

# *Bishop Tribal Newsletter*

## *January 2023*



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*(2023 Miss Bishop Paiute Tribe - Chelsey Gallardo)*

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# In Memoriam

2022

Josephine Robinson

Jeanne Crowl

Craig Brown

Auroa Mae Westervelt

Richard Barlow Jr.

Shirley Maddox



Jose Figueroa

Dorothea Paul

Monty Bengochia

Kenneth Jones Sr.

Katherine Jones

John Delgado

Travis Lemmons Jr.

Kit Strasser

Kenneth Strasser

Marvin Centre

Eugene Talas



# **State of the Tribe - Treasurer's Report**

*By Tribal Council*

*It is my distinct honor and pleasure to report to you today about the activities, events, and accomplishments of The Bishop Paiute Tribal Council during the last year. Our tribal council members are guided in what we do by the people: To secure the rights and powers inherent in our sovereignty, to protect our right of self-governance, protect our political integrity, economic security, health, and welfare, enrich, and protect our culture, promote the social and economic welfare of our people, protect and develop our common resources, maintain peace and order. I would like to highlight just some of the ways that our council has sought to meet the tribe's goals and address your concerns.*

*We heard you!*

*We are addressing the squatters, and illegal trailers and have now put the Land Assignment Holders on NOTICE.*

*We are excited to announce that we were able to serve 90 Elders with wood, pellets or kerosene and we are making all efforts to ensure this program continues again next year. We would like to thank the hard work of our Public Works Department and Maintenance Staff for continually making this a successful program every year.*

*Another success is that we have completed our first MOU for our Tuhidda Program with CDFW which has served - 12 Regular, 4 Cultural, and 5 Alternate Hunters each year for the past three years. We would like to thank the previous Council, staff, and community members who have made this a success. This has been one way we have been able to document and share our culture with our loved ones and community. We are currently in the process of negotiating our renewal of the MOU with the help of past participants.*

*We do understand the housing crisis and are excited to announce the Approval of four (4) new Homes. We will continue to work with our Housing Department to enhance the HUD 184 Loan which will assist future home buyers. We have also successfully installed solar panels on over 200 homes on the reservation since the project began in coordination with GRID alternatives.*

*We are working on efforts to provide livable wages and benefits to our current staff to promote and create a strong work environment. Recently the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council approved competitive wages and an increase in our Benefits package to enhance and attract future employees. This is based on the recommendations from a Compensation Study recently completed.*

# ***State of the Tribe - Treasurer's Report***

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*We also have an update on the West Line Street Retail Center – A Building Construction Proposal was awarded to our CDD Force account crew. We are currently seeking tribal entrepreneurs to fill the retail center shops. Please contact Brian Poncho COO1, if you have an interest.*

*We are excited to announce the completion of the Barlow Lane Gym Floor resurfacing and are looking forward to inviting our athletes back and continuing to host our community events.*

*Over the past year, our Food Sovereignty Program (FSP) has had some changes and we would like to thank our staff and contractors who were able to maintain and run this program despite these challenges. We have heard the feedback and are working on restructuring this program for this upcoming year. Thank you for your feedback from the community and suggestions to make this possible.*

*This Council is COMMITTED to implementing a Tribal Constitution. To accomplish this, we have re-established a Constitutional Committee and obtained legal counsel to assist.*

*In response to your needs, we have also re opened our Land Assignments applications process and Enrollment application process. Over the past three months we have enrolled 22 new members and approved 20 Land Assignments that were pending due to the past set moratoriums.*

*The Bishop Paiute Tribe and the Water Commission recently met with Cynthia Ruiz, DWP Water Commissioner and was excited to expedite and approve the Cemetery Land Expansion. We are hoping to have this finalized in October 2023.*

*As we enter this new year, we offer prayers of strength to those that have lost loved ones.*

*We encourage you to join us in celebrating life and do your part in educating, empowering, and providing hope to those in need in our community.*

*This year we look forward to focusing on community involvement and building partnerships to lead and guide our Tribe.*



## ➤ TREASURER'S REPORT

The Bishop Tribal Council Secretary/Treasurer gave an overview of the Tribe's financial health for the unaudited Fiscal Year 2022. The Bishop Paiute Tribe brought in approximately \$56,577,837 (i.e., General Funds, Enterprise Funds, Federal & State Grants) in revenue and approximately \$41,609,499 in expenses for Fiscal Year 2022. This equates roughly to a 26% increase in revenue.

### REVENUE

- Enterprise at \$31,894,971
- General Fund at \$6,354,622
- Grant Revenue at \$18,382,204

Total: \$56,577,837

### EXPENSES

- Enterprise at \$28,772,988
- General Fund at \$6,011,477
- Grant Expenses at \$6,825,035

Total: \$41,609,499

## AMERICAN RESCUE PLAN ACT ("COVID MONEY")

The Bishop Paiute Tribe continues to spend grant money responsibly and timely to ensure compliance and deadlines are met. Federal guidance has extended the deadline to obligate funds until December 31, 2024. Bishop has experienced major difficulty in finding licensed contractors to execute planned projects but is optimistic that the projects will be completed.

## **2021 & 2022 Financial Audit**

The Bishop Paiute Tribe received No Audit Findings for both 2021 & 2022. The Tribe's auditor, Mrs. Peterson, did have an Unmodified Opinion (the best you can get) for both years. The following programs were subject to the single purpose audits: EDA, Tribal Court, COVID-19 CRF, IHBG, CSLFRF, ATTG, and PPG. Bishop is one (1) of the 115 Federally Recognized Tribes to obtain a clean audit for the COVID funds. If you would like a copy of the financial presentation, please contact Charlene Keller at 760-873-3584.

## ➤ WANAHA CASINO UPDATE

Tenaya Howard, Director of Finance, presented her unaudited financial report for the Fiscal Year 2022.

### Expenses for the WANAHA Casino

#### For 2022

- COSGS at \$1,051,479
- Payroll & Benefits at \$5,569,997
- Marketing at \$751,993

Casino operations during fiscal year 2022 has certainly been a trying time. With the economy dangling on the edge of a recession and inflation at the highest rate in decades Wanaaha undoubtedly felt the impact on casino revenue this year. Gas prices soaring above \$6 per gallon and grocery prices spiking have left our loyal patrons with less disposable income available for entertainment purposes. Wanaaha Casino continues to be short staffed, but they're actively recruiting in the most competitive ways possible.

### Revenues for the WANAHA Casino

#### For 2022

- Gaming Revenue at \$12,893,079
- Non-Gaming (F&B, Gift Shop, etc.) at \$636,600
- Other (ATM, Interest, Misc.) at \$47,391



# ***2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit Recap***

*Submitted by Bishop Paiute Tribal Chairwoman Meryl Picard*



**(Bishop Paiute Tribal Chairwoman Meryl Picard & Deb Haaland - U.S. Secretary of Interior)**

Generation after generation, our tribal leaders, have traveled to Washington DC to represent our nation's interests.

As your Chairwoman, I had the opportunity to attend The White House Tribal Nations Summit of the Biden-Harris Administration to help foster nation-to-nation relationships and provide Tribal leaders a forum to engage directly with senior Administration officials. Tribal leaders from across the nation gathered in Washington, D.C., for the first in-person Summit of this Administration. The President and members of his Cabinet announced a number of new actions that aim to build on the progress that has already been made by creating new opportunities for Tribal consultation and input, and producing lasting changes that will impact the lives of Tribal citizens for generations.

As part of the Summit, the White House released a Fact Sheet on the Administration's New Actions to Support Indian Country and Native Communities. If you would like a copy of the fact sheet, one can be provided by contacting the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office.

On the first day of the Summit, President Biden announced “long overdue” commitments to Indian Country. Among the pledges from the Biden-Harris administration is to establish uniform standards for federal agencies to consult with Tribes and go beyond a “check the box” exercise. If you would like a copy of the Uniform Standards, one can be provided by contacting the Bishop Paiute Tribal Office.

President Biden also reiterated a commitment to push for \$9.1 billion for the Indian Health Service (IHS) – a \$2.49 billion increase over FY 2022 enacted amounts. Biden said, “I’ve asked Congress for the first time ever to make that funding a mandatory part of the federal budget. That means the funding would always be there, and it insulates IHS from budget uncertainties to make it harder to deliver the care Indian Country needs and deserves.” This request was reiterated through remarks from the Biden-Harris administration. Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Director Shalanda Young stated, “Indian Health Service needs a consistent source of funding just like every other entitlement health care program in this country. It really is the right thing to do, and you have my total support in getting that done.”

# ***2022 White House Tribal Nations Summit Recap***

*Continued*

The second day of the Summit centered on investing in Indian Country, health equity, Tribal justice, and issues facing Native veterans.

Tribal leaders addressed many health care issues related to quality and access to care, behavioral health, reauthorization of the Special Diabetes Program for Indians, and funding for Indian health. Chief Kirk Francis of the Penobscot Indian Nation moderated the health equity portion of the Summit, which focused on the Biden-Harris administration's commitment to improving the health outcomes of American Indians and Alaska Natives. During the panel, Chief Francis remarked, "health care is a necessity for each of our Tribal communities and the foundation for which we build everything on. If our People are in poor health, so are our Nations." Chief Francis shared that "delayed funding caused one of [his] citizens to not get the imaging needed that would have identified a life-threatening cancer at an earlier stage. Being able to connect our citizens to inpatient SUD treatments can be the difference between life and death."

On behalf of the tribal Council, we look forward to continuing to build on these achievements and shaping a better future for all our people with the relationships that were built during the summit. I also would like to acknowledge and thank the Native Americans in Philanthropy (NAP) who awarded me a stipend to attend the White House Tribal Nations Summit.



# **ATTENTION ALL LOCAL TRIBAL BUSINESS OWNERS**

The Bishop Paiute Retail Center is in the initial building stage of development, The Bishop Paiute Tribal Council is asking for input from local Tribal Business Owners who would be interested in occupying a space. If you have specific infrastructural needs that need to be considered in the layout of the Retail Center spaces your input is

**SHOP**  
requested.

**PLEASE CONTACT BRIAN PONCHO @ 760-873-3584  
EXT 1350 FOR MORE INFORMATION AND TO  
PROVIDE FEEDBACK.**

## **Tribal Families that participate in FFA/ 4-H/ Ag**

The Bishop Paiute Tribe will be offering two cows this spring to Tribal families who have youth interested in raising cattle.

In order to be considered for a cow, the families must have the means to provide food and space to raise them. The Bishop Paiute Tribe will be offering no assistance in the care of these animals. The youth and their families can keep all of the meat and/or profit gained from the cattle.

if you are interested in participating please call

Brian Poncho @ 760-873-3584 Ext. 1350



# *Bishop Tribal Student Athlete Plays Indigenous Bowl*

*By Deston Rogers*

Bishop Paiute Tribal Member Cain Omohundro won Defensive MVP for his team, Bad Medicine, in the 5th Annual Indigenous Bowl in Minneapolis, MN on December 11th!

Cain, a senior at BUHS, was selected to participate in this years Indigenous Bowl, held at US Bank Stadium, home of the Minnesota Vikings. The game was live streamed on the Neighborhood Sports Network.

The final score of the 2022 Indigenous Bowl, Bad Medicine 33 - Red Knights 16.

The Indigenous Bowl is the premier event for the 7G Foundation to further the goal of molding the next 7 generations of Native leaders through education, athletics, culture and real-world support.

The first Indigenous Bowl was played in 2017. The Bowl is open to High School Seniors of American Indian descent who have not yet enrolled full-time in college. The event is an opportunity for young, Native athletes to showcase their talent on the football field, work with coaches and mentors, and develop the skills necessary to move to the next level of competition. The NFL and Minnesota Vikings partnered with the 7G Foundation. Additionally, Delta Airlines supported this year's game by providing financial assistance toward the transportation costs of athletes and their families traveling to Minneapolis

The 2022 Indigenous Bowl offered 75 Native American high school football players from federally recognized tribes across the country the opportunity to further develop and showcase their talents.

Join the Bishop Paiute Tribe in congratulating Cain on this amazing opportunity and wishing him the best in his future athletic endeavors



# *Broncos Basketball Home Games at Barlow Lane Gym*

*By Deston Rogers*

*In early December 2022, the Bishop Union High Schools West Gym floor sustained so much water damage, from an early December storm, that it became physically unsafe to play basketball on which created an issue for the 2022-2023 BUHS Bronco Basketball home games.*

*Due to the damage, four home games are being played at Lone Pine High School. In addition to Lone Pine High School's generosity to allow the Broncos to use their gym for home games, three home games will also be played at the Barlow Lane Gym. To add on top of the Broncos home basketball games being played at the Barlow Lane Gym, they will be the first to play on the new basketball floor at the Gym.*

*Here are the home games scheduled for the Barlow Lane Gym:*

*(Girls Varsity at 6pm & Boys Varsity at 7:30pm)*

- January 13th vs Boron*
- January 27th vs Rosamond*
- February 3rd vs Cal City*

*Per Stacy Van Nest – BUHS Athletic Director, despite the home games being played in Lone Pine and at the Barlow Lane Gym, High Desert League pricing will be in effect as follows:*

- General Admission \$8.00*
- Student w/ASB Card \$1.00*
- Visiting School Student w/ ASB Card \$5.00*
- Elementary/Jr. High \$6.00*

*Keep in mind that seating is limited at both gyms and admission is CASH ONLY. There will be no Go Fan options as ticketing will be handled on a first come – first serve basis.*



# *Bishop Tribal Youth Council*

## *2022 Highlights*



As 2022 ends and 2023 begins here are some highlights of the Bishop Tribal Youth Council:

- Spring gathering participation, Fall Gathering, and Winter Gathering, Bishop Tribal Youth Council members participate and serve meals, set up, clean up and assist where needed.
- Memorial Day and Veterans Day flag placing at both the Sunland tribal cemetery and the Pioneer cemetery.
- Participation and attend the Cal State Long Beach campus for the annual Dream the Impossible event.
- Representation and Attendance at the National Conference in Minneapolis Minnesota.
- Throughout the year the Bishop Tribal Council has assisted the various community agencies such as Toiyabe Youth program collaboration, OVCDC collaboration, and continued collaboration with the Cultural Center gatherings, and activities.

The Bishop Tribal Youth Council looks forward to the New Year and will be continuing to meet every other Sunday at 4:00 p.m. at the Bishop Indian Education Center.





# *Environmental Office*

## *"Year in Review"*

EMO, working with the Tribal Environmental Protection Agency (TEPA), drafted and submitted to Council, a new Solid and Hazardous Waste Ordinance which was approved in July; completed a lengthy negotiation process with SCE for six (6) Electric Vehicle Charging Stations and completed final solar PV rooftop systems on tribal homes (207) meeting and exceeding goal of 200.

The Water Quality Program leadership changed hands with longtime employee Bryanna Vaughan leaving the program. Sabrina Barlow and other staff held down the program through the summer and into the fall when the Tribe hired Brianda Hernandez. We continued our annual sampling program of tribal waters also participating in Bishop Creek Vision project initiated by Lahonton Regional Water Quality Control Board to identify and control bacterial input to the creek, mainly from Cattle grazing. This effort was spurred by data shared from Bishop Paiute Tribe Water Quality Program.

The Food Sovereignty Program provided 9.9 tons of fresh produce from tribal, local and CA farms to Elders and Head Start programs through funding sources including USDA Farm to School, No-Kid-Hungry and Growing-the-Table (Tom Kat Ranch). FSP crew led taste tests using fresh, locally grown produce and led afterschool cook nights for HS students and their families and held a workshop where approx. 8,000 organic vegetable starters were distributed to the community.

The Natural Resource Program completed Hazardous Fuel Projects under a grant funded by CalOES/FEMA where 80 homes received assistance in clearing flammable vegetation from around homes; managed the Tahidda Na Koinui Ti (Deer Hunting Program) in its 3rd and final year; initiated a Trailer and Car Abatement program funded by BIA that included Solid Waste Clinics on quarterly schedule and deepened West Pond in COSA in preparation for Owens pupfish through funding through BIA grant.

COSA Education SNAP continued developing the new Branching Out program with elementary school students in COSA and created a Virtual Walking Tour and put finishing touches on new environmental exhibits (COSA Corner) in the Cultural Center.

Staff Changes: 2022 was a year of big changes in staff. We said "goodbyes" to long time staff member Bryanna Vaughan, Tony Brown, Aaron Mora, Maya Jamal, McKenzie Dale, Rena Brown, Kendra Arellano, Alyssa Richards, and "Hellos" to new staff members: Brianda Hernandez, Maggie Flaherty, James Denver and Steven Landa.

EMO is looking forward to a challenging and rewarding new year!!



# From the AIR PROGRAM

## 2022 Highlights - Top 5

- 1** The Air and Natural Resources Programs made upgrades to the **burn permits system**, to include screening for hazardous fuels surveyed sites and adapting the CalFire burn suspension for consistency, and BPT EMO confirmed the permit processes with the Bishop Rural Volunteer Fire Department Chief.
- 2** The Air Program conducted 2 local **sampling studies in 2022 for soot/carbon particles** using an aethalometer device. The BPT is likely the only Tribal air program that has started its own black carbon monitoring projects. The study reports are published at <http://www.bishoptribeemo.com/library.htm>. The Air Quality Specialist presented findings of the first study at the National Tribal Forum for Air Quality in Tulsa, OK., and was also one of 2 recipients of the **2022 Virgil Masayesva Excellence Award** from ITEP, the 2nd awardee ever for the Technical Excellence category, which was presented at the conference in Tulsa.
- 3** The **Quality Assurance Plan for PM2.5 monitoring** (one of the instruments on the roof!) was approved by US EPA Region 9, after a process we developed in 2021 for QA oversight was finalized. BPT Air worked as an early adopter of this with ITEP, R9, EMO and other tribal staff on the new protocols and digital tools, and other Tribal Air programs will likely follow a similar method of QA management. The Air Quality Specialist was asked by EPA to be a panelist at a virtual conference, about adapting QA to grants life cycles.
- 4** In 2022, BPT Air continued its 5th year as **co-chairing Tribe for the Tribal Data Workgroup of the Western Regional Air Partnership**. The Tribal Caucus was expanded with several new attendee Tribes joining for discussions on monitoring equipment and methods and protocols in Tribal Air Monitoring. Other activities included attending a virtual workshop with the Fire and Smoke Workgroup, and a workshop in Missoula, MT, with visit to the USFS Rocky Mountain Research lab facilities.
- 5** The Air Program upgraded the **ozone monitoring system calibrator**, an instrument which generates the calibration gases needed to qualify the ozone analyzer. Again, BPT may be the only tribal air program in the region with this newest calibrator model, which achieves a much better resolution for qualifying the pollution measurements. The Quality Assurance Plan for the ozone monitoring was revised in 2022.

**Happy New Year  
from the Air Program**



# Water Quality Control Program

## January 2023 - Updates

Manahuu,

And Happy New Year to all! The WQCP hopes everyone had a lovely and safe holiday season. The WQCP has been busy continuing water quality monitoring of Bishop Creek within the reservation during this wet season.

Unfortunately, equipment from one of our monitoring sites on the North Fork of Bishop Creek (cross-section: Diaz Lane and Brockman lane) was **stolen or destroyed** around **December 20th**. This incident comes after another incident on December 7th at the same site where an individual or individuals attempted to access the Jobox where our equipment is stored, by attempting to drill out a padlock, which was unsuccessful. However, the December 20th incident resulted in the same or other individuals completely removing the Jobox that was bolted to a concrete slab at that monitoring site. The equipment would have been useless to the perpetrators, as it was water quality monitoring logger and battery from 2016. The Bishop Paiute Tribe, the community and the WQCP did lose about a months worth of water quality data stored in the logger and continue to lose data at that site as we work to replace the stolen and destroyed equipment. This water quality data is used to determine the health of the creek as it enters and leaves the reservation. The Tribe and the WQCP have been continuously monitoring the water at this site every 30 minutes for over 20 years. There will now be a gap in the data from November 22nd until new monitoring equipment is up and running. This means that the site was not able to record the water quality changes (if any) to the creek during the last couple storms that we have received during the past few weeks. We hope to resolve this matter quickly.



Figure 1: Perpetrators attempted to access the Jobox by drilling the padlock around December 7th. This attempt was unsuccessful.



Figure 2: Shows the monitoring site with the Jobox that housed our equipment on December 7th.



Figure 3: Shows the Jobox completely gone from the SW-3 continuous monitoring site. The right picture shows cords that were cut to completely disconnect the Jobox. These photos are from the incident on or around December 20th.



Figure 4: Shows the equipment that was stolen along with the Jobox around December 20th from the North Fork of Bishop Creek at the cross-section of Brockman Lane and Diaz Lane. Photo is from mid-November during a regular equipment check.

If you have any information about the incident that occurred around December 20th at the water quality monitoring site located on the North Fork of Bishop Creek, at the cross-section of Brockman lane and Diaz Lane, please contact the Tribal Police at 760-873-4477 or the Water Quality Coordinator at 760-784-4678, or send an email to [brianda.hernandez@bishoppaiute.org](mailto:brianda.hernandez@bishoppaiute.org). Thank you.



# Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)

**Respiratory Syncytial Virus (RSV)** is a viral infection of the respiratory (breathing) tract. Almost all children will get RSV at least once by the time they are 2. It's the most common cause of respiratory infections in this age group but may cause severe illness in children under 1. While there is no vaccine for RSV, there are many ways to limit the spread.

## Symptoms

Most people with RSV have mild symptoms lasting five to seven days. RSV causes cold symptoms in the upper respiratory tract, which includes the nose, mouth, and throat. Sometimes, it can lead to breathing problems in the small airways (bronchiolitis) or lungs (pneumonia) of the lower respiratory tract. These serious breathing problems may require hospitalization. Young children becoming more severely ill may feed poorly, have fewer wet diapers, be less active, or be more difficult to soothe — with or without worsening respiratory symptoms. Children with any symptoms of more severe illness should see a health care provider.



As with any illness, notify families with any concerns about a child's health and contact 911 or your local emergency system if you think a child may be having a medical emergency.

## RSV Symptoms in Young Children

### Upper Respiratory Tract Infection

Cold symptoms may include:

- Runny nose
- Poor feeding
- Coughing
- Sneezing
- Fever
- Fussiness

### Lower Respiratory Tract Infection

Symptoms of severe illness may include cold symptoms plus:

- Fast breathing
- Flaring nostrils
- Grunting noise with breathing
- Head bobbing with breathing
- Belly moving with breathing
- Ribs pulling in while breathing
- Wheezing

For more information about RSV and a video showing symptoms of respiratory distress, see [RSV: When It's More Than Just a Cold](#), from the American Academy of Pediatrics.



National Center on  
Health, Behavioral Health, and Safety

## How It Spreads

RSV spreads very easily from person to person through:

- Droplets in the air from a cough or sneeze
- Direct contact with nose and mouth secretions
- Contact with the virus on hands, surfaces, toys, and other objects and then touching your mouth, nose, or eyes before washing your hands

Young children with the infection can spread the virus before they get symptoms and for days or weeks after getting sick. RSV infections occur throughout the year, but most outbreaks are in winter.

## Who Is at Risk

Premature infants and young children with heart or lung disease or weakened immune systems are at highest risk for severe RSV. Severe cases may require hospitalization.

Early childhood program staff are often exposed to children with RSV and may get infected more than once. Adults who are older, who have chronic heart or lung disease, or who have weakened immune systems are at higher risk for severe RSV.

## Diagnosis

Health care providers usually diagnose RSV based on symptoms and a physical exam. They sometimes test for RSV with a nasal swab. RSV symptoms can be like COVID-19 and influenza, so health care providers may test for all three illnesses at the same time.

## Limit the Spread

### Follow infection control practices to help keep children and adults healthy.

- Stay home when you're sick.
- Do daily health checks as children enter your program for the day.
- Wash hands often with soap and water throughout the day.
- Don't allow children to share mouthing toys, cups, or eating utensils.
- Clean, sanitize, and disinfect surfaces regularly.
- Cover coughs and sneezes.
- Throw away used tissues, and wash hands after using tissues.
- Change clothing soiled with mucous.
- Have fresh air indoors and spend time outdoors.



### Use these strategies to reduce the spread of RSV.

- Let families know if your program has cases of RSV so they can watch for symptoms and practice prevention at home. Remember, the name of the child who is sick is confidential information.
- Watch children throughout the day for signs of illness and contact their parent or guardian if they become too sick to stay in the program.
- Keep children home if they:
  - Are too sick to take part in your program's activities
  - Need more care than staff can give without compromising the health and safety of other children
- Help families and staff understand that RSV, influenza, COVID-19, and the common cold viruses can all make children and adults sick. People can be sick with more than one virus at a time, and programs may have cases of more than one virus at a time.
- Encourage vaccination against influenza and COVID-19 to help decrease the spread and severity of these viruses.



# Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center

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January 2023

## \*WINTER HOURS OF OPERATION:

**Sunday-Monday  
CLOSED**

**Tuesday-Saturday  
10:00-4:00pm**

*\*hours subject to change*

**Following CDC, and Tribal protocols**

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



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**January 18  
Commodity Distribution  
(8am-12pm)**



Are you a Bishop Paiute Tribal member?

Are you interested in providing input on Cultural Center plans, policies, and cultural issues?

Would you like to assist with reviving the Docent program?

Then join the **Cultural Advisory Committee!** Four (4) members are needed....KIIMA!!

# HAPPY NEW YEAR 2023

**THANKS FOR A GREAT 2022!**

Closing out 2022, we'd like to reflect on the joy and gratification we had in being able to provide **in-person** activities, workshops, and events at the Cultural Center that brought our Owens Valley and neighboring communities together. With the unprecedented times of the past driving us to follow new routines and safety protocols, we were finally able to meet, have a meal, and enjoy each other's company once again! We'd like to thank everyone who volunteered, participated and attended our long-standing events and new activities in 2022:

- Artists Exhibit entitled *CONNECTION I & II: Indigenous Art of the Great Basin* in February-September
- Cultural Demonstrations in March-May showcasing the Paiute/Shoshone heritage
- Earth Day Clean-up in April by preparing and landscaping ground for new rose garden
- Rose Garden Dedication in May to remember those we lost during the COVID-19 years
- Sharing our Culture with Song & Dance Workshops in September and November
- Native Veterans Honoring Luncheon in November
- Pop-Up Shops in December that solely supported our local tribal vendors
- School & Group Tours (local and out-of-state) throughout the year
- Annual Events (Sharing Our Oral Traditions, Spring Pinenut Blessing, Spring Market, Taatsawano, Memorial Exhibit & Sales, Memorial Services at Sunland Indian Cemetery, Tuba Nuga, Bizarre Bazaar, Yuuwano, and Holiday Market)

We would also like to thank:

- Our family of tribal artisans for filling our Gift Shop with beautiful and hand-made items
- Our traditional singers & dancers, storytellers, and elders
- Our collaborators and supporters for the success of our happenings at the Cultural Center
- Bishop Tribal Maintenance for preparing/cleaning grounds and setting up all events
- Wanaaha Casino Maintenance for setting up, use of, and breaking down their sizeable tent
- Tribal Youth Council for leading numerous activities, interacting with the community, and always being available to help out wherever and whenever necessary

We look forward to see what the year 2023 will bring us, and with the support of all those in our community, it will surely be filled with surprises, success, and purpose! Happy New Year!

# Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center

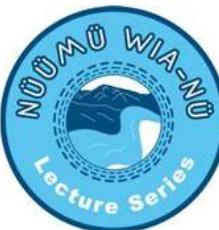
## 2023 CULTURAL CENTER ANNUAL ACTIVITIES & GATHERINGS

*Tentative*

- Sharing Our Oral Traditions: February 21-24
- Spring Pinenut Blessing: March 31
- Earth Day/Spring Market: April 22\*
- Memorial Day Exhibit & Sales: May 26-28\*
- Memorial Day Service: May 29
- Taatsawano: June 3
- Fall Pinenut Blessing: September 14
- Yuwanno (Fall Fandango): October 28\*
- Bizarre Bazaar: October 29\*
- Holiday Market: December 16-17\*

*\*Food and Craft Vendor Opportunities*

- ◊ **ALL DATES ARE TENTATIVE.** Please look for detailed flyers for each event
- ◊ All events are open to the community
- ◊ All events may be in collaboration with local tribes, programs, agencies, and the community. If you wish to help or would like information, please contact the Cultural Center!



### WESTON MADDOX:

**“Paya is Life” - Payahuunadü Mural**  
Join us this month as we highlight Weston Maddox, designer and painter of the first ever indigenous mural in Payahuunadü!

“The mural project was organized by the *Telling Our Story Workgroup*, a collaboration among the Owens Valley Indian Water Commission, Payahuunadü Alliance, Indigenous Women Hike, and non-Indigenous allies. It stands as a bold, thought provoking, and inspiring contribution to the artistic representation of the place that will be valued by the local community as well as the many travelers through Payahuunadü.”...OVIWC

**Thursday, January 19!**

This event will be hosted by the Cultural Center and made possible in part by a grant from NEH: SHARP in partnership with ATALM.



## 2023 MILITARY OBSERVANCES

- Mar 13 K-9 Veterans Day
- Mar 25 Medal of Honor Day
- Mar 29 National Vietnam War Veterans Day
- Apr 9 National Former POW Recognition Day
- May 20 Armed Forces Day
- May 29 Memorial Day
- June 12 Women Veterans Day
- June 14 ARMY B-DAY, est 1775
- June 14 U.S. Flag Day
- July 4 Independence Day
- Aug 4 COAST GUARD B-DAY, est 1790
- Aug 7 Purple Heart Recognition Day
- Aug 14 National Code Talkers Day
- Sep 15 POW/MIA Recognition Day
- Sep 18 AIR FORCE B-DAY, est 1947
- Sep 24 Gold Star Mother's & Family's Day
- Sep 29 National VFW Day
- Oct 13 NAVY B-DAY, est 1775
- Nov 10 MARINE CORPS B-DAY, est 1775
- Nov 11 Veterans Day
- Dec 7 Pearl Harbor Remembrance Day

## SHARING OUR ORAL TRADITIONS

**~ Hubia-na Tüniddo' Manipü ~  
(SONG, STORY, TO DO IT)**

**February 21-24!**

**Flyers with more details to come!**

# Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center

NEW 2023 PROJECT

## SPORTS ARCHIVES



This will be an ongoing archival effort for the Cultural Center in documenting our tribal communities accomplishments. If you have any questions, please call the Cultural Center (760) 873-8844.

This past year we were approached to start up a Sports Archive within the Cultural Center. The conversation started with former members of the Bishop Indian Athletic Association and Bishop Indian Sports Club wanting to secure a place to collectively house, share, and exhibit the achievements of our local athletes while highlighting the history and legacy of local tournaments and sports. Similar to our other archives, this collection may consist of various photos, memorabilia, stories, audio and video in various sports.

This is our first introduction of the archive. Come early spring, we will have a better plan on the submission process, accessibility, and potential plans to showcase. This first year we do want to focus on the stories of the Bishop Indian Athletic Association and the Bishop Indian Sports Club.

If you have comments, suggestions, leads or would like to play an active part in this archive, please call the Cultural Center Director Tara Frank. She will be collecting contact information and scheduling a roundtable in the upcoming months.

### HOLIDAY MARKET RECAP

This annual event was held on December 17th & 18th at the Cultural Center. With over 35 vendors on site, there were many hand-crafted items, jewelry, pottery, apparel, baked goods and of course, food available to all! It was a success... full of holiday cheer and fellowship. We look forward to next year's Holiday Market in 2023!

Thank you to Bishop Tribal Maintenance, Bishop Tribal Youth Council, Cultural Center staff, vendors and participants who made Holiday Market possible. And many cheers to Elf #1, Elf #2, the Grinch, and Santa from bringing much laughter and joy for all!



### W I N N E R S !

#### ORNAMENT

**Elder:** 1st - Charlene Redner; 2nd - Barbara Mora  
**Adult:** 1st - Nathan Blacksheep; 2nd - Twyla Sepsey  
**Youth:** 1st - Joseph Sepsey; 2nd - Blake Temple

#### UGLY SWEATER

**Elder:** 1st - Brenda Allen; 2nd - Charlene Redner; 3rd - Barbara Mora; 4th - Judy James  
**Adult:** 1st - Twyla Sepsey ; 2nd - Jacob Bendicken; 3rd - Elsa James  
**Youth:** 1st - Blake Temple; 2nd - Joseph Sepsey  
**Child:** 1st - Luv Luv Dewey; 2nd - Caden Root

#### RAFFLES

**Pendleton Blanket:** Wanda Summers; **Carhartt Jacket:** David Weaver; **And thank you to our vendors for donating items to add to our raffle prizes!**  
Proceeds will go back to Cultural Center events and activities.

# Owens Valley Paiute Shoshone Cultural Center

## Gift Shop Buying Days

February, 10am-6pm - Tue. 2/21, Wed. 2/22, Thur. 2/23

March, 10am-6pm - Tue. 3/21, Wed. 3/22, Thur. 3/23

May, 10am-6pm - Tue. 5/16, Wed. 5/17, Thur. 5/18

June, 10am-6pm - Tue. 6/13, Wed. 6/14, Thur. 6/15

DATES AND TIMES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE. IF ALTERED, A NOTICE WILL BE POSTED.

Please note that there will be **NO BUYING DAYS** in January, and April. Also, an extra day has been added to February, March, May, and June on a trial basis to allow more flexibility for our tribal vendors. Payments will continue to be issued on Fridays, the following week at the Cultural Center. This is to allow the Fiscal Department adequate time to process all check requests. NO EARLY CHECKS WILL BE ISSUED. For any questions regarding payments, please call the Cultural Center.

### VENDOR GUIDELINES

- Vendor must be from the Owens Valley or neighboring areas.
- Family member may assist during the selling process.
- Minors must be accompanied by an adult/guardian during the selling process.
- Vendor must present own original craft item(s), and must be newly created and produced.
- NO fake cloth backing on items, NO logos or trademarks, NO pen or pencil marks on items, and NO used or soiled items.

### NOTE

- Vendor Guidelines, Purchasing and Consignment process may be modified as the Gift Shop grows.
- Consignment may be processed during business hours, and does not need to follow Buying Day dates.
- Gift Shop is not obligated to purchase all items and has the right to decline based on inventory and quality.
- Gift Shop is currently limiting purchase on mirror and cabochon items
- Cultural Advisory Committee has final say on purchases.

### ATTENTION TRIBAL ARTISTS!

The Cultural Center is inviting our current and future artists, vendors, and presenters to complete an online questionnaire. This is an effort to update contact information on the artists in our community to create a "*Cultural Center Artists Archive*", asking who you are, what you do, and why you do art. This Archive is open to all Native and non-Native artists who partake in Cultural Center activities and tribal events. The information provided will be housed solely at the Cultural Center with the intent to showcase our artists.



SCAN ME

The questionnaire may be found by scanning the QR code or at:

<https://culturalcenter.typeform.com/OVPSCCArtist>

This project is made possible in part by a grant from NEH: SHARP in partnership with ATALM.

### COMMUNITY BOARD CALL OUT!

Connecting our Community with  
Arts & History

In September, the Cultural Center added a display that shares our local history, news and/or events pertaining to our area. This also includes the accomplishments and talents of our local tribal artists, entrepreneurs, and athletes. We would like community involvement with this display, and encourage you to provide suggestions on a topic and/or individuals to feature! Please call us with your input on notable events to update for February!.

# PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT



# Child Care & Development Fund Program

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

### What:

Notice is hereby given to all Tribal Community Members that the Bishop Paiute Tribe Social Services Department will be holding a Public Hearing to provide information and receive comment for the upcoming CCDF program plan.

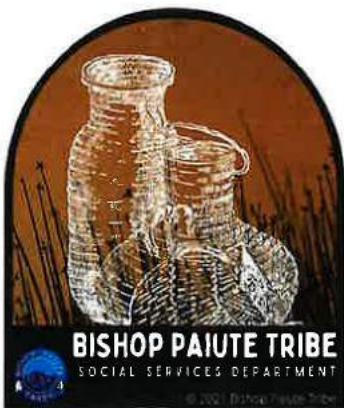
### When:

Tuesday  
17 January, 2023  
*Time: 4pm - 5:30pm*  
*Location: Social Services Dept*  
*50 Tu Su Lane*  
*Building #3*

*Snacks will be provided*

A draft copy will be available upon request.

Contact: 760-873-4414 | [pamela.martinez@bishoppaiute.org](mailto:pamela.martinez@bishoppaiute.org)



## **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 **Nancy Martinez** or **Cindy Kane** or 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.

### **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 Social Services office for more information  
**760-873-4414**

### **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.

**T R I B A L  
S O C I A L S E R V I C E S**

# **LIHEAP & LIHWAP**

**Low-Income Home Energy Assistance & Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program**

*You need utility assistance?*

- Electric
- Propane
- Firewood
- Water/Sewer bill

LIHEAP & LIHWAP provides assistance to eligible low-income families to manage and meet their immediate home heating and water usage needs.



**Program Requirement:**

- Proof of Residency  
must be living on the Bishop Paiute Reservation
- Proof of Tribal Enrollment  
from a Federally recognized Tribe
- Copy Social Security cards  
for ALL household members
- Income Verification for ALL household members  
over the age of 18, income w/in the last  
30 days & must meet income guidelines  
(Net Income)

The Energy Crisis Assistance gives priority to elderly, disabled person and families with young children under the age of five (5) that are in a crisis situation.

Applications are available at the Tribal Social Services building.  
For more information contact: Pamela Martinez, Program Coordinator  
Phone: (760) 873-4414 ext: 2830  
Email: [pamela.martinez@bishoppaiute.org](mailto:pamela.martinez@bishoppaiute.org)

THE BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL SOCIAL SERVICES  
DEPARTMENT & CALIFORNIA TRIBAL FAMILIES COALITION  
INVITE TRIBAL MEMBERS IN INYO COUNTY TO:



# TRIBAL FOSTER PARENT TRAINING

Open to any tribal members and tribal social services staff located in Inyo County! No prior experience necessary. There is a great need for more tribal foster homes in Inyo County. Training includes:

**Introduction Training | 1/19 @ 6 - 8 PM**  
**Bishop Paiute Tribal**  
**Social Services Office**  
**50 Tu Su Lane, Bishop, CA**

Training will cover the legal and practical considerations for tribal families interested in becoming foster caregivers. Participants can expect to learn about:

- CA Dependency law & process
- Key foster care terms
- Indian Child Welfare Act
- Differences between the County Resource Family Approval process & Tribally Approved Homes

The training is FREE

Contact Kylee Andreas at  
[kylee.andreas@bishoppaiute.org](mailto:kylee.andreas@bishoppaiute.org) to sign up

# Community Development Department/Housing

*..dedicated to improving the quality of life for the Bishop Paiute Tribal members.."*

## HOUSING APPLICATIONS

The Housing Application is the basic record of each family/person applying for admissions and/or services. Each applicant will be required to provide all information requested on the application and to sign all necessary forms, documents, and certifications. The applicant must certify that all information contained in the application is true and accurate to the best of his/her knowledge. All information or any statements made by the applicant are subject to verification.

The applicant is responsible for making corrections or updating the application during the month of January each year. Failure to update an application for a period of 12 months is grounds for placing the application in an Inactive file removing the family from the waiting List.

Applications must be signed in ink and may be mailed or delivered in person. Incomplete applications will be returned with request to provide additional information. To request a Housing Application, contact the CDD office.

## HOMEOWNER ASSISTANCE FUND (HAF)

The Community Development Department (CDD) is pleased to announce that the Homeowner Assistance Fund (HAF) will resume effective January 1, 2023.

On 12/14/22 Rena Tibbetts, CDD Housing Director, received confirmation from the U.S. Treasury Department that the HAF grant application she submitted on behalf of the Bishop Paiute Tribe, was approved.

## HOME INSURANCE – Give yourself peace of mind, Protect Your Property!

Are you prepared when disaster strikes? Can you afford to lose your home and personal belongings to a fire or windstorm?

AMERIND Risk Management provides home insurance to Tribal member homeowners and/or renters who reside on an Indian Reservation.

With AMERIND insurance you have the opportunity to pick and choose your insurance coverage(s). Coverage can be for the home, your personal

Examples of eligible activities but not limited to: mortgage payments, mortgage arrears, utilities, homeowner insurance, delinquent property taxes, etc.

There are eligibility requirements for the HAF Program.

For more information about the HAF Program and for an application, please contact Tennille or Rena at the Housing Office.

belongings, other structures, personal liability in addition to emergency living expenses.

Coverage is also available for culturally sensitive items such as traditional homes, Native artifacts, jewelry, ceremonial regalia, etc.

There is no credit scoring or history check. And discounts are available to homeowners who remain claim free and practice fire safety.

For more information about AMERIND insurance, contact the CDD office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 2023: Annual Reverifications for all rental tenants and homebuyers
- February 2023: AMERIND Safety Poster Contest
- Spring 2023: Annual Home Inspections for all rentals and homeownership units under CDD management.

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR  
NOTICES & FLYERS!

## PROGRAMS & SERVICES

The CDD offers the following programs and services to Tribal members living in owner-occupied homes:

- Down Payment Assistance
- Student Educational Assistance
- Home Improvement Loans
- Maintenance Assistance
- Homeownership Program
- Rental Program

The CDD also provides applications and intake for the BIA Housing Improvement Program (HIP).

For any questions about the programs/services offered, contact the CDD office.

**DO YOU NEED FOOD ASSISTANCE?**

**IMACA has teamed up with Northern Nevada**

**Food Truck: A mobile harvest program from Reno**

This program operates a monthly drive-thru event at the Tri – County Fairgrounds from 3:00-4:00pm, on the 4th Friday of each month. You will need to fill out an intake form which can be filled out on-line at [imaca.net](http://imaca.net)

If you need help filling out an intake form on-line please come by the BPT Social Services office or questions call 760-873-4414



***Next drive-thru:***

***January 27th, 3:00-4:00 pm***



***Yerington Paiute Tribe Bishop Commodity Food Program 2023 Schedule  
(All times are 8am to 12pm at the Cultural Center)***

January 18th

February 14th

March 21st

April 18th

May 16th

June 21st

July 18th

August 15th

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th

December 19th

*Schedule is subject to change!*

# OVCDC JANUARY TANF PREVENTION CALENDAR



# 2023

Events and Workshops  
are subject to change

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
1 <i>Happy New Year</i>	2 <b>OVCDC CLOSED</b>	3 Ribbon Skirt Activity 5:15-7:15 pm	4	5 Poetry Writing Workshop 5:30-7:30 pm	6	7
8	9	10 Motherhood & Fatherhood Virtual Ribbon Skirt Activity 5:15-7:15 pm	11 Rez Readers Book Club 12-1 pm High School NASA	12 Poetry Writing Workshop 5:30-7:30 pm	13	14
15	16 	17 Motherhood & Fatherhood Virtual Ribbon Skirt Activity 5:15-7:15 pm	18 Jr. NASA	19 Cooking Around the World- China 5:30-7:30pm Tuniwa Nobi	20	21 Poetry Writing Workshop Mic Night 5:30-7:30 pm
22	23	24 Motherhood & Fatherhood Virtual Ribbon Skirt Activity 5:15-7:15 pm	25	26 Benton Necklace Making 6-8pm	27 <b>LANGUAGE GATHERING</b> Location and Time-TBD Rez Readers Book Club 12-3 pm	28
29	30	31 Motherhood & Fatherhood Virtual Ribbon Skirt Activity 5:15-7:15 pm				

CrossFit- Monday thru Thursday &  
Equestrian- Sunday thru Monday  
For more information, please  
call (760) 873-5107

BAAD (Basketball) Monday thru Thursday. For more information,  
please call (760) 873-5107

Bishop Language Class-Monday, Tuesday  
and Thursday 5:30 pm @ Nuumu Yadoha  
Building

Virtual Classes also available  
For more information, please call  
(760) 872-3604

PREVENTION-GREEN  
FAMILY LITERACY-BLUE  
LANGUAGE-RED

**ADULT EDUCATION**  
Offering the following: GED Test  
Prep, DMV Test Prep,  
Financial Literacy & Life Skills  
For more information call  
(760) 872-2115





## Owens Valley Career Development Center is hiring!

Early Head Start Teacher – Bishop

\$3,000 Sign-On Bonus

**Full Time Employee Benefit Package Includes:**

**Paid Vacation (13 days in the first year of employment)**

**Sick leave**

**15 paid holidays**

**Medical, Dental and Vision Insurance (employee only)**

Please visit [www.ovcdc.com](http://www.ovcdc.com) to download a job application and view full job description.

Call 760-873-5107 for more information.

Preference will be given to American Indian applicants.

OVCDC has a mandatory COVID-19 vaccination policy.

## Are you currently seeking employment?

The CIMC Workforce Development Program provides job training and employment opportunities for low-income, unemployed and underemployed Native American, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian individuals residing in our service areas of Inyo, Mono or Kern counties.

For an application or more information please call the Eastern Sierra Field office at 760-873-3419. The CIMC Movement: Creating Positive Change for Native Communities.



# Elders Title VI Nutrition Program

# JANUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR CLOSED</b>	3 Taco Salad Salsa & Chips Pineapple Milk	4 Mac-Cheese w/ham Green beans Apple Milk	5 Fish-chips Tartar Sauce Coleslaw Banana Milk	6 Chili beans Cornbread Garden Salad Orange Milk
9 Tuna Noodle Casserole Peas/corn Fruit Salad Milk	10 Chef Salad Whole wheat Crackers Whole Apple Milk	11 Spaghetti Garlic bread Garden Salad Jell-O Milk	12 Sweet & Sour Pork Brown Rice Fortune cookies Milk	13 Salmon Brown Rice Pea's/carrots Coleslaw Peaches & Milk
16  <b>CLOSED</b>	17 Pork Chops Brown Rice Winter mix Vegetables Pears Milk	18 French Dip With Au-jus Steak fries Asian Salad Berries Milk	19 Grilled Chicken Salad Whole wheat crackers Oranges Milk	20 Seasoned Cod Rice Pilaf Asian mix Vegetables Plums Milk
23 Navy Bean Soup Cornbread Cucumber Salad Applesauce Milk	24 Tuna Sandwich Tomato Soup Crackers Pears Milk	25 Southern fried Chicken Mashed Potatoes Gravy, Corn pudding Milk	26 Enchiladas Spanish Rice Summer squash Pineapple Milk	27 Clam Chowder Whole wheat crackers Coleslaw Jell-O Milk
30 Green Bean Soup Naan Bread Cucumber Salad Tropical Fruit Milk	31 BBQ Chicken Macaroni Salad Garlic bread Apples Milk			

**"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all"**

Menu Items are subject to change without notice, every meal is served with milk (unless requested without Milk). For any questions or feedback on the menu please call the Elders Program at (760) 873-3052

# Elders Title VI Nutrition Program

# JANUARY 2023

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 <b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	3	4	5 Chuptuhee 1pm 25 Cent Hands	6  1:00 PM \$10-10 Games \$5.00- Extra Packages
9	10 Stretching-Light Weights 2pm 	11	12 <b>Elders Book Club</b> 	13
16  <b>Martin Luther King, Jr. Day</b> <b>CLOSED</b>	17 Stretching-Light Weights 2pm 	18 <b>Nuumu Yadoha Language Class</b> 2pm	19 Chuptuhee 1pm 25 Cent Hands 	20  1:00 PM \$10-10 Games \$5.00- Extra Packages
23	24 Stretching-Light Weights 2pm 	25  1:00 PM \$10-10 Games \$5.00- Extra Packages	26	27
30	31 Stretching-Light Weights 2pm 	<p><b>"The magic in new beginnings is truly the most powerful of them all"</b></p>		

For any questions or feed back, please call the Elders Program at (760)873-3052



# Attention Elders!!

*Social Services is inviting you to a*

# Sit and Visit

as we share a presentation of programs currently offered  
at our Social Services Department.

**When: Friday, January 20, 2023**  
**starting at 11am - 12:30pm**

**Where: Elders Building**  
**350 N. Barlow Lane**



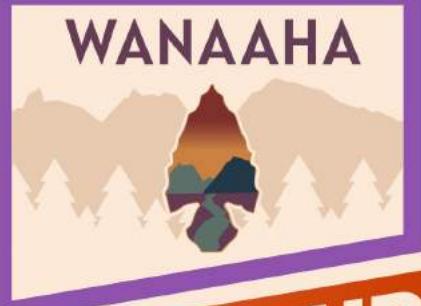
For more information call (760) 873-4414





WANAHA  
CASINO

# NEW YEAR NEW FUN @WANAHA CASINO



## ADVENTURE VEHICLE GIVEAWAY

GRAND PRIZE DRAWING  
FRIDAY, MARCH 31ST @ 9PM



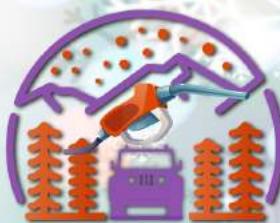
## 7 WINNERS SELECTED

SIX WIN UP TO \$1,000 CASH & ONE WINS A NEW TOYOTA RAV4 OR \$20,000 CASH!

TICKETED  
DRAWINGS

EARN 1 ENTRY FOR EVERY 250 PTS EARNED ON SLOTS & 1 FOR EVERY 30 MINS OF RATED TABLE PLAY!

WEDNESDAYS



## Winter Gas GIVEAWAY

THE FIRST PLAYERS WHO EARN 750 SAME-DAY  
POINTS WILL RECEIVE A GAS VOUCHER FOR \$20

(VOUCHERS LIMITED ON A FIRST COME BASIS)

GAS VOUCHERS GOOD FOR BISHOP PAUITE GAS STATION LOCATED ADJACENT TO  
CASINO & YUHUBI NOBI GAS STATION ON WEST LINE ST. IN BISHOP

FRIDAYS



**WIN UP TO \$500!**  
A WINNER SELECTED EVERY 30 MINUTES • 7PM TO 10PM

LARN 1 ENTRY FOR EVERY 250 PTS EARNED ON SLOTS & 1 FOR EVERY 30 MINS OF RATED TABLE PLAY!

SATURDAYS



## Snowflakes of Cash

PICK A HANGING SNOWFLAKE & WIN \$100 UP TO  
**WIN UP TO \$500!**

A WINNER SELECTED EVERY 15 MINUTES • 7PM TO 10PM

LARN 1 ENTRY FOR EVERY 250 PTS EARNED ON SLOTS & 1 FOR EVERY 30 MINS OF RATED TABLE PLAY!

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# January 2023

## Dates to Remember



**Regular Tribal Council Meetings**  
**January 12th & January 26th**

**January 16th-Martin Luther King Day**  
**Tribal Offices Closed**

## **General Council Dates 2023**

- *March 18, 2023*
- *June 17, 2023*
- *September 16, 2023*

*\*All dates subject to change*

## **BOARD & COMMITTEE VACANCIES**

*Become an active and involved member of the community by serving on one of the following Committees or Boards:*

**Tribal Environmental Protection Agency Board - Two Members**

**Cultural Advisory Committee - Four Members**

**Tribal Court Committee - Two Members**

**Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) - Five Members**

**Elders Board - One Member**

**Food Advisory Board (FAB) - Two Members**

**Elections Committee - One Member**

**Requirements to serve on Committees/Boards:**

**Be a Bishop Paiute Tribal Member & Submit a Letter of Intent to the Tribal Office.**

**\*Members can live outside the area\***

# Bishop Paiute Tribal Council



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