wyatt Pritchard**  
**Jaison Saulque**  
**Christian Sepsey**  
**Brook Spratt**  
**Tom Stone**  
**Dominik Thomas**  
**Peja Watterson**

## **Home Street Middle School**

**Allen, Kristin**  
**Andreas, Edan**  
**Andreas, Peyton**  
**Banning Bengochia, Broady**  
**Barajas, Destanee**  
**Camacho, Raynyn**  
**Cardenas Kilgore, Ava**  
**Charley, Gene**  
**Davis, Tavien**  
**Delgado, Jesus**  
**Diaz, Angel**  
**Dondero, Gabriel**  
**Dondero, Jesiah**  
**Elizarraraz, Miquel**  
**Fierro, Katya**  
**Keller, Isaac**

**Lewis, Billy**  
**Lewis, Charley**  
**McCartney, Alvin**  
**Dondero McDowell, Emory**  
**Michel-Dondero, Daniel**  
**Momberg, Braydee**  
**Orrick, Malachi**  
**Rinehart Jr, Jason**  
**Roberts, Isabelle**  
**Rottner-Hart, Bradley**  
**Saulque, Shane**  
**Schultz, Kaiya**  
**Spoonhunter, Daisy**  
**Sualez, Carlos**  
**Talavera, Richie**  
**Vega-Williams, Canyon**



# Elders Title VI Nutrition Program

## JUNE 2022

| MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY   |
|---|---|--|---|--|
|   |   | 1<br>Hot Turkey Sandwich<br>Mashed Potatoes<br>Mixed Vegetables<br>Pears | 2<br>Tamale Pie<br>Refried Beans<br>Carrots<br>Peaches            | 3<br>Tuna Casserole<br>Green Beans<br>Honedew                  |
| 6<br>Sloppy Joes<br>Wheat Bun<br>Tater Tots<br>Garden Salad<br>Pineapple                                | 7<br>Chef Salad<br>Whole Wheat Crackers<br>Apple                    | 8<br>Teriyaki Salmon<br>Brown Rice<br>Broccoli<br>Mandarin Oranges       | 9<br>Green Bean Soup<br>Pan Bread<br>Cantaloupe                   | 10<br>Grilled Chicken Sandwich<br>Garden Salad<br>Watermelon   |
| 13<br>Grilled Cheese Sandwich<br>Tomato Soup<br>Pineapple   | 14<br>Shepard's Pie<br>Cucumber Salad<br>Grapes                     | 15<br>Chili Beans<br>Cornbread<br>Garden Salad<br>Jell-o                 | 16<br>Pork Chow Mein<br>Brown Rice<br>Nectarine                   | 17<br>Clam Chowder<br>Whole Wheat Crackers<br>Strawberry Salad |
| 20<br><br>Juneteenth | 21<br>1/4lb Hotdog<br>Wheat Bun<br>Macaroni Salad<br>Tropical Fruit | 22<br>BBQ Baked Chicken<br>BBQ Beans<br>Corn on the Cob<br>Cutie Orange  | 23<br>Baked Tilapia<br>Brown Rice<br>Peas/ Carrots<br>Blueberries | 24<br>Spaghetti<br>Garlic Bread<br>Garden Salad<br>Honeydew    |
| 27<br>Hamburger Sliders<br>BBQ Beans<br>Cauliflower Salad<br>Apple                                      | 28<br>Mac n Cheese<br>Zucchini<br>Tomatoes and Onions<br>Watermelon | 29<br>French Dip W/Aujus<br>Tater Tots<br>Broccoli<br>Grapes             | 30<br>Beef Stew<br>Biscuits<br>Garden Salad<br>Banana             |  |

Menu items are reviewed by a Registered Dietitian, items are subject to change without notice, every meal is served with milk unless requested with no milk. For any questions or feedback on the menu please call the Elders Program at (760)784-9243

# ***UC Announces Native American Opportunity Plan***

**The University of California will ensure that in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Service Fees for California students from federally recognized Native American tribes are fully covered by grants or scholarships under a plan shared this week by UC President Michael V. Drake, M.D.**

*The UC Native American Opportunity Plan aims to make college more affordable and accessible for California's Native American students. It was developed as part of UC's larger efforts to advance student diversity and inclusive excellence, President Drake said. Native Americans are one of the most underrepresented groups within higher education.*

*"I am proud of the efforts the University of California has made to support the Native American community, including the creation of the UC Native American Opportunity Plan," President Drake wrote in a letter to UC's chancellors. "I am hopeful that this new aid will benefit our students and continue to position the University of California as the institution of choice for Native American students."*

*Effective fall 2022, UC will ensure that financial aid, as well as other resources, fully cover in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees for California residents who are members of federally recognized Native American, American Indian and Alaska Native tribes. Because of the legal status of these tribes, UC is able to directly administer scholarships and grants to their members. Tuition scholarships for California students from non-federally recognized tribes may also be available through external organizations.*

*The plan applies to both undergraduate and graduate students, said Shawn Brick, UC's executive director of student financial support.*

*UC has one of the nation's strongest financial aid programs and 55 percent of California undergraduates — including most of UC's Native American students — receive enough aid to cover their full systemwide tuition and fees, he said.*

*The Native American Opportunity Plan will cover those who don't already qualify for that level of aid. The program is being funded by a combination of existing and new financial aid funds.*

*"We hope that the number of students benefitting from the plan will grow in future years as more Native American students choose to apply to UC and accept our offers of admission," Brick said.*

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# **Native American Opportunity Plan**

*UC's Native American Opportunity Plan ensures that in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees are fully covered for California students who are also enrolled in federally recognized Native American, American Indian, and Alaska Native tribes. This plan applies to undergraduate and graduate students.*

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## **What's Covered**

*If you are eligible for the Native American Opportunity Plan, your in-state systemwide Tuition and Student Services Fees will be fully covered by either UC financial aid or another federal, state or other financial aid program.*

*Students with greater financial need can qualify for even more grant support to help pay other educational expenses (like books, housing, transportation, etc.).*

*You don't need to fill out a separate application to qualify for the Native American Opportunity Plan. If you qualify, UC will contact you directly with further instructions. If you think you may qualify and have not been contacted by UC, reach out to your Native American student resource or community center or campus financial aid office.*

*If you are a member of a tribe that is not federally recognized, additional support may be available through external organizations. We encourage you to work with your campus's Native American resource center or community center to identify these opportunities.*

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## **Eligibility Requirements**

*To be eligible for the Native American Opportunity Plan, students must meet all of the following criteria:*

- 1. Must be a current or newly admitted University of California undergraduate, graduate or professional school student.*
- 2. Must be a California Resident.*
- 3. Must be an enrolled member in a federally recognized Native American, American Indian and/or Alaska Native tribe.*
- 4. Must be enrolled in a qualifying UC degree program.*

*UC will reach out directly to new and continuing students who might be eligible with instructions.*

*Documentation of tribal enrollment may include any of the following:*

- Certification of tribal enrollment on tribal letterhead.*
- Enrollment/membership card that contains the tribal seal and/or official signature of a tribal leader.*
- Certificate of Degree of Indian Blood (CDIB) if the CDIB includes tribal enrollment information.*
- Tribal identification card with an enrollment number. You must also submit tribal contact information (address, phone, and email) if it is not evident on submitted documentation.*

**For more information on the Native American Opportunity Plan  
visit:**

**[universityofcalifornia.edu](http://universityofcalifornia.edu)**

# June 2022

June 16th & 30th-Regular Council Meetings  
Tribal Council Chambers 5:30pm

| S  | M  | T   | W  | TH | F  | S  |
|--|----|---|----|----|----|----|
|  |    |   | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4  |
| 5  | 6  |    | 8  | 9  | 10 | 11 |
| 12   | 13 |  | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 |
|  | 20 | 21  | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26   | 27 | 28  | 29 | 30 |    |    |

**June 7th -State Primary Elections-Tribal Chambers**



**June 19th -Father's Day**

**June 14th -Tribal Primary Elections-Tribal Chambers**



**June 20th-Juneteenth Observed Tribal Offices Closed**

**June 14th -Flag Day**



**June 21st -Summer Begins**



**OFFICIAL BALLOT  
PRIMARY ELECTION  
TUESDAY, JUNE 14, 2022**

**BISHOP TRIBAL CHAMBERS FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 7:00 P.M.**

**To vote, mark 'X' in box provided. Any other marks will VOID ballot**

**BISHOP TRIBAL COUNCIL MEMBERS: VOTE FOR UP TO FIVE (5)**

The Five (5) Candidates receiving the highest votes will be placed on the General Election Ballot.

- Lee K. Chavez
- Mitchell M. David
- Tilford P. Denver (Incumbent)
- Jon D. Frankson
- Grazide
- Marcella J. Masten Keller
- Richard J. Napoles
- Meryl L. Picard
- Tuche P. Stone
- Allen W. Summers (Incumbent)
- Tracy R. Watterson
- Qwina West
- Carmen M. Williams

**TOIYABE INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT (Board of Directors): VOTE FOR ONE (1)**

- Tracy R. Watterson
- Earleen J. Williams

**INTER-TRIBAL COUNCIL OF CALIFORNIA REPRESENTATIVE: VOTE FOR ONE (1)**

- Crystal M. Andreas
- Emma K. Williams

**DEFACED BALLOT WILL BE VOIDED**



## **2022 Election**

Due to the increase in COVID cases, we are requesting all Tribal Members who are voting at the Polls to follow ALL COVID guidelines regardless of COVID vaccination status.

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- 1. You must wear a mask at all times while in the Tribal Chambers**
- 2. Only eligible voters allowed in the building**
- 3. Obey the 6 (six) ft. markings on the floor**
- 4. No loitering/campaigning allowed within 100 ft. of polls.**
- 5. Utilize hand washing station and hand sanitizer stations that are available.**

**We appreciate your cooperation. Stay safe. Stay healthy.**

# Bishop Paiute Tribe's Bad Faith Lawsuit Update



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On September 15, 2020, the Bishop Paiute Tribe (BPT) filed a Bad Faith Lawsuit against the Governor of the State of California and the State of California, for failure to negotiate in good faith as required by the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act (IGRA). After negotiating for more than five years, the parties have been unable to resolve their disagreement about whether the subjects that the State has sought to negotiate over and insists on including in a compact, are, or are not, proper subjects of Tribal-State compact negotiations under IGRA. Below are the State's uncompromising insistence on:

**I.) Extending Its Environmental Laws to Bishop's Reservation and Requiring Bishop to Negotiate a Binding Inter-Governmental Agreement with Inyo County as a Precondition to Building a Project on the Reservation.**

The BPT has complied with all environmental obligations stipulated in the 1999 Compact, which incorporates the policies and purposes of the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and the California Environmental Quality Act. The BPT has always prepared, circulated and considered environmental impact reports and accepted public comments concerning potential off-reservation environmental impacts of proposed projects. Congress did not intend the compacting process to be used by States to extend their jurisdiction regarding non-gaming matters on Indian tribes conducting Class III gaming on Tribal lands.

**II.) Bishop Pays More into the Special Distribution Fund Than Is Necessary to Defray the Costs of Regulating Gaming Activity.** The State seeks to impose a tax, fee, charge or other assessment on Bishop Gaming Activities. The Bishop Tribe already pays in to the Special Distribution Fund under the 1999 Compact.

**III.) "Gaming Facility" is Defined To Include Structures And Other Areas Of The Reservation In Which No Gaming Activities Occur.** The State seeks to regulate other non-gaming structures and areas through the Compact, which are neither directly related to nor necessary for the regulation and licensing of gaming activities, nor do they establish standards for the operation of gaming activities or maintenance of Bishops' gaming facilities, or otherwise directly relate to the operation of gaming activities. Thus the State's proposed definition of "Gaming Facility" exceeds the scope of proper subjects of negotiation under IGRA.

**IV.) An Overbroad Definition of "Gaming Operation" Exceeds IGRA's Scope.** The State insists on regulating Bishop's non-gaming activities, which is simply beyond the scope of proper subjects of negotiation under IGRA.

**V.) Forfeiting the Benefit of Congress' Exempting Tribes From the Definition of "Employer" in Federal Employment Statutes and Imposing Other Employment-Related Terms.** Congress excluded tribes from the definition of "employer" under Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Americans with Disabilities Act. The State insists on including in the Compact requirements that would force Bishop to forfeit the benefit of those federal employment law exceptions. The State insisted that Bishop: 1) carry \$3 million in employment practices liability insurance; 2) enact a tribal ordinance that prohibits workplace discrimination, harassment and retaliation; and 3) create remedies in money damages for all gaming operation employees, including employees not directly involved in gaming operation and/or activities. Not a proper subject of negotiation under IGRA.

**VI.) Prohibiting Cashing Certain Checks.** The State insists on including a provision prohibiting Bishop's gaming operation from cashing any check drawn against a federal, state, county, or city fund, including but not limited to, Social Security, unemployment insurance, disability payments, or public assistance payments, except for Bishop Paiute Tribal Members. Cashing checks is not directly related to and necessary for the regulation and licensing of gaming activities, and is therefore beyond the permissible scope of compact negotiations under IGRA.

**VII.) Bishop Comply with California's Minimum Wage Law and Regulations.** Bishop is subject to the Fair Labor Standards Act, however, the State continues to insist on including a provision requiring Bishop to comply with California's minimum wage law and implementing regulations for all gaming operation employees. Since this request is not directly related to licensing of Bishop's gaming activities, it is not a proper subject of negotiation under IGRA.

**VIII.) Bishop Enact a New Tort Liability Ordinance And Procedures for Remedies for Injuries Unrelated to Gaming Activities.** The State insists on including provisions requiring Bishop to obtain \$10 million in liability insurance and to enact an ordinance creating procedures for awarding money damages to persons claiming to have been injured or suffered property damage on or near the Bishop's gaming facility. This request is not directly related to and necessary for regulation and licensing of Waanaha gaming activities, and thus not a proper subject of negotiation under IGRA.

**IX.) Bishop Collect and Remit State Taxes On Gaming Operation Employees.** The State insists on including provisions requiring Bishop to withhold and remit to the State of California income taxes from the wages of all non-tribal gaming operations and gaming facility employees, and file with the California Franchise Tax Board a copy of any information tax return filed with the Secretary of the Treasury, except for returns pertaining to the tribal members living on the reservation. Since withholding and remitting State income taxes is not directly related to and necessary for the regulation and licensing of Bishop's Waanaha Casino activities, it is not a proper subject of negotiation under IGRA.

**X.) Bishop Recognize and Enforce State and Federal Court Child and Spousal Support Orders or Judgments Involving Gaming Operation Employees.** The State insists Bishop include provisions requiring us to recognize and enforce California and federal court orders or judgments and earnings withholdings orders for child or spousal support directed at all Waanaha operation employees. This request is not directly related to and necessary for regulation and licensing of Waanaha gaming activities, and thus is not a proper subject of negotiation under IGRA.

**XI.) Bishop Enact a New, State-dictated Tribal Labor Relations Ordinance (TLRO)** As required in the 1999 Compact, Bishop enacted the required TLRO also known as the Bishop Paiute Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO), timely submitted it to the State, and has maintained it in effect ever since. The State now insists on a new, State-dictated TLRO, giving unions an unfair advantage over the Tribe, despite no evidence that the 1999 TLRO is inadequate in any way. This request is not directly related to and necessary for regulation and licensing of Waanaha gaming activities, and thus not a proper subject of negotiation under IGRA.

**XII.) Defining "Gaming Employees" to Include Employees Having No Direct Involvement in the Operation Or Regulation of Gaming Activities** The State insisted on including within the definition of "gaming employee" personnel such as food and beverage cooks and servers, hotel housekeeping employees, parking attendants and other employees whose duties would not include direct or even indirect involvement in the actual operation or regulation of gaming activities. This overly broad definition is not directly related to and necessary for regulation and licensing of Waanaha gaming activities, and thus not a proper subject of negotiation under IGRA. Currently the State Regulators only receives "Key" employees names and information. "Key" employees are more directly related to the operation of gaming activities.

**XIII.) Bishop Make Excessive Payments into The Indian Gaming Revenue Sharing Trust Fund (RSTF)** The State insisted that Bishop potentially pay into the RSTF more than would be needed to distribute the \$1.1 million per year to each California tribe operating fewer than 350 gaming devices when Bishop's payments, if any, are combined with other tribes' payments into the RSTF. This request is not directly related to and necessary for regulation and licensing of Waanaha gaming activities, and thus not a proper subject of negotiation under IGRA. The Bishop Tribe currently does not pay into the RSTF.

**XIV.) Including the State-created Tribal Nations Grant Fund (TNGF)** The State's insistence on requiring the Tribe to pay into the TNGF was in bad faith because such payments are not "directly related" to the Tribe's operation of gaming activities and because the TNGF was an impermissible tax. The TNGF is not used to defray the cost of regulating tribal gaming, nor may it be used for purposes directly related to gaming. In fact, the TNGF expressly prohibits tribes from using TNGF funds for purposes that are directly related to gaming. The TNGF is a relatively new fund that was created from the Graton Rancheria Compact with the State in which no other California Tribes were involved in or had a say in its creation.

Overall, the Tribe believes that these subjects would create unnecessary roadblocks to the future of the Bishop Tribes gaming expansion abilities and would continue to erode the Tribe's Sovereignty which Congress did not want under IGRA. The Bishop Tribe has been operating just fine for the past 20 years under the 1999 Compact and would like to continue to operate as such for the next 20 years or more.

This is one of boards that I sit on which helps the Tribe and community with gaming and/or governmental functions. Earlier this year, the head of the BIA rejected the proposed compact between California and the Picayune, Santa Rosa, and Middletown Rancheria compacts. He did so on grounds that potentially may help our bad faith case. To date, there have been a total of eighteen (18) California tribes who have submitted a bad faith law suit against the State of California. On December 9, 2021, there was an oral argument of the 9th Circuit court regarding the Chicken Ranch case. Both arguments had valid points; however, the attorney defending the tribes promulgated effectively that the State, over the course of five (5) years, did not entertain nor provide meaningful concessions to tribes who participated in the 1999 Compact Tribes Steering Committee, among other points.

On May 11, 2022, the Governor of California approved the Bishop Paiute Tribe's request for an 18-month extension. Next, the Governor will be moving the amendments to the Legislature for ratification. Lastly, during this extension period, the Tribal Council, along with our legal counsel, will be making every effort to negotiate the renewal of our gaming compact to only include proper subjects of Tribal-State compact negotiations under IGRA.

If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me at (760)-873-3584 Ext. 1230 or (760)-920-2967.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steven Orihuela". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Steven Orihuela  
Secretary-Treasurer, BITC  
CNIGA Representative

# **An Introduction into Public Law 280**

By

**Dorothy Alther, Legal Director  
California Indian Legal Services**

*If you are a California Native American chances are you have heard of Public Law 280 (PL 280) at some point in your life. But what does PL 280 really mean to you, to your tribe, and California tribal communities? The following is a short introduction and overview of PL 280. Please note that PL 280 is complex and reports, books, law review articles, and lengthy court opinions have been written on the topic.*

## ***Jurisdiction in California "Indian Country" Before PL 280.***

*Prior to PL 280, the state's criminal and civil jurisdiction in California Indian Country was limited to cases where all the parties were non-Indians. For example, the state only prosecuted a crime committed in Indian Country where both the defendant and victim were non-Indians. In civil cases, the state only heard cases where the act occurred in Indian Country if both the plaintiff and defendant were non-Indian.*

*Thus, prior to PL 280, crimes involving a Native American were prosecuted by the federal government and/or tribal government, depending on the nature of the crime and if the accused was a non-Indian. Civil cases arising in California Indian Country where one of the parties was a Native American would be heard in tribal court.*

*Confusing I know, but the main point to remember is that **in California prior to the passage of PL 280, the state had very limited jurisdiction in Indian Country.***

*PL 280 changed the jurisdictional scheme in California Indian Country. PL 280 was passed in 1953 and consists of two jurisdictional laws which grants state concurrent (shared) criminal and limited civil jurisdiction with the tribes in California, Nebraska, Oregon, Wisconsin and Minnesota (commonly referred to as the "mandatory states"). Alaska was added in 1958.*

*Remember prior the PL 280, these mandatory states had no criminal or civil jurisdiction in Indian Country unless all parties were non-Indians. PL 280 changed the rules.*

*Under the criminal portion of PL 280, Congress removed two federal criminal jurisdictional statutes used by the federal government to prosecute crimes in Indian Country. This does not mean that there are no federal criminal laws applicable in California Indian Country, but PL 280 removed the two main federal statutes specific to crimes occurring in Indian Country. Now, crimes committed in California Indian Country can be prosecuted in state court. Tribes can also prosecute the same crime in tribal court but only if the defendant or both parties are Native American.*

# **An Introduction into Public Law 280**

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*On the civil side of PL 280, state jurisdiction is more limited and was designed to open the door for Native Americans to file private civil suits in state court regardless of whether the defendant is a Native American or a non-Indian and the cause of action occurred in Indian Country.*

*PL 280 did not change all the rules. Although PL 280 opened the door for state concurrent jurisdiction in California Indian Country, it did not remove the door from its hinges, at least in the area of civil jurisdiction. Under the civil PL 280 statute, Congress lists a number of exceptions to state jurisdiction in Indian Country, for example there is no state jurisdiction: to tax trust lands, probate allotted lands, regulate or encumber trust lands, or determine the right to possess or ownership of trust land or property.*

## **What PL 280 did not do:**

*PL 280 did not “divest” (take away) tribes of their criminal and civil jurisdiction. Tribes can establish their own courts, law enforcement departments and pass tribal laws enforceable on their reservations;*

*PL 280 does not allow the state to impose its civil “regulatory” laws on the reservation (i.e. environmental laws, labor laws, building or fire codes, hunting and fishing regulations, and other laws designed to regulate land use); and*

*PL 280 does not allow city or municipalities to impose their ordinances on the reservation.*

## **What Bishop Tribal Police Can Do:**

*The main point is that Bishop Tribal Police can enforce tribal laws (ordinances) on the Bishop Reservation. They also can stop, restrain, and detain any person that has violated state or federal law and turn the person over to the authorities who have jurisdiction over the person (non-Indian.)*

## **Limits On Tribal Police Authority:**

*Tribal police authority is limited to enforcing tribal laws within the boundaries of the reservation. If there is no tribal criminal or civil law in place, tribal officers have no authority to arrest or cite a person for specific criminal conduct or bad behavior.*



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## **Peter Bernasconi Retires by Sandra Warlie**

*On Friday May 20, 2022, the Bishop Paiute Tribal Staff celebrated with Peter Bernasconi a retirement luncheon with cake and ice cream. Following the luncheon, Peter was presented with a beautiful Pendleton blanket by the Bishop Tribe Chairman, Tilford Denver and Interim Public Works Director, Sandra Warlie on behalf of the Bishop Paiute Tribe. This blanket represents one of the Bishop Tribe's highest honors of great respect, appreciation and admiration we all have for Peter.*

*Peter has been such a great friend not only to all his coworker here at the Bishop Paiute Tribe, but also to our Bishop tribal community members he had the honor met and work with. We would like to congratulate Peter on his retirement and his wonderful job, his accomplishments, and his dedication he has shown us over his 7 years here at the Bishop Paiute Tribe as the Public Works Director. Under his tenure, he has helped the Tribe establish the Public Works Department to which it is today.*

*Peter has been active with Eastern Sierra Community Service District negotiations to help mediate the Tribe's present water and sewer agreement. Peter has worked on the Tribe's water and sewer systems installing new pumps on our wells, well maintenance and recent upgrades. Peter has solidified, analyzed and tracked the steps for the Indian Health projects to get through at a faster pace. Peter also completed the CalTrans Sustainable Communities Transportation Plan which was adopted in 2019. Peter chaired the Emergency Management Team meetings during the 2020 COVID pandemic and coordinated the COVID-19 Emergency Action Response Plan's policies and procedures. These are the highlights of his many additional accomplishments Peter has contributed to the Bishop Paiute Tribe.*

*Happy Retirement Peter. Wishing you a new journey of success and happiness in the next page of your life.*





# Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center

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



June 2022

## \*SUMMER HOURS OF OPERATION:

*\*Hours subject to change.*

**Monday  
CLOSED**

**Tuesday-Friday  
10:00-6:00pm**

**Saturday-Sunday  
10:00am-3:00pm**

**Following CDC, and  
Tribal protocols**

**For information on  
current, and upcoming  
events /activities,  
follow us on:**



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

**JUNE 8-9  
Gift Shop Buying  
Days!  
6:00pm-8pm**

**JUNE 14  
Commodity  
Distribution  
8:00 am-11:45 am**

## Rose Garden Dedication **HEALING Together**



## ROSE GARDEN MEMORIAL

*"The roses displayed here represent the tribal communities in Payahuunadü and neighboring tribes who suffered the loss of loved ones, friends, and family during the pandemic years of 2020-2022. May this be a place of peace, solace, and remembrance of those we lost. Dedicated May 2022."*

The Rose Garden at the Cultural Center was dedicated in special ceremony held on Friday, May 20th. Members of the community and neighboring tribes gathered inside the museum for a short ceremony which included:

Opening Remarks: Tara Frank, Cultural Center Director

Prayer: Valerie Goodwin, Tribal Elder

Song: Brian Poncho

Honoring Words in Nütümü: Glenn Nelson, Jr.

The following tribal communities have their own respective plaques placed with a rose bush as a sign of remembrance of the friends, family, and neighbors who are no longer with us:

Antelope Valley Indian Community, Big Pine Paiute Tribe of the Owens Valley, Bishop Paiute Tribe, Bridgeport Indian Colony, Fort Independence Indian Reservation, Lone Pine Paiute-Shoshone Reservation, Mono Lake Kootzaduk'a Tribe, Timbisha Shoshone Tribe, and Utu-Utu Gwaitü Tribe.

Special thanks to those who helped plant the rose garden on Sunday, April 24th: Charlene Redner, Star Narcomey, Bryanna Kee, Dolly Manuelito, Tamara Skeets, Michelle Cozad, and Tara Frank.

## ATTN: COLLEGE GRADUATES!

The Cultural Center currently has 50+ photos from graduates who earned their degrees from a two-year or four-year college/university. If you would like to be included in this ongoing archival effort, or would like to update your academic accomplishments, please complete an Education Exhibit form and provide the

YOU'VE EARNED IT!



following: Name, Photo, Owens Valley Tribal Affiliation, College attended, Program studied, Year degree obtained. Submissions may be sent to:  
[payahu.nadu@bishoppaiute.org](mailto:payahu.nadu@bishoppaiute.org)

# SAVE THE DATE TAATSAWANO JUNE 11-12, 2022

**ALL ARE WELCOME! DANCING! SINGING!  
HAND GAMES! FOOD! AND MORE!**



*Bishop Paiute Tribes*

# ELDERS PROGRAM

WELCOMES BACK ROSEANNE MOOSE AS LEAD COOK!



Roseanne comes back to the program bringing years of culinary experience, knowledge, and expertise as a graduate of Le Cordon Bleu Culinary School and an accomplished caterer. We hope you enjoy the delicious lunches and give Roseanne a "welcome back!" when you see her.

ELIGIBLE TO ALL TRIBAL ELDERS 55 YEAR AND OLDER WHO ARE LIVING ON THE BISHOP PAIUTE INDIAN RESERVATION FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CALL (760) 873-3052 OR (760) 784-9243

NON-INDIAN SPOUSES, CAREGIVERS, AND DISABLED FAMILY MEMBERS LIVING WITH AN ELDER ALSO QUALIFY

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## *New TERO Director*

***Manahuu, my name is William Falck. I'm the son of Yvonne Deming (Lent) and the late Craig Deming. I'm Happily married to my best friend Mary Falck, together we have 3 beautiful girls. I'm a Bishop Paiute Tribal Member, and I was born in Bishop, and raised on the Bishop Paiute Reservation. I have served as the TERO Compliance Officer for 5 years and am now honored to serve the Bishop Paiute Community as the TERO Manager. Our office is open and ready to assist you in the job market. Please stop in and see what we have to offer.***

***William Falck***



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PAIUTE  
TRIBAL  
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SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT  
& CALIFORNIA  
TRIBAL  
FAMILIES  
COALITION**



## **Becoming a Tribal Foster Family**

Open to anyone interested. Learn about the Tribally Approved Home (TAH) and the County's Resource Family Approval (RFA) processes and how to become a foster family for tribal children in foster care. Training is free!

*Light Meal  
will be  
provided*

**When:** June 27, 2022, 5:30 PM - 7:00 PM

**Where:** Bishop Paiute Tribal Social Services Office at  
50 N. Tu-Su Lane, Bishop, CA.

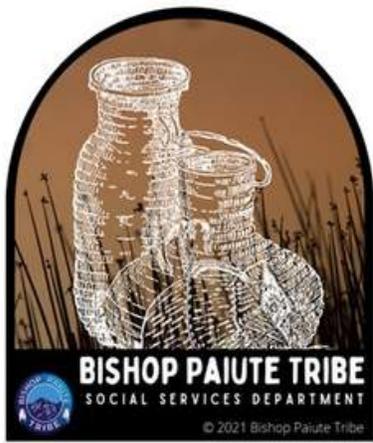
### **Register:**

Online:

<https://tinyurl.com/hm6krydz>

Call: (760) 873-7799





## **SOCIAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT**

**Tribal Social Services Department manages federal, state and grant funded programs to our Community and Tribal members.**

**50 Tu Su Lane Bishop, CA 93514**

**Phone:(760) 873-4414 Fax:(760) 873-3529**

### **RAVE**

RAVE provides FREE and confidential services to victims of crime. Any further questions you may contact by calling our 24-Hour

**Hotline at (760) 873-9018.**

### **BUS PASSES**

Need help with Transportation? Bishop Paiute Tribe has ESTA bus passes.

Bring your Tribal ID card. You will receive a bus pass = 10 rides. Members are eligible to receive one every six (6) weeks.

### **Child Care Development Fund (CCDF)**

CCDF program is a key source to help increase the availability, affordability and quality of child care services. CCDF supports low-income families in obtaining child care services so they may work, attend school or participate in educational training.

### **Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP)**

LIHEAP provides assistance to eligible low-income households to manage and meet their immediate home heating and/or cooling needs.

### **Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP)**

LIHWAP assist low-income households on the reservation with water & sewer payment that are in arrears.

Applications are available. Any further questions contact: **Pam Martinez at (760) 873-4414 ext: 2830.**

### **Emergency Shelter Program**

The Bishop Paiute Tribe's Emergency Shelter program is available only to Bishop Paiute Tribal Members. It is a Temporary Housing for ninety (90) days.

Applications are available at BPT Social Services Department.

**Units are currently occupied but applications are being accepted and will be placed on a wait list.**

### **ICWA**

The Bishop Paiute Tribe's Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) program provides quality service and advocacy for the children and family members of the Bishop Paiute Tribal community and ensures compliance with the Indian child Welfare Act of 1978. Contact:

**Tammy Andrade, ICWA Specialist- 760-873-7799** for more information



# From the AIR PROGRAM

## National Tribal Forum on Air Quality

In May 2022, the Bishop Paiute Air Quality & Meteorology Specialist, Emma Ruppell, attended the National Tribal Forum on Air Quality Conference, where she was a recipient of the Virgil Masayesva Award, in Technical Excellence category, awarded by the Tribal Air Monitoring Support Center and Institute for Tribal Environmental Professionals and EPA. The conference was hosted by the Muscogee Nation in Tulsa, Oklahoma. Some photographs at this exciting event are below:

1. Mvskoke Youth Council arts demonstration



2. Virgil Masayesva Award Recipients: Kris Ray, for Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Emma Ruppell, Bishop Paiute Tribe, with Special Honoree April Hathcoat, Cherokee Nation

*(photo courtesy of ITEP)*

3. Guest speakers, the Waters family



4. Games night - Climate board game from Lone Pine Paiute Shoshone Air Quality Staff.



5. Breath of Fresh Air Run and Walk Line-Up *(photo courtesy of ITEP)*

⇒ For more info call the Air Program at 760-784-9308.



The Air Program owes thanks to many for their contributions to our air quality efforts, more than we can list individually. Apologies are made for any unintended omissions in the list: Dr. Toni Richards (former air quality specialist); Bishop Paiute community and Staff and Tribal Council and TEPA Board, TAMS and ITEP staff and project leads; NTAA; Wanaaha and Paiute Gas; Cultural Center; OVIWC; the Owens Valley Tribes' Air Quality staff; Tribal air quality staff in EPA R9; T&B Systems; Scott Weaver; GBUAPCD; WRAP Members, Tribal Chairs and WESTAR; EPA R9 & OAQPS; NWS Las Vegas; Clark County Air Quality Management; Bishop Rural Volunteer Fire District; MN Pollution Control Agency; and a big thanks to our instrumentation technical support services.



# Conservation Open Space Area



## The West Pond of the COSA is being drained for a restoration project to improve pupfish habitat.

In 2012 the Bishop Paiute Tribe received funding to create an aquatic pond specifically for the purpose of serving as a pupfish safe harbor site. This pond was originally dug with an inverse depth (shallower in the center than the perimeter) with the intent that this would allow for warmer water temperatures. Unfortunately, these warmer temperatures led to the excessive growth of vegetation making the water quality unsuitable for the introduction of pupfish. In order to prepare the pond for the introduction of pupfish, the center of the pond will need to be dug an additional 5 feet deeper. The Bureau of Indian Affairs has approved \$25,000 of funding for the Bishop Paiute Tribe to do the necessary restoration work in digging the pond deeper. Draining and drying of the pond has begun so that the next phase of digging can commence.

**The Taking Root program has wrapped up for the school year.** The Taking Root environmental education program is a monthly program in which 3rd grade students from Bishop Elementary School come out to the COSA to learn about nature. For the final lesson of the school year, volunteers from the Easter Sierra Audubon Society joined students to go birding in the COSA. The Taking Root program will resume in September.



Vegetation issue in the West Pond to be remedied by restoration project



Students of the Taking Root program go birding in the COSA



**BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBE**  
**TRIBAL | BIA SCHOLARSHIP**  
**FALL 2022**



**DREAM.**  
**ACT.**  
**ACHIEVE.**

**Tribal Scholarship**

The Tribal Scholarship is made possible by the Bishop Paiute Tribe for all Bishop Tribal members who are enrolled full-time or part-time at an accredited institution of higher learning.

**APPLY ONLINE**

[WWW.BISHOPPAIUTETRIBE.COM/ONLINE-SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION.HTML](http://WWW.BISHOPPAIUTETRIBE.COM/ONLINE-SCHOLARSHIP-APPLICATION.HTML)

**Bureau of Indian Affairs**

The BIA Scholarship is available to all Bishop Tribal members who are enrolled full-time and are PELL Grant eligible.

**DEADLINE**

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 27, 2022**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT THE BISHOP INDIAN EDUCATION CENTER**  
**760.873.8740 | WWW.BISHOPPAIUTETRIBE.COM**



# AFFORDABLE CONNECTIVITY PROGRAM

## WHAT IS IT?

The Affordable Connectivity Program is an FCC program that helps connect families and households struggling to afford internet service.

### The benefit provides:

- Up to \$30/month discount for internet service;
- Up to \$75/month discount for households on qualifying Tribal lands; and
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, desktop computer, or tablet purchased through a participating provider.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

**A household is eligible if one member of the household meets at least one of the criteria below:**

- Has an income that is at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Guide lines;
- Participates in certain assistance programs, such as SNAP, Medicaid, Federal Public Housing Assistance, SSI, WIC, or Lifeline;
- Participates in Tribal specific programs, such as Bureau of Indian Affairs General Assistance, Tribal TANF, or Food Distribution Program on Indian Reservations;
- Is approved to receive benefits under the free and reduced-price school lunch program or the school break fast program, including through the USDA Community Eligibility Provision;
- Received a Federal Pell Grant during the current award year; or
- Meets the eligibility criteria for a participating broadband provider's existing low-income program.

## TWO STEPS TO ENROLL

# 1

Go to **AffordableConnectivity.gov** to submit an application or print out a mail-in

# 2

Contact your preferred participating provider to select an eligible plan and have the discount applied to your bill.

Some providers may have an alternative application that they will ask you to complete.

Eligible households must both apply for the program and contact a participating provider to select a service plan.

## LEARN MORE

 Call 877-384-2575, or

 Visit [fcc.gov/acp](https://www.fcc.gov/acp)



# Food Sovereignty Program

## GET YOUR GARDENS READY!

**7600 organic fruit and vegetable plants available.**

FSP is springing forward into the up and coming growing season. This year FSP would like to offer every Tribal residence garden plants. Just in case every family doesn't grow a garden, we will have extra. Plants will be arriving mid-June.

To reserve plants for your garden call 760-873-3584 x 2170. Pick-up dates are mid-June. Exact dates TBA.





# **BISHOP TRIBAL YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING'S**

## **JUNE 2022**

**Meet new friends, community involvement,  
and leadership  
For youth in grades 6th to 12th**

**June meetings**

**6/12/2022**

**6/26/2022**

**Every other Sunday at 4:00 p.m.**

**390 N. Barlow Lane BIEC**

*Inspiring Hope. Changing Lives.*

*Since 1976*

Contact Carrie Brown @ 760-920-7182 or 760-873-5740

[carrie.brown@bishoppaiute.org](mailto:carrie.brown@bishoppaiute.org)



# ROSS COLLABORATORS JUNE MONTHLY MEETING

**Thursday, June 9, 2022**

**@ 9-10:30am**

**Coyote Mountain  
Conference Room**

**18 N. Pa Ha Lane**

**760-784-9710**

***[June.piper@bishoppauste.org](mailto:June.piper@bishoppauste.org)***

**Refreshments**

**Bring  
Flyers/Updates**



# Yuhubi Nobi

GAS STATION & MARKET



**Gas Station - 24 Hours**



**Store Hours 6am - 10pm**

## **Deli**

**Grab - N - Go.**

**Hours 7am - 3pm**

**Breakfast - Lunch**

**Burritos - Sandwich - Salads**

**Pizza - Ask For Soup Of The Day!**

**OPEN FOR DINE IN EATING**

**Ample Parking for Rv's  
Propane - Convenience Store**

**LOWEST GAS PRICES AROUND**

**180 N. See Vee Lane, Bishop Ca 93514**

**Comments Welcome (Box)**

**\*Gas station pumps 24 hours (credit/debit cards)\***

# June ~ 2022

## Career Education Program ~ NACTEP

Owens Valley Career Development Center ~ 2574 Diaz Lane, Bishop, CA (760) 873-6547

### CCCC : Cerro Coso Community College

- Open Registration 4/13/22 thur 8/10/22.
- Summer classes begin 6/6/22.
- Solar/Electrical Class begins with Cohort #2 (ends 9/23/22)
- Fall classes begin 8/22/22.

To sign up for Hospitality/Customer Service Certificate Trainings please call the office.



| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday   | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|---|---|---|---|--------|----------|
|        |   |   | 1   | 2   | 3      | 4        |
| 5      | 6<br>Hospitality/Customer<br>Service Certificate<br>Training - Virtual<br>12:30 pm to 3:00 pm | 7<br>Hospitality/Customer<br>Service Certificate<br>Training - Virtual<br>12:30 pm to 3:00 pm | 8   | 9   | 10     | 11       |
| 12     | 13  | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17     | 18       |
| 19     | 20  | 21  | 22<br>Hospitality/Customer<br>Service Certificate<br>Training - Virtual<br>5:00 pm to 7:30 pm | 23<br>Hospitality/Customer<br>Service Certificate<br>Training - Virtual<br>5:00 pm to 7:30 pm | 24     | 25       |
| 26     | 27  | 28  | 29  | 30  |        |          |

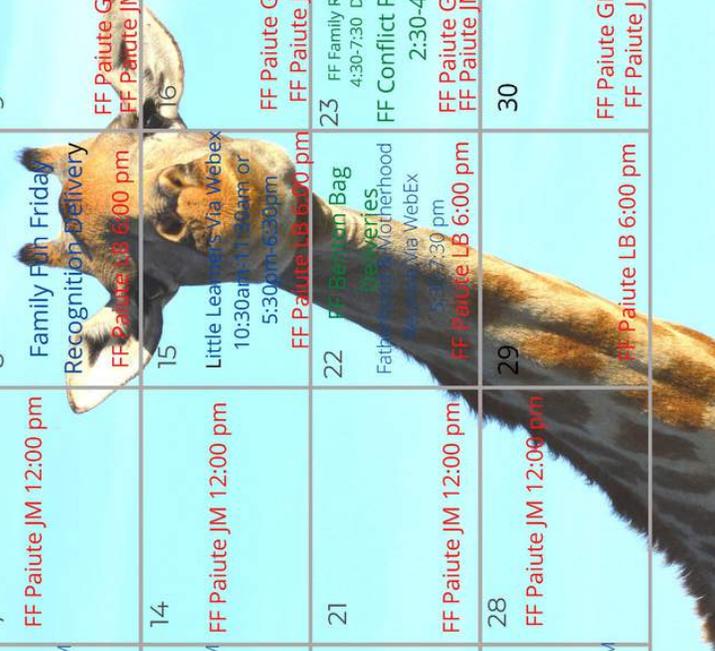
Contact Career Education Program, Gina Jones, Director (760) 873-6547, [gjones@ovcdc.com](mailto:gjones@ovcdc.com)

| Sun   | Mon   | Tue | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat |
|---|---|-----|--|--|--|-----|
| <p><b><u>ADULT EDUCATION:</u></b><br/>           6/6-Cerro Coso Test Date- (GED)<br/>           6/13- PIP Talking Circle 5:30 - 7:30 PM<br/>           6/15: Love of Literacy Book Club 5:30 -7PM<br/>           6/16: Conflict Resolution Workshop 2:30pm—4:00pm<br/>           6/23: Record Expungement Workshop 2:30pm-4:00pm</p> <p>GED Open Study Hours: Wednesdays<br/>           10:30AM - 12:00 PM OR 3:30PM- 5:00PM<br/>           DMV Open Study Hours : Mondays 10:30AM - 12:00PM<br/>           For more Information call Donald Powell<br/>           (760) 872-2115</p> |   |     | 1  | 2  | 3  | 4   |
|   |   |     |  | Cooking Around<br>the World<br>Recognition<br>Delivery |  |     |
| 5   | 6   | 7   | 8  | 9  | 10   | 11  |
|   | ICJ- Fatherhood +<br>Motherhood is<br>Sacred<br>1:00pm -5:00pm          |     | Family Fun<br>Friday<br>Recognition<br>Delivery                        |  |  |     |
| 12  | 13  | 14  | 15   | 16   | 17   | 18  |
|   | ICJ- Fatherhood +<br>Motherhood is<br>Sacred<br>1:00pm -5:00pm          |     | Little Learners<br>Via WebEx<br>10:30am-11:30am<br>or<br>5:30pm-6:30pm |  | Little Learners<br>Recognition<br>Delivery |     |
| 19  | 20  | 21  | 22   | 23   | 24   | 25  |
| Happy<br>Father's<br>Day  | <b>OVCDC<br/>OFFICES<br/>CLOSED<br/>In Observance of<br/>JUNETEENTH</b> |     | Fatherhood &<br>Motherhood<br>Reunion Via<br>WebEx<br>5:30pm-7:30pm    |  |  |     |
| 26  | 27  | 28  | 29   | 30   |  |     |



# JUNE 2022

| SUNDAY | MONDAY   | TUESDAY                               | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  |
|--------|--|---------------------------------------|--|---|---|---|
|        |  |                                       | 1<br>FF Paiute LB 6:00 pm  | 2<br>Cooking Around the World<br>Recognition Delivery<br>FF Paiute GN 4:30 pm<br>FF Paiute JM 6:00 pm | 3<br>FF Paiute PK 5:00 pm                     | 4   |
|        |  | <u>FF Equestrian Sunday-Saturday.</u> |  |   |   |   |
| 5      | 6<br>FF Paiute JL 3:30 & 5:30pm<br>FF ICJ -FIS & MIS ZOOM 1-5PM  | 7<br>FF Paiute JM 12:00 pm            | 8<br>Family Fun Friday<br>Recognition Delivery<br>FF Paiute LB 6:00 pm                         | 9   | 10<br>FF Paiute PK 5:00 pm                    | 11  |
| 12     | 13<br>FF Paiute JL 3:30 & 5:30pm<br>FF ICJ -FIS & MIS ZOOM 1-5PM | 14<br>FF Paiute JM 12:00 pm           | 15<br>Little Learners Via WebEx<br>10:30am-11:30am or<br>5:30pm-6:30pm<br>FF Paiute LB 6:00 pm | 16<br>FF Paiute GN 4:30 pm<br>FF Paiute JM 6:00 pm  | 17<br>FF Paiute PK 5:00 pm                    | 18<br>FF Fatherhood through<br>Wellness 8am-4pm |
| 19     | 20<br>OVDC Offices<br>Closed In<br>Observance<br>of Juneteenth   | 21                                    | 22<br>FF Banquet Bag<br>FF Paiute LB 6:00 pm   | 23<br>FF Family Revitalization<br>4:30-7:30 Drive Through<br>FF Conflict Resolution<br>2:30-4:30      | 24<br>Little Learners<br>Recognition Delivery | 25  |
| 26     | 27<br>FF Paiute JL 3:30 & 5:30pm<br>FF ICJ -FIS & MIS ZOOM 1-5PM | 28<br>FF Paiute JM 12:00 pm           | 29<br>FF Paiute LB 6:00 pm   | 30<br>FF Paiute GN 4:30 pm<br>FF Paiute JM 6:00 pm  | FF Paiute PK 5:00 pm                          |   |



## **BOARD & COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

**\*Subject to change without notice\***



- TERO Commission- (4) Four Members**
- Tribal Court Committee- (2) Two Members**
- Enrollment Committee- (1) One Member**
- Parent Advisory Committee (PAC)- (1) One Member**
- Cultural Advisory Committee- (4) Four Members**
- Tei-numu Takawa-du Wellness Committee- (2) Two Members**
- Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (TEPA) Board- (1) One Member**
- Constitution Committee- (4) Four Members**
- Miss Bishop Paiute Tribe Committee- (5) Five Members**

**~REQUIREMENTS TO APPLY~**

**MUST BE A BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL MEMBER INTERESTED IN SERVING THE TRIBAL COMMUNITY**

## **Bishop Paiute Tribal Council**



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