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BISHOP TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

Official Newsletter of the Bishop Paiute Tribe

US Army Corps of Engineers-Tribe Team Up for Flood Mitigation

BY DESTON ROGERS

In mid-June, the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) assisted the Bishop Paiute Tribe in preparing for the potential floods, from the record-breaking snowpack and run-offs.

Nearly 1500 tons of sand, 1000 feet of HESCO Barriers, a sandbag machine and enough bags for 12,500 sandbags were provided to the Tribe, by USACE, along with technical assistance.

Once the materials arrived, the Tribe had seven days to complete the installation of sandbags and HESCO Barriers. Once materials are no longer needed and flood threats reduce, the materials will remain the property of the Tribe.

In all, nearly forty staff members helped prepare for the potential flooding.

The Tribe wishes to thank the US Army Corps of Engineers, Tribal Emergency Management Team, Public Works, CDD, BPDC, Granite Construction, KBPT and staff for all their assistance.

Read on for complete details by Brianda Hernandez, Water Quality Program Coordinator, BPT Environmental Management Office.

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FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT ON THE BISHOP PAIUTE RESERVATION

06/16/2023-06/23/2023



Figure 1: Some BPT and USACE staff after filling 12,500 sandbags - the original goal for this project.

HIGHLIGHTS

In a week...

- BPT and USACE provided flood preparation assistance to 7 homes, 1 BPT facility and 1 equipment site on the floodplain of Bishop Creek
- Total Bags Placed: 7,014 bags (701 linear feet)
- Total HESCO Baskets Placed: 286 (857 linear feet)
- Total Sandbags Filled: 16,830 bags
- Total Sand Hauled: 1,497 tons

POTENTIAL FLOODING ON THE BPT RESRVATION

Due to the record breaking snowpack that we received this winter and spring, the Bishop Paiute Tribe (BPT) with assistance from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) decided that it was best to be proactive in preventing flooding in areas that were determined to be within the Bishop Creek floodplain and could be impacted during a 100-year flood event. The cool weather has been on our side by allowing the snow in the mountains to slowly melt, giving BPT and USACE staff enough time to prepare sites for sandbag and HESCO barrier installation, fill 16,830 sandbags, place 857 linear feet of HESCOS and 701 linear feet of sandbags and protect 7 homes, the Community Center and an electrical panel all within the floodplain.



Figure 2: BPT staff taking a much deserved break after placing 2,690 bags!

These sites were identified as being at risk from a 2017 survey done by the US Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) resulting in a 100-year flood map. The flood map shows areas that are within the floodplain of Bishop Creek and can cause flooding with a 2 foot rise of the creek. Although, Bishop Creek is part of a controlled system (Southern California Edison reservoirs, Bishop Creek Bypass, ditch systems), there is a lot of uncertainty of the impacts this historic snowpack will have once it all starts to melt as we enter the summer season. Staying ahead of the peak runoff was one of the goals of this project.

We should start seeing Bishop Creek and the ditches rise now that we are in July and although we only identified 9 sites that needed flood preparation, we are aware that there might be other areas that were not identified that could be at risk of flooding due to hydromodification (changes in the physical characteristics of the creek due to berms, channelization, streambank erosion, sedimentation, etc.) of the creek, as well as debris buildup near culverts/bridges, fallen trees and simply having too much water at once coming off the mountains. We have extra sandbags to assist those areas, if needed.

It is imperative that the community stays alert and informed about the potential flooding on and off the Reservation to stay safe during this historical time! And as always, we will keep the community updated.

Special thanks to CDD, BPDC, PW, Maintenance, EMO, USACE, Deston Rogers, Rosalie Fimbres, and other tribal staff that worked hard on this project!



Figure 3: BPT Staff placing sandbags at one of the homes near the creek.



Figure 4: BPT Staff filling the HESCO barriers. Photo by D. Rogers.

Figure 5: BPT staff loading the EMO side-by-side to deliver bags to tight areas along the creek.



If you see an area that is actively flooding or has the potential to flood, please contact Public Works Director, Sandra Warlie at 760-873-6638 during business hours, or 760-873-4414 after hours.

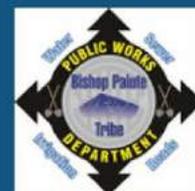




Figure 6: BPT staff leveling out the ground where the HESCOs were placed. Photo by D. Rogers.



Figure 7: Technical assistance by USACE was imperative in this project. Photo by D. Rogers.



Figure 8: BPT staff in an assembly line filling up a total of 16,830 sandbags!



Figure 9: Sandbags are available for Tribal Members at the dirt lot, south of the casino. Photo by D. Rogers.



Figure 10: USACE interviewing tribal member, Darrel Maddox, about the Tribe's flood mitigation efforts.

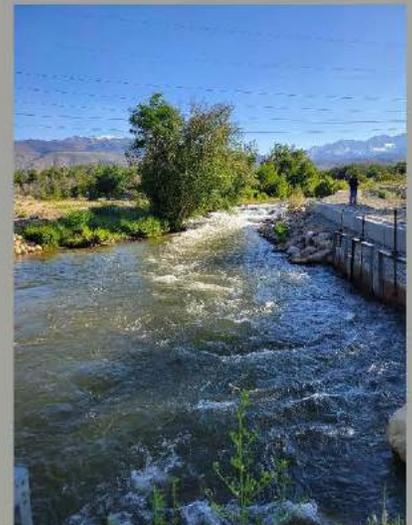


Figure 11: Current state (06/21/2023) of Bishop Creek near SCE's Plant 6 up highway 168!



If you have any questions about this article or about the flood mitigation project on the Bishop Paiute Reservation, please contact Water Quality Program Coordinator, Brianda Hernandez, at 760-873-3584 ext. 2120 or at brianda.hernandez@bishoppaiute.org.

Thank you!

Flood Mitigation Photos

(Photos Credit: Deston Rogers)



Sandbag Machine Operations



USACE Baron Arakawa measures sandbag distance



Stacking sandbags on pallets



Sandbag Stacking



Pre-sandbag placement



Summer Youth Program help



Summer Youth Program help



USACE Public Information Officer Brooks Hubbard Interviews Public Works Director Sandra Warlie



COO1 Brian Poncho & Bishop Tribal Council Recognize USACE Staff



USACE Public Information Officer Brooks Hubbard interviews Water Program Coordinator Brianda Hernandez

Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) U.S. Supreme Court Decision 2023

Indian Child Welfare Act of 1978:

The Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) of 1978 was enacted after Native American children were systematically removed from their homes and communities¹. Before ICWA, often there were removals occurring without evidence of abuse or neglect to sustain the removal¹. Children were being placed with non-Native families, with the intent to deprive them of their Native family or culture¹. The ICWA established Federal standards for the removal and placement of Native children as well as with termination of parental rights to protect the best interests of Native American children and keep them connected to their families and Tribes¹. The ICWA outlines the roles of State and Tribal governments in child welfare cases involving children who are members of or eligible for membership in Federally recognized Tribes¹. Among its added protections for Native children, ICWA requires caseworkers to make several considerations when handling an ICWA case, including:

1. Providing active efforts to the family
2. Identifying a placement that fits under the ICWA preference provisions
3. Notifying the child's tribe and the child's parents of the child custody proceeding
4. Working actively to involve the child's tribe and the child's parents in the proceedings²

Haaland v. Brackeen Case Background:

Texas couple wishing to adopt an Indian child, and the State of Texas, filed suit against the United States and several of its

agencies claiming that the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) was unconstitutional³. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit issued a split decision, and parties on both sides filed a total of four petitions for certiorari to the U.S. Supreme Court: one from the United States, one from four intervening tribes (Cherokee Nation, Morongo Band of Mission Indians, Oneida Nation, and Quinault Indian Nation), one from the State of Texas, and one from individuals who sought to adopt Indian children³. In February 2022, the Supreme Court granted all four petitions and consolidated them under the caption *Haaland v. Brackeen*³.

June 2023 Court Ruling:

On June 15, 2023, the U.S. Supreme Court issued its opinion on *Haaland v. Brackeen* regarding the Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)⁴. In a 7-2 vote, the court formally upheld the ICWA and affirmed its constitutionality⁵. The Supreme Court and Tribal government considering this ruling to be a major win for Native Americans by rejecting a challenge to a federal law aimed at protecting tribal children⁵. The court, in a ruling authored by Justice Amy Coney Barrett, said the challengers did not have legal standing to contest whether the preference provisions violated the equal protection clause of the 14th Amendment by discriminating on the basis of race⁵.

By: Anonda Nelson, M.S.W. (ICWA Specialist)
Any questions or concerns please contact the
ICWA Program at 760-873-7799

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Statement from President Joe Biden on Supreme Court Decision in *Haaland v. Brackeen*

JUNE 15, 2023



THE WHITE HOUSE

I stand alongside Tribal Nations as they celebrate today's Supreme Court decision. This lawsuit sought to undermine the Indian Child Welfare Act – a vital law I was proud to support. The Indian Child Welfare Act was passed to protect the future of Tribal Nations and promote the best interests of Native children, and it does just that. The touchstone law respects tribal sovereignty and protects Native children by helping Native families stay together and, whenever possible, keeping children with their extended families or community who already know them, love them, and can help them understand who they are as Native people and citizens of their Tribal Nations. The Indian Child Welfare Act safeguards that which is most precious to us all—our children. Today's decision from the Supreme Court keeps in place a vital protection for tribal sovereignty and Native children.

Our Nation's painful history looms large over today's decision. In the not-so-distant past, Native children were stolen from the arms of the people who loved them. They were sent to boarding schools or to be raised by non-Indian families—all with the aim of erasing who they are as Native people and tribal citizens. These were acts of unspeakable cruelty that affected generations of Native children and threatened the very survival of Tribal Nations. The Indian Child Welfare Act was our Nation's promise: never again.

Tribal Nations fought hard to pass the Indian Child Welfare Act, and I am proud to have joined them in the ongoing efforts to defend it. Vice President Harris and I will continue to stand with Tribes to protect Native children, honor tribal sovereignty, and safeguard the essential principals of the Indian Child Welfare Act.

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NEW CHIEF FOR TRIBAL POLICE



(Photo Credit: Deston Rogers)

Bishop Tribal Chairwoman Meryl Picard, Swears In Raymond Allen as New Tribal Police Chief



From Tribal Police Chief Raymond Allen:

"I grew up in Albuquerque, New Mexico and left to join the U.S. Navy. I served nine years and nine months as an Electronics Technician on a Nuclear-Powered Fast Attack Submarine for four years. I went to shore duty in Coronado, California and joined the San Diego Police Department as a Reserve Police Officer. I received an early discharge to attend the San Diego Sheriff's Academy at Miramar College. I was hired by the San Diego Sheriff's Department, and I worked in Court Services and Warrants until I made probation. After my probation was completed, I transferred to the National City Police Department. I worked Patrol, Detectives, and Traffic and was promoted to Sergeant in 1989.

I worked the following assignments as a Sergeant: Patrol Sergeant, Administrative Sergeant, Motor Sergeant, and Detective Sergeant. In 1996, I promoted to Lieutenant. As a Lieutenant, I worked the following assignments: Patrol Lieutenant where I was the S.W.A.T. Commander, Community Services Lieutenant where I managed grants, Internal Affairs Lieutenant, and finally Detective Lieutenant. I attended the Federal Bureau of Investigation National Academy in July 2002 and was in Class 210. I chaired the committee that wrote the first Strategic Plan of the National City Police Department where we identified three areas of improvement in our delivery of services to the community.

I retired in 2006 and started a Tribal Police Department from the ground up at Pauma Reservation in northern San Diego County. From there I worked for a military contractor, first as a background investigator and then as a Law Enforcement Professional in Iraq in 2009-2010. I returned to the United States and found a job teaching U.S. Marines who were proceeding to Afghanistan to embed with Afghan Police and Army to mentor them during The Global War on Terror. In 2011-2012 I was asked to return to Afghanistan with the Oklahoma National Guard to assist them with terrorist activity in their Area of Operations pertaining to Improvised Explosive Device Cells.

I returned to the United States and was hired by the La Jolla Tribal Reservation Police Department as an officer in 2012. In 2015 I was promoted to Chief of Police. In 2019, I applied for the Chief's position at the Fort Mojave Tribal Police Department and was selected to manage and direct department activities.

I wanted to return to California and a former officer from Bishop highly recommended the Bishop Tribal Police Department. I was hired as the Chief of Police and started in the position on June 26, 2023. I have an open-door policy and if you would like to come by and talk, my door is always open. I am a father, a grandfather, love being outside, and occasionally watching a San Diego Padre baseball game. I would very much like to meet all community members".



Tribe-CDFW Sign New MOA



In January 2020, the Bishop Paiute Tribal Council signed a historic Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) with California Department of Fish and Wildlife (CDFW). This MOA reflected the understanding that the Bishop Paiute Tribe and CDFW exercise their own unique authorities to protect wildlife resources. The MOA expired on December 31, 2022. When the MOA expired, the Tribe sought out the possibility of including Elk in a new agreement, which delayed signing a new MOA.

On June 29, 2023, Chairwoman Meryl Picard signed the new MOA between CDFW and the Tribe. The new MOA is now in effect until December 31, 2028. Thanks to the hard work between CDFW and the Tribe, this new MOA will include an Archery Permit to take a Bull Tule Elk and to take up to sixteen (16) deer per year for cultural education purposes and scientific study.

Per the MOA “the State of California recognizes that jurisdiction over the protection and development of wildlife resources is of great importance to both (the State) and California Indian tribes.”

The purposes of this new MOA are to:

- Recognize that CDFW and the Tribe exercise their own unique authorities to protect the wildlife resources of California.
- Recognize that the Tribe considers access to culturally important wildlife resources as crucial to Tribal self-sufficiency; to the preservation of Tribal heritage, cultural practices, and identity as Paiute people, and to the Tribe’s overall health and well-being by accessing indigenous foods through hunting.
- Recognize that Tribal traditional knowledge and cultural practices is an asset and can facilitate the management of wildlife resources.
- Recognized that the Tribe is executing this MOA on the Tribes ancestral and aboriginal Tribal territory that has existed since time immemorial.
- Exercising this MOA is an active stewardship of the Tribe’s authority to protect their cultural history of traditional substance hunting.

In addition, the Tribe has established internal policies to comply with the MOA’s provisions. The Tribe’s Hunting Policy and Procedure outlines the steps and components required to participate in the program as determined by the MOA.

For more information, please call the Bishop Paiute Tribe at (760) 873-3584 or visit our website at www.bishoppaiutetribe.com.

Grants Update

Dr. Bonnie Bobb

The Bishop Paiute Tribe has received the following grants:

- \$499,935 from the National Telecommunications & Information Administration for planning, environmental, and engineering studies for Broadband capacity on the Reservation;
- \$167,504 from the Department of Treasury, Capital Projects Fund, for broadband infrastructure development
- \$95,526 for the continuation of the THPO (Tribal Historic Preservation Office)
- \$67,398 from EPA for a Clean Air Act Special Purposes grant that will contribute toward new equipment and staffing
- \$5,000 from Southern CA Edison for the Pabanamanina Pow Wow

Grants Program Upcoming Public Meetings:

**Indian Community
Development Block Grant
(ICDBG)
Meetings held in the Tribal
Chambers**

**July 17th
Noon - 1 PM
&
July 19th
5:30pm - 7:00 PM**

**Funding Amount:
\$500,000 to
\$2,000,000**

The purpose of the ICDBG program includes the creation of decent housing, suitable living environments, and economic opportunities primarily for persons of low to moderate income.

TRIBAL EMPLOYMENT RIGHTS OFFICE

GRANT WRITING WORKSHOP

THIS WORKSHOP WILL HELP YOU UNDERSTAND THE FUNDAMENTAL ELEMENTS OF A GRANT PROPOSAL AND DEVELOP THE SKILLS NEEDED TO PREPARE COMPETITIVE AND SUCCESSFUL GRANT APPLICATIONS.



BONNIE BOBB
BITC GRANT WRITER

JULY 12 & 13, 2023
(Must attend both days)

START AT
9 AM - 12 PM

**BISHOP PAIUTE
TRIBAL CHAMBERS**

50 TU SU LANE
BISHOP, CA

IF INTERESTED, YOU WILL NEED TO REGISTER AT THE TERO OFFICE LOCATED AT 50 TU SU LANE OR YOU MAY CONTACT SUSIE WEST AT 760-873-7893.

DEADLINE TO REGISTER: JULY 7, 2023

**FREE
WORKSHOP !!!**

WATER RESTRICTIONS

Remains Effective From: May 1, 2023-October 31, 2023

To determine if you are odd or even it is based on the last digit of your address.

even number address to water only on

Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays

odd number address on

Wednesdays, Fridays and Sundays

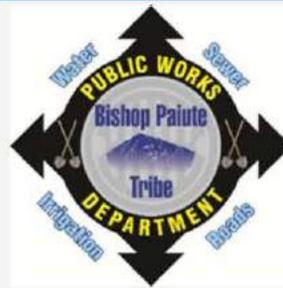
5:00am-10:00am

and

5:00pm-10:00pm

**No watering on
Mondays**

If you have gardens, fruit trees or livestock you may give them water daily as long as it is not excessive. Sprinkler systems operated by a time clock controller may have alternate hours. Contact Public Works for additional information.



Bishop Paiute Tribe

Public Works Department

50 Tu Su Lane

Bishop, CA 93514

Phone: 760-873-3584

Fax: 760-873-0018

To Report Violators Call 760-873-3584

EXAMPLES OF ODD & EVEN NUMBERS

ODD: 001, 23,65, 423, 4447, 123-A

EVEN: 002, 24, 66, 3338, 124-E

EXAMPLES OF ODD & EVEN NUMBERED

ADDRESSES



EVEN



ODD

WATER RESTRICTION VIOLATIONS

1st Violation– Written Warning

2nd Violation- \$150 Fine

3rd Violation- \$250 Fine

4th Violation– Water Shut Off

WATER SAVING TIPS

- Turn off the water while you brush your teeth and save 4 gallons a minute. That's 200 gallons a week for a family of four.
- Do one thing each day that will save water. Even if savings are small, every drop counts.
- Wash your car on the grass. This will water your lawn at the same time.
- Use sprinklers and reduce pressures that throw big drops of water close to the ground. Smaller drops of water and mist often evaporate before they hit the ground.
- Cook food in as little water as possible. This will also retain more of the nutrients.
- Check your sprinkler system frequently and adjust sprinklers so only your lawn is watered and not the house, sidewalk, or street.
- Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when they are full and you could save 1000 gallons a month.
- Divide your watering cycle into shorter periods to reduce runoff and allow for better absorption every time you water.
- Home owners are more likely to notice leaky faucets indoors, but don't forget to check outdoor faucets, pipes, and hoses for leaks.
- Use the sprinkler for larger areas of grass. Water small patches by hand to avoid waste.

WATER PRESSURE ISSUES

Annually the tribe resorts to the Watering Restriction Hours in order to support our department's efforts to mitigate water pressure issues. Water pressure remains an issue for our community so Public Works would like to elaborate on possible solutions/on-going issues.

Water Restriction Violators

Violators of water restriction hours contribute to the low pressure some residents may be witnessing. It's important for the individual(s) to report the person(s) in violation, but it's just as important for our crew to follow-up on reports and uphold restrictions.

Conserving Water

Conserving water is the most immediate way to resolve the water pressure issues our tribe is facing. This can be done by 1) Washing your car on your lawn (Compounded Water Usage), 2) Turning off the faucet while brushing your teeth can save around 4 gallons of water a minute. Please refer to the "Water Saving Tips" section of this article for more ideas.



Family Formation Project - News

Submitted by Katrina Martinez – Family Formation Project Director



Family Formation Project has started the Summer Youth On-The-Job Training (SYOJT) Program with 14 youth ranging from ages 14-25. In collaboration with the Bishop Indian Education Center we had an awesome trainer for our youth from Career Vision Minute, Jamie Beck, who had an out of the box, forward thinking training method for training our youth in a way that keeps their attention. She trained with new innovative methods such as teaching ethics with funny memes and videos as well as customer service with laser tag according to their interests.

Family Formation Project was able to place the youth in worksites that correlate with their interests to ensure their success in learning and obtaining skills that will be used in future life experiences and employment opportunities. Worksites that are participating in our SYOJT Program have made a commitment to support, train and help build the youth's skills to help better prepare them to strive in any career path they decide to take.

We have compiled a variety of worksites ranging from maintenance to clerical, heating and air to water quality, cultural to store upkeep, radio to historical preservation, education to bakery, construction to program assistance.

The SYOJT training program provides an opportunity for our native youth to learn how to be responsible, take initiative, and achieve hands on learning experiences. Family Formation Project wants to thank all our worksites for participating in our SYOJT Program and taking the time to support, encourage and educate our youth.



*(Photos Credit:
Katrina Martinez,*

Top Left: Customer Service Training with Marisella Garcia, Top right- Participants at orientation. Bottom- A friendly game of Laser Tag. If they got tagged they had to go back to Customer Service Training to get recharged to play again) .





BPDC - News

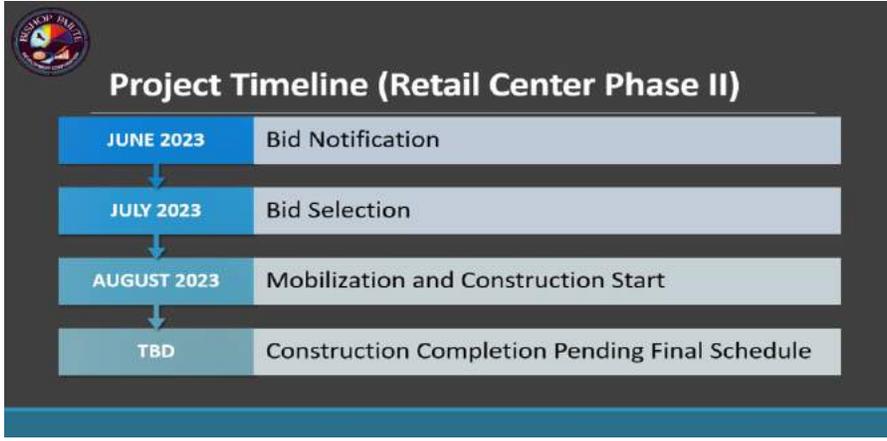


BISHOP PAIUTE DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (BPDC) RETAIL CENTER PHASE II PROJECT UPDATE

The Retail Center Phase II project is underway! Over the past two months, the Retail Center Planning Team has been diligently meeting every week and working with the architectural design firm, Womer & Associates, on finalizing the drawings, bid set, and bid specifications for the project. With those items now finalized and approved, advertisement of the Call for Bids began on June 20th with a deadline of 2:00 p.m. on July 20, 2023. A Pre-Bid Meeting for interested subcontractors was held Friday, June 30th.



For more information on the bid process, please contact Anthony Janson, Office of the Architect, Womer & Associates at (509) 534-4884 for more information.



ATTENTION ALL BISHOP PAIUTE TRIBAL BUSINESS OWNERS
Are you looking for a location for your business?



Phase II of the Retail Center project is kicking off and the Bishop Paiute Tribe is still providing the opportunity for Tribal business owners to submit their interest in leasing one of the future retail spaces in the new Bishop Paiute Retail Center next to the Yuhubi Nobi Gas Station and C-store.

Please contact Brian Poncho or Travis Nabahe at (760) 873-3584 for more information and to submit your interest.



Conservation Open Space Area (COSA)

Manahuu from the COSA!

The abundance of water this year has caused quite the explosion of growth in the COSA. This month, we would like to highlight several plant species that you may see while walking in the COSA.



Owens Valley Checkerbloom. You may have noticed these delicate pink flowers popping up in a couple spots in the COSA. These flowers are the Owens Valley Checkerbloom which are listed as a CA endangered plant species. They are endemic to our area, meaning that they can only be found in the Owens Valley. According to the CA Department of Fish and Wildlife, the biggest threats to the species are lowering water tables and grazing. We are grateful that the COSA is a place where these endangered plants can grow!

Sunflowers. Throughout the COSA, the bright yellow of sunflowers have been popping up. The plants with red flagging on the sides of the pathways are sunflowers and were grown in EMO's greenhouse and planted in the COSA by our COSA Education and Outreach Coordinator, Maggie Flaherty. There are also several Prairie Sunflower plants that were already established that are now blooming.



Hooker's Evening Primrose.

Across from the bench dedicated to Polly Ross, EMO constructed what are known as Hügelkultur mounds. Hügelkultur is a type of permaculture and involves burying dead woody material and logs in order to create a moisture-retaining and nutrient-rich bed for plants. We planted Hooker's Evening Primrose on the mounds in mid-June and so far the plants seem to have established nicely. Although they are not likely to bloom this year, hopefully next spring the mounds will support several flowering

Hooker's Evening Primrose as well as any other plants we decide to add.

If you have questions about this event or are interested in volunteering to help EMO with future ecosystem restoration projects in the COSA please email: maggie.flaherty@bishoppaiute.org

Natural Resource Department



Defensible space is essential to improve the chance of your home surviving a wildfire!



Make your space defensible

Know your ZONES



ZONE 1 extends 30 feet out from buildings, structures, decks, etc.

- Remove all dead plants, grass and weeds (vegetation).
- Remove dead or dry leaves and pine needles from your yard, roof and rain gutters.
- Trim trees regularly to keep branches a minimum of 10 feet from other trees.
- Remove branches that hang over your roof and keep dead branches 10 feet away from your chimney.
- Relocate wood piles into Zone 2.
- Remove or prune flammable plants and shrubs near windows.
- Remove vegetation and items that could catch fire from around and under decks.
- Create a separation between trees, shrubs and items that could catch fire, such as patio furniture, wood piles, swing sets, etc.



For more Firewise info contact Tom Gustie @ 760-873-3584 x2130 or thomas.gustie@bishoppaiute.org

Natural Resource Department



Defensible Space

The Tribe's Environmental Management Office (EMO) received a 2019 Fire Mitigation Grant to perform Hazardous Fuels Reduction to protect up to 300 Structures. The grant was based on prior grants. There was a crew that was hired to perform the assessments on all structures within the Reservation and to see which ones needed and areas were at the highest risk for wildfire. The crew gathered information for un-managed areas from yards and fields. These are just some of the things that we saw and half of the Reservation structures needed a lot of implementation to make it a safe structure from wildfire. Half the of structures that we have

performed assessments on will be provided some type of defensible space treatment, from thinning of brush to clearing long drive ways in order to allow emergency vehicles into areas. Another item we noticed is that physical addresses were not on the structures themselves. Street addresses are something that is needed to make it easy for emergency vehicles to find the correct home. We will post a summary of what data was collected at the tribal office and on the EMO website.

If you would like to know what your residence was rated at or what was detected, contact Tom Gustie @ 760-873-3584 x2130 or thomas.gustie@bishoppaiute.org



TÜHIDDA NA KOINUI - TI Program (Deer Hunting)



The Bishop Paiute Tribal Council is proud to announce that the

Tahidda Na Koinui-Ti Applications are
available NOW until closing on **July 21st, 2023 at 5pm.**

Tribal Drawing will be July 28th, 2023 Location TBD.

Applications are available at the front desk.

Applications must be turned in to the Front Desk Receptionist to be stamped.

There is an additional **Archery Bull Elk Cultural Permit** added to the Cultural Hunt. If interested, please fill out the Cultural Hunter Application within the packet.

All Bishop Paiute Tribal Members are eligible to apply even for those who only do Archery.

For more information contact Thomas Gustie @ 760-784-5763 or ext 2130

Natural Resource Department



Remember, the best protection is prevention!

Summer is upon us and so is mosquito season. Here are a few tips to protect yourself and your family from mosquito bites and mosquito-borne disease. Mosquito control starts at home.

- Avoid shaded areas where mosquitoes may be resting.
- If possible, schedule your activities to avoid the times when mosquitoes are most active – usually dawn and dusk.
- If you have a deck or patio, light it using General Electric yellow “Bug Lights”. These lights are not repellent, per se, but do not attract mosquitoes like other incandescent lights.
- Mosquitoes are relatively weak fliers, so placing a large fan on your deck or patio can provide an effective low-tech solution.
- Wear protective clothing such as long pants and long sleeve shirts when outdoors.
- Use insect repellents properly. DEET, Picaridin and Oil of Lemon-Eucalyptus are proven to be the most effective. Use repellents only as directed on the label.
- Check your door and window screens for holes and tears that mosquitoes can use to enter your home. Put 16 mesh screening or hardware cloth over bathroom and other vent outlets on your roof.
- Keep pools clean and chlorinated.
- Keep emergent vegetation to a minimum in ponds and streams.
- Keep ponds stocked with mosquito fish after consulting with local fish and game personnel to see if permits are needed. They are often available from your local mosquito control district. Steeply grade pond margins to prevent predators such as wading birds, raccoons, etc from eating the fish.
- Eliminate all standing water on your property. Don't forget to remind your neighbors, too. Their mosquitoes may also be your mosquitoes. - Dispose of any tires. Tires can breed thousands of mosquitoes. - Drill holes in the bottom of recycling containers. - Clear roof gutters of debris. - Clean pet water dishes regularly. - Check and empty children's toys. - Repair leaky outdoor faucets. - Change the water in bird baths and plant pots at least once a week. - Canoes, boats, and wading pools should be turned over. - Avoid water collecting on pool covers. - Plug tree holes and stumps. - Fill in or drain puddles and ruts in your yard. - Keep shrubbery and weeds trimmed - Even the smallest of containers that can collect water can breed hundreds to thousands of mosquitoes. They don't need much water to lay their eggs.

For more MQ info contact Tom Gustie @ 760-873-3584 x2130 or thomas.gustie@bishoppaiute.or





WORLD HEPATITIS DAY

July 28, 2023

World Hepatitis Day is a public health holiday held each year to raise awareness about hepatitis, a group of infectious diseases that attack the liver and affect people all over the globe.

The day also promotes testing and prevention for all five types of the disease: A, B, C, D and E.

Hepatitis can be spread through:

*Blood - direct blood to blood contact (mother to child during birth, tattoos, piercings, barbers, scarification, circumcision practices, sharing needles, household contact such as sharing hygiene equipment and unsterile healthcare practices)

*Sex - direct contact with sexual fluids (there is a risk during any type of sexual activity)

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Bishop Paiute Tribe - COSSAP Program

50 Tu Su Lane, Bldg #3, Bishop, CA 93514

(760) 873-4414 ext 2870

Tawni LaFrombois, Project Coordinator

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RAVE

First Half of 2023



NEW CLIENTS

41



RETURNING CLIENTS

36



EMERGENCY BEDNIGHTS

175



HOTLINE CALLS

1,000



RESTRAINING ORDERS

8

Office Number (760) 873-4414
Hotline Number (760) 873-9018
50 Tu Su Lane, Bishop, CA 93514
Walk-Ins are welcome



LIHEAP

Low-Income Heating Energy Assistance Program



may help assist with

REPAIRS TO EXISTING AIR CONDITIONING UNIT

- ✓ AC Repair
- ✓ AC Maintenance
- ✓ AC Waterline Repair

for tribal members who reside on
the Bishop Paiute Reservation

For more information and to check for eligibility
please
contact Pamela



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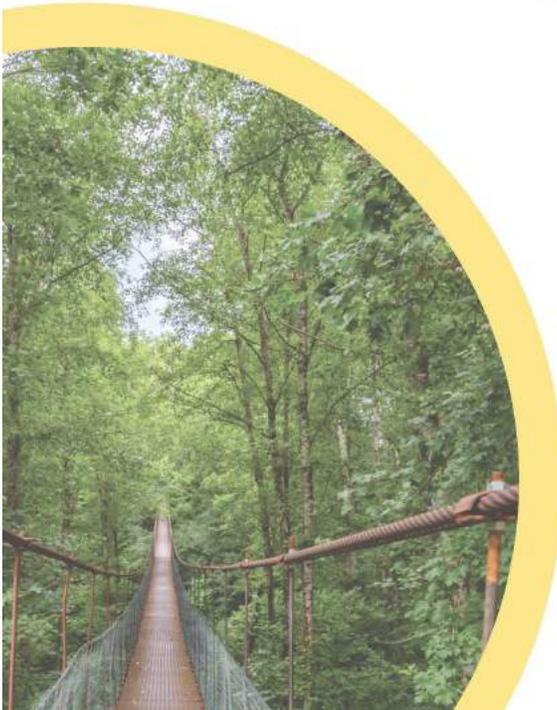
Attend This FREE IN-PERSON BUSINESS TRAINING

Learn Steps to Start or Grow Your Small Business

July 18-19, 2023 - 8:00 AM-4:00 PM

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Register here:

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Sister Sky, Inc., presents the 2021 Native Business Development Empowerment Workshops under contract with the Office of Native American Affairs (ONAA) of the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA). Sister Sky, Inc., is a 100% Native American-owned company.

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25 Seats Available



U.S. Small Business
Administration





Want to earn a free dump run?



BECOME A FRIEND OF THE COSA

Tribal members can participate in monthly stewardship events in the COSA and earn a **free dump run.**

⇒ stewardship events will be 2 hours long

⇒ 4 hours = 1 free dump run

⇒ if 2 adults from a household attend 1 event they will earn a free dump run for the household

⇒ each event will be capped at 10 people

Please email maggie.flaherty@bishoppaiute.org or call/text (760) 920-5525 if you are interested in attending a stewardship event.





OVCDC TANF PREVENTION CALENDAR JULY 2023



EVENTS AND WORKSHOPS
ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

S	M	T	W	T	F	S
31				1	2	1
				LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE		
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE	HAPPY 4 TH OF JULY OVCDC OFFICES CLOSED		BIKING IN MAMMOTH MIDDLE SCHOOL/HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH 10AM-4PM LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE		
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE	JUNE LAKE DAY 11AM-3PM AGES 7 AND UP LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE	BEADED LANYARDS BISHOP TANF 530-730PM	LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE	BASKETBALL CAMP W/ BRAD GREENE 8AM-6PM BARLOW GYM	
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE	LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE		LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE		
CULTURAL YOUTH GATHERING JULY 17TH-JULY 21ST AGES 11-14. MIRAMONTE, CA						
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
	LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE	LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE		PARK DAY AGES 3-7 11AM-2PM BISHOP PARK LANGUAGE CLASS @5:30PM BISHOP LANGUAGE OFFICE	BENTON CANVAS PAINTING 530PM-730PM	

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

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

TANF PREVENTION-GREEN
FAMILY LITERACY-BLUE
LANGUAGE-RED

Virtual Language Classes
Monday-Saturdays
For more information, please call (760) 873-5107 Ext. 174



**WANAHA
CASINO**

FREEDOM & FUN

JULY 2023 | @WANAHA CASINO

TUES • JULY 4TH
INDEPENDENCE DAY
CASH HOT SEATS

\$100 CASH WINNER
DRAWINGS EVERY 15 MINUTES FROM 1PM TO 5PM

BARBECUE
BURGERS, HOT DOGS & MORE!
11AM-4PM

FRIDAY • JULY 7
LIVE DJ 7PM TO 11PM
PRE DRAWINGS \$100 HOT SEATS
EVERY 15 MINS • 7PM - 8:30PM

RED WHITE AND BLUE BALLOON BUST
ALL ACTIVELY PLAYING SLOT & TABLE PLAYERS RECEIVE A FREE CASH PRIZE BALLOON @ 8:30PM!

WIN YOUR SHARE OF OVER
\$10,000
IN ALL CASH PRIZES • STARTING AT \$15!

BONUS CASH BALLONS
PLAYERS WHO GET AN AMERICAN STAR PRIZE VOUCHER GET A BONUS CASH BALLOON @ 10 PM!

FRI • JULY 14 & 21
MID★JULY \$500 CASH
EVERY 30 MINUTES 7PM TO 9:30PM

\$5,000 GIVEAWAY

\$2,000 GRAND PRIZE @ 10PM
WIN ONE (1) PRE-GRAND PRIZE DRAWING & ONE (1) GRAND PRIZE DRAWING

FRI • JULY 28TH
DON'T MISS IT!

GRILL & CASH
GIVEAWAY

A WINNER EVERY 30 MINS • 7PM - 10PM

WIN A NEW BLACKSTONE GRIDDLE PLUS \$100 CASH!

WEDNESDAYS
FREEDOM Scratch-n-Win Cards
EARN 450 PTS ON WEDNESDAYS IN JULY TO GET A SCRATCH CARD!

WIN FOOD WIN CASH WIN PLAY

WIN UP TO \$250!

SATURDAYS
30 SECONDS TO GRAB AS MUCH MONEY AS YOU CAN HANDLE!

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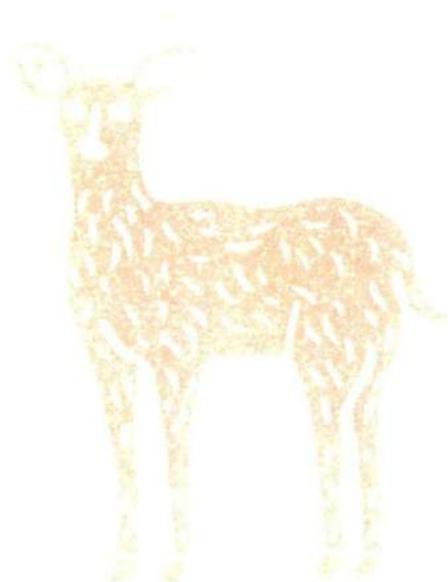
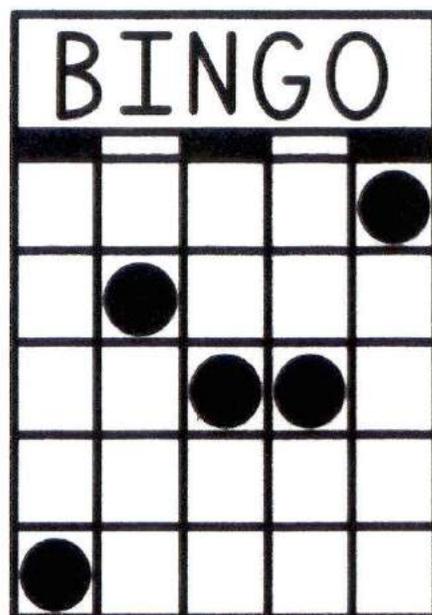
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The Bishop Paiute Tribal Elders



SUNDAY, JULY 9, 2023

DOORS OPEN 11:00 AM

EARLY BIRDS 1:00 PM

REGULAR GAMES 1:30 PM

\$25.00 tickets in advance / \$30.00 at the door
Extra Pack - \$10.00

8 Regular Games - \$150.00 / 2 Specials - \$200.00
Double Action - Winner Takes All

BARLOW LANE GYMNASIUM

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BISHOP, CALIFORNIA 93514

For more information, contact
Patricia Howard - 760-873-5120
Mary Davis - 760-263-4507
Roseanne Moose - 760-920-1439



JULY 2023 - BISHOP TRIBAL ELDERS TITLE VI PROGRAM

SUN MON TUE WED THU FRI SAT

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CONGREGATE MEALS SERVED 11:30 A.M. - 1:00 P.M. DAILY						1
2	3 MAC & CHEESE WITH HAM GREEN BEANS WHOLE WHEAT ROLL PLUM	4 4th of July CLOSED	5 CHICKEN SOUP BISCUIT GARDEN SALAD APRICOT	6 PORK CHOP BROWN RICE SUMMER SQUASH WATERMELON	7 CHEF SALAD WHEAT CRACKERS MANGO CHUNKS	8
9	10 PULLED PORK SANDWICH BBQ BEANS CARROT SALAD APRICOT	11 SHEPARD'S PIE CORN PINEAPPLE	12 SHRIMP ALFREDO BROCCOLI BEET SALAD PEAR	13 GRILLED CHICKEN RICE PILIAF PEASE & CARROTS PEACHES	14 BEEF STEW BISCUITS GARDEN SALAD ORANGE	15
16	17 GRILLED HAM & CHEESE TOMATO SOUP BEET SALAD PEAR	18 TURKEY SPAGHETTI - TOMATO CUCUMBER SALAD GARLIC BREAD FRESH STRAWBERRY	19 MINI-CLUB SANDWICHES MUSHROOM SOUP CARROT-CELERY STICKS BANANA	20 SPAGHETTI GARDEN SALAD GARLIC BREAD MANGO	21 <u>SHRIMP BOIL</u> SHRIMP, POTATOES, CORN, SAUSAGE, CRAB LEGS, SAUCE, CORN BREAD & PEACH	22
23 MENU APPROVED BY DIETICIAN SHANNON BEASLEY, RD, MPH, CDDES	24 BBQ BAKED CHICKEN BAKED BEANS CORNBREAD	25 TAMALE PIE CUCUMBER SALAD MIXED MELONS	26 GREEN BEAN SOUP PAN BREAD GREEN SALAD	27 BEEF AND BROCCOLI BROWN RICE MIXED BERRIES	28 CLAM CHOWDER OYSTER CRACKERS FRUIT SALAD	29 ALL MEALS ARE SERVED WITH MILK

JULY 2023

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All activities will be held at the Elders Building unless otherwise noted

2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
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1:00 p.m.

Birthday Bingo
(10 games)
\$5.00 Buy-In



1:00 p.m.

Bingo
(10 games)
\$10.00 Buy-in



1:00 p.m.

Chuptuhee

1:00 p.m.

Tally Farms Produce Box

Fundraiser Bingo
Barlow Lane Gym "Dancing on Sand"

1:00 p.m.
Elders Book Club

Cooking with Roseanne
Making Sauces
(Pesto, Alfredo, Gravies, Tartar and Cocktail Sauce)



2023 GENERAL COUNCIL MEETINGS:

September 16th

**9am at the Bishop Indian Head Start, Community Center.*

If you have an area of concern, or issue you would like the Tribal Council to address, please contact Charlene Keller, Tribal Council Secretary by emailing: charlene.keller@bishoppaiute.org or call 760-873-3584 ext. 1200

ANNOUNCEMENTS, EVENTS & UPDATES

Regular Tribal Council Meetings:

- *July 13th 5:30pm*
- *July 27th 5:30pm*

Tribal Court:

July 19th - 9:30am

Bishop Tribal Youth Council Meetings:

- *July 9th - 4pm*
- *July 23rd - 4pm*

(Bishop Indian Education Center)

ICDBG Meetings:

- *July 17th - Noon to 1pm*
- *July 19th - 5:30pm to 7:00pm*

(Tribal Chambers)

Emergency Contact Information:

Why update your information? The Tribe is establishing a data base of tribal community members (tribal & non-tribal) to be included in our Emergency Notification System. The system will allow us to communicate with you in the event of an emergency or other important community information.

The forms are available from the Receptionist in the main office. You can also sign up online by going to <https://form.jotform.com/231444097774059>. Or scan the QR Code below.

Your cooperation is greatly appreciated!

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COMMITTEE/BOARD VACANCIES

Bishop Paiute Tribe

Cultural Advisory Committee - Four (4) Vacancies

Education Parent Advisory Committee (PAC) - Four (4) Vacancies

Tribal Court Advisory Committee - One (1) Vacancy

THPO Committee - Three (3) Vacancies

TEI Nuumu Takawa-Du "Wellness Committee" - Two (2) Vacancies

*Owens Valley Career Development Center Tribal Advisory Committee
Representative (TAC) - One (1) Vacancy*

Requirements to serve on Committees & Boards:

- Must be a Bishop Tribal Member-***
- Must submit a "Letter of Intent" to the Tribal Office-***
- Can reside outside of Bishop-***





REMINDER:

THE DEADLINE TO BE A REGISTERED VOTER IS:



MONDAY JULY 17, 2023

CRITERIA THAT MUST BE MET:

- **Must be 21 Years of age** -Proof of Age (Drivers License, Tribal ID/California ID or Birth Certificate).
- **Tribal Enrollment Verification** -Resolution or Tribal ID Card).
- **Residency Verification**- Must be a permanent resident of/on the Bishop Paiute Reservation, Round Valley, Red Hill, or the City of Bishop.

(Examples of residency verification: Envelope with postdated stamp within the last 30 days prior to submitting application, Utility bill)

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

IF YOU CURRENTLY A REGISTERED VOTER NO ACTION NEEDED.

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

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 in Bishop at 760-873-3419. The CIMC Movement: Creating Positive Change for Native Communities.



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