



Nangkawittu

October 2013

2013 Annual Tribal Election

The Annual Tribal Election will be held November 12, 2013
Two Tribal Council seats are up for election.



Polling Date:

Tuesday, November 12, 2013
Polls Open at 8:00am and Close at 6:00pm

Polling Place:

621 W. Line Street, Ste. 109
Bishop, CA 93514
(Town and Country Center)

Your ballots for the election will be mailed to you from a company called "True Ballot". Be sure to send back your absentee ballots so that "True Ballot" receives them by November 11th at 6:00pm. If you have any questions, please call the office at 760-872-3614.

Candidate biographies are on page 9.

CANDIDATES

Earl Frank

Clyde Nichols

White Dove Kennedy

Margaret Spratt



George Gholson Chairperson E-mail - george@timbisha.com Cell - (760)-258-5620	Bill Eddy Vice-Chairman E-mail - bill.eddy@timbisha.com Cell - (760)-784-1570	Margaret Cortez Secretary/Treasurer E-mail - secretary@timbisha.com Cell - (760)-258-5550	Clyde Nichols Council Member E-mail - clyde.nichols@timbisha.com Cell - (760)-258-5918	Earl Frank Council Member E-mail - earl.frank@timbisha.com Cell - (760)-258-5919
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Updates from the Tribal Administrator

BUREAU OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Indian Reservation Roads (IRR): the BIA Transportation Referenced Funding Agreement (TRFA) has been signed by the authorized BIA Tribal Services Director from Washington D.C., and has been approved. As you will recall this TRFA will add \$34,527.35 to the BIA Transportation Grant for a total of \$66,941.85 for the FY-2013 year. The Tribe is reviewing the "draft" Transportation Improvement Plan (TIP) and will be making the proper revisions or approve as submitted.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) FY-2013 Consolidated Tribal Government Program (CTGP) Budget Justification and Budget had been submitted to the BIA Central California Agency and has been improved as of this newsletter. As mentioned in the September newsletter the FY-2013 CTGP budget had been reduced due to the Federal Government sequester of this year, the FY-2013 CTGP budget had been reduced from the proposed amount of \$194,686.00 to \$184,874.00, a 5.04% cut of \$9,812.00. In addition, the Tribe has contributed \$3,000.00 to the BIA Trust Lands Department for a special set aside, which would expedite the process, should the Tribe have land put into Trust status. This set-a-side brought the FY-2013 CTGP Budget to the \$181,874.00. On September 20th the Tribe received a letter from the Central California BIA Agency informing the Tribe there was a modification to the FY-2013 CTGP, this modification has increased the FY-2013 CTGP from \$184,874.00 to \$211,097.00. Modification three (3) was issued to renew the contract term for January 1, 2013 to December 31, 2013. This add to the FY-2013 CTGP funds of \$181,874.00, the FY-2013 Contract Support Cost Funds of \$29,223 (\$18,492 for Indirect Cost Rate (IDC) and \$10,731 for Direct Contract Support Cost (DCSC)). Which, results in the FY-2013 CTGP Total Award of \$211,097.00.

The Tribe had been informed by the BIA Pacific Regional office on August 22nd that the California Indian Forestry and Fire Management Council (CIFFMC) has agreed to provide the Tribe and the BIA Pacific Regional office with technical assistance with the development of an Integrated Resource Management Plan (IRMP) for the Tribe. The CIFFMC will develop the IRMP in compliance with existing rules that require these basic elements:

- 1) Measurements and assessment of forest and agricultural resources (field data collection);
- 2) Analysis of measurements and assessments;
- 3) Development of the IRMP and document designed to comply with the National Environmental Policy Act (generally an Environmental Assessment (EA)).

The Tribe will be engaged in this IRMP and assist with the development of the IRMP and will have to approve this development of the IRMP in order for the project to begin. The CIFFMC anticipates this project to begin with the data field collection portion of the IRMP within the next coming month. This IRMP will improve the ability of the Tribe to develop a strategic tribal resource and land management policy; a vision for the trust lands and serves as a expression of self-sufficiency; provide a sound basis for the management of the trust land resources; ties the trust lands natural environment together with the tribe's social values; and serves as a mechanism to transform the tribe's vision of the trust lands into reality and common vision for the future.

NATIONAL PARK SERVICE (NPS)

The next Tribe/NPS meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 16th at the Death Valley Visitor's Center. The Tribe will keep you updated as to the upcoming meeting information.

Updates from the Tribal Administrator Continued

INDIAN HEALTH SERVICE (IHS)

The main service water-line in the Death Valley Village has been operating very well, as you will recall the Tribe had the main service water-line replaced from west of Highway 190 into the Village.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE (USDA) ARRA GRANT – WILDLAND-URBAN INTERFACE (WUI) PROJECT FUEL REDUCTION PROJECT

The remaining funding from this project has been processed and submitted by Pacific Regional office. The Tribe is expecting the funding to be transferred within the next month, if not earlier.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON (SCE) GRANT ASSISTANCE FUNDING

I have not heard from the Tribal Liaison for the Language Project preliminary 2014 grant application as of this newsletter. We will keep you updated on the notification of the approval of this 2014 grant.

FINANCIAL UPDATE

The Financial 2012 audit is ongoing, with the TST fiscal office gathering documents needed for the FY-2012 audit. The FY-2012 audit is to be completed by next month.

Should you desire additional information on these articles or other Tribal Administrative programs, please feel free to contact me at the Bishop Tribal Office at 760.872.3614 Ext. 2004.

18th Annual - 2013
Chumash Inter-Tribal Pow-Wow
 LIVE OAK CAMPGROUND - OPEN TO THE PUBLIC

our Native Way



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Saturday, October 5th, 10:00 am - 10:00 pm
 Sunday, October 6th, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm

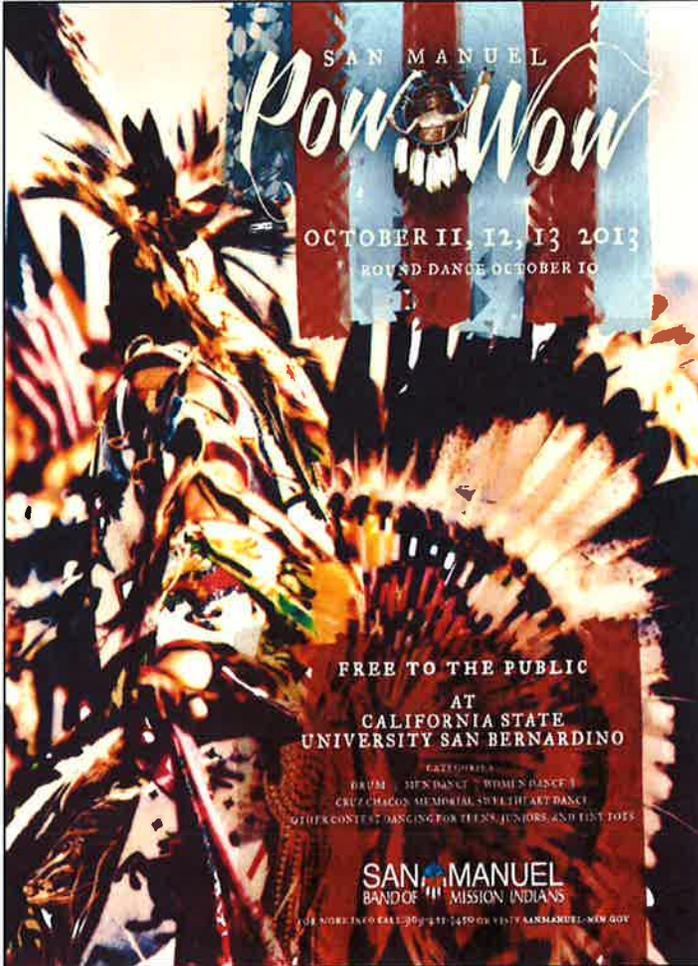
HEAD STAFF

HOST NORTHERN DRUMS:	Cathedral Lakes Singers	HEAD MAN DANCER:	Clifton Goodwill, Cree
	Steamboat Canyon, AZ		Ojibwe, Lakota - Dakota, KS
HOST SOUTHERN DRUMS:	Long Walk Descendants,	HEAD WOMAN DANCER:	Danita Goodwill, Osage, KS
	Nauajo Nation, NM	HEAD DRUM DANCER:	Kenneth Cozad,
MASTER OF CEREMONIES:	Earl Neconie, Kiowa, CA		Comanche, AZ
ARMS DIRECTOR:	Ben Wolf, Kiowa, CA	HEAD DANCE JUDGE:	Rene Navarro, Apache, CA
WHIP MAN:	Pete Zavalla, Comanche, CA	HEAD DRUM JUDGE:	Randy Pico, Luiseno, CA
		TABULATOR:	Eva Garfield, Hopi, CA

CAMPING \$25.00 **PARKING** \$5.00

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Pow-Wow
 OCTOBER 11, 12, 13 2013
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 UNIVERSITY SAN BERNARDINO

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Housing Department

As you may have heard, Ms. Susan Lovelace, Timbisha Housing Administrator, is no longer employed with the TST; she has accepted an employment offer from another employer. Susan was a very important part of our team at the Tribe. She will be missed; we wish her the best in her future endeavors. We have posted the job position and will await the applications submitted and select the best candidate for the job.

The following are updates on the current developments within the Housing Department.

Death Valley Village Modular Renovations

The Tribe has received job applications for the three (3) laborer positions and for the one (1) Job Supervisor position. We will be reviewing the applications and anticipate to select the successful candidates within the next week. Once this is accomplished, the timeline work schedule will be developed and anticipate the actual work to begin within the next two weeks.

HUD Findings

The Tribe has been diligently addressing the Housing and Urban Development (HUD) Office findings, in reference to the on-site review inspection conducted by the HUD officials. These findings are expected to be resolved within the next month.

Down Payment / Home Acquisition Applications

We have received applications for the Down Payment / Home Acquisition HUD program, the applications are being reviewed at this time for compliance with the program's checklist requirements.

LIHEAP Program

As mentioned in last month's Newsletter this year's LIHEAP grant has been closed as of September 2013. The Tribe had received several applications for assistance and the majority of the applicants have been approved. The successful applicants and non-successful applicants have been notified or are in the process of being notified. The Tribe will be informing you of the time schedule for follow-up on your assistance.

FEMA Acquisition

The FEMA modular acquisition is progressing and the Tribe will keep you updated as to the status of this project.

Rural Economic Development Grant (RHED)

The Tribe is in the process in developing a demonstration project for installation of an 18' x 80' carport solar panel structure in front of the Death Valley Community Center in the Village. This project will be to subsidize the electrical costs of the Tribal Administration and Community Center buildings. In addition, this carport structure will provide covering for the Tribal vehicles and community member vehicles that are visiting the community center.

Also, the Tribe will be installing a small wind turbine to generate electrical power for a battery back-up system for the Community Center and Tribal Administration buildings, in case the electrical power supply is interrupted. The wind turbine and solar panel systems are being researched at this time as to keeping within the grants budget and projected electrical supply. We will keep you updated on this project.

THPO UPDATES

Hakaniyun,

I traveled to Wildrose with NPS staff on Sept. 11th to check on the pine nuts. The Emigrant Canyon road is closed to traffic due to flood damage and the road does get worse closer to the Charcoal Kilns. The pine nut crop at Wildrose is not good this year.

I attended the China Lakes NAWS Tribal Leadership meeting with Maddy Frank, Della Patterson and George Gholson on Sept. 12th. Tribal reps from Lone Pine, Ft. Independence, Big Pine, Bridgeport and Kern Valley were also present. We met at Coso Village and enjoyed a catered lunch put together by wives of service men serving at NAWS.



I also attended a 106 training by BLM at Palm Desert, California on Sept. 20th, along with Southern California tribes. Nancy Brown from ACHP (Advisory Council on Historic Preservation) was the trainer. It was good training for the Tribes; and for BLM staff to hear our concerns and problems we encounter when attempts to protect cultural sites & landmarks, when energy projects are being permitted by BLM. Or the problems tribes encounter when nominating sites to the National Register of Historic Places. The law states: That Places might be eligible where

- Locations where ceremonies have been held through time
- Places associated with important events in tribal history
- Places associated with important people in your tribe's past
 - Must be tangible
 - Can be an entirely natural feature

The next HPC meeting will be Oct. 14th at the Lida campsite.

Upcoming Tribal Elections

We want to let you know there are **two** elections coming up for the Tribe.

2013 Annual Tribal Election

One election will be for the Tribal Council seats. You should have already received your **sample** ballot by now. Your real ballot for the election will come from a company called “**True Ballot**” in the next week or so. If your not planning to come in to the Tribal Office to vote, remember to send in your absentee ballots so that “**True Ballot**” receives them by November 11th at 6:00pm.

Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Constitution Election

The second election is for the TST Constitution. This is **very** important, as the Tribe still does not have a constitution signed by the secretary of the Interior. You should have already received an envelope from the BIA with instruction for the election. It is very important that you fill out the registration card and return it to the BIA as soon as possible. You will **not** receive a ballot for the election until you register. Once the BIA receives your registration card then they will mail a ballot for the constitution election back to you. Again, you must return the registration card first in order to receive your ballot. After you receive your ballot and vote please return it in the envelope provided for you back to the BIA. If you have any questions or concerns about what you have received call the BIA. There is a number where they can be reached in the envelope they sent you.

****** If you have any questions or concerns about the TST Constitution do not hesitate to call the Tribal Office at 760-872-3614. ******

Fiscal Updates

NOTICE:

Make sure when you move to call the office and update your address.

RSTF:

Checks will be going out again in November. Please remember to keep your stubs for verification of income. Many of you still have not turned in a W-9 for 2013.

AUDITS:

Audit time is upon us, and with everyone’s help we are getting closer to having all our information together. We are still working on getting the files in order so we can keep up to date with the grant requirements.

EPA UPDATES

Solid Waste Cleanup

The original plan for the solid waste cleanup task was to hire two environmental laborers. While we only had a short time frame to advertise this position, we received interest and applications from Thornton Rave and Gannon Bengochia. Thornton and Gannon were instrumental in the cleanup of the dumpsite in the Death Valley Indian Village but unfortunately, Gannon relocated away from the Village. Therefore, in an effort to get this task completed, the Environmental Department hired two more laborers: Joseph Gonzalez and Travis Benninger. As a result of the environmental laborers diligent work efforts, the dumpsite in the Village is now cleaned up.

The next step in this project is to build a dedicated, semi-enclosed solid waste site. This structure will include a ramp that will enable people to drive up and throw their waste into a large dumpster bin (which will be hauled away and emptied, as needed). The objective for this project (building a solid waste site) is to avoid having to clean up another open dumpsite.

We have begun cleanup at the dumpsite in Scotty's Junction, as well and have made excellent progress, so far. This cleanup effort will continue on into the next fiscal year (which starts on October 1st).

We finally found the dumpsite in Lida! So far, the Environmental Department has collected scrap metal and other small recyclable items. Once the Scotty's Junction dumpsite has been cleaned up, we will put all of our efforts towards the dump in Lida.

Once the Scotty's Junction and Lida dumpsites are cleaned up, we will be putting in signs to prevent future dumping.

During the cleanup of the dumpsites, we are trying to recycle as many items as possible; to not only do our part in going green and protecting the environment, but to also earn some money for the Environmental Department (to help pay for the dumpster bins, gas, etc.). The dumpsite at Scotty's Junction has a lot of broken glass and we were hoping to be able to recycle this. While we found places that do accept broken glass, they

only accept it if it has the CA recycling stamp on it. There is only one recycling stamp per glass container, so the likelihood of getting pieces with the stamp on it is low. The sorting out process of this will be more time consuming than it is worth, so we will **not** be recycling the broken glass.

As of September 24, we have earned \$270 from the recyclables at the dumpsites. The recycling money is being used to pay for the fuel to travel back and forth to the different dumpsites.

Death Valley Indian Village Dumpsite (Sept. 3, 2013)



Death Valley Indian Village Dumpsite (Sept. 23, 2013)



Scotty's Junction Dumpsite (Sept. 3, 2013 and then on Sept. 16, 2013)



Lida Dumpsite (Sept. 9, 2013)



Indigenous Farming Project

On September 24 and September 25, I met with Anya Kamenskaya and May Nguyen from the Indigenous Farming Project (IFP). “IFP is a tribal agriculture and nutrition pilot program starting with federally recognized Tribes in California. The mission of the IFP is to empower American Indians to increase their overall health and well-being through the creation of community gardens and connection to traditional foodways knowledge. The project is building upon the existing network of Tribal Environmental Directors and Tribal Technicians supported in each Tribe by the US E.P.A..” IFP is a project that the Environmental Department would like to get started in the Death Valley Indian Village.

At the meeting with Anya and May, we discussed possible project ideas that could be put into place. The project that seemed to be the most feasible for the Village and most favored by those that attended the Death Valley meet-and-greet was a community garden. I took Anya and May on a short tour around the village, and showed them possible locations for the garden site. The two of them will be working together to come up with a project proposal, which they will present to the Environmental Department at a meeting in late October/early November. However, before the next meeting with Anya and May, I would like to get a feel for who is interested in participating in the planning phase of this project and the management and maintenance of the garden. Therefore, we will be holding another luncheon at the Community Center in the Village to hear comments and suggestions on this project, as well as answer any questions: we will post flyers on

the website and in both Tribal Offices and send out invitations in the mail to the residents in the Village (but all members are welcome to attend).

Emergency Management

From September 9 through September 12, I attended the Hazard Mitigation Plan Development training held by FEMA in Fort Independence with Earl Frank (Mervin Hess attended the first day of training, as well). At this training, I learned about how to request a Disaster Declaration, and what that entails, as well as about THIRA (Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment) and how to identify and assess the risks that affect a community. I also learned about each step involved in creating a Hazard Mitigation Plan (the plan needed in order to receive assistance from FEMA following a disaster). The tools I learned at this training will be helpful in modifying and updating the Emergency Response Notification Plan.

Over the next year, various job opportunities may open up within the Environmental Department; check the Tribal website weekly for updates and information (www.Timbisha.com).

WQS Updates

Clean Water Act Project

The project we are working on is the existing stream bank that has no water in it right now. We have been pulling out the salt tamarisk roots, dry weeds and palm tree plants that used to grow along the stream bank. We rented a ditch witch to throw out sand that has filled in the streamline. We also want to rent a small excavator backhoe to dig the remaining sand that the ditch witch could not dig out. We are making good progress since we hired on two new hard workers.

We would like to thank Joseph Gonzales, Travis Benninger and Thorton Rave for all their hard work.



Election Candidate Biographies

September 19, 2013

Timbisha Shoshone General Council

Earl "Duke" Frank III is currently serving as a Timbisha Shoshone Tribal Representative. He is a father of two children, who are enrolled members of the Timbisha Shoshone Tribe. He resides in Bishop, California on the Bishop Paiute Reservation.

I am proud to represent our Tribe and in the past three years I have been able to be a part and witness the reconstruction of our Tribal Government. As representative of the Tribe I will remain committed to the betterment of our tribe economically and will continue to seek the services needed for our tribal members.

With your assistance I would be proud to remain your representative for our tribe.

Sincerely,

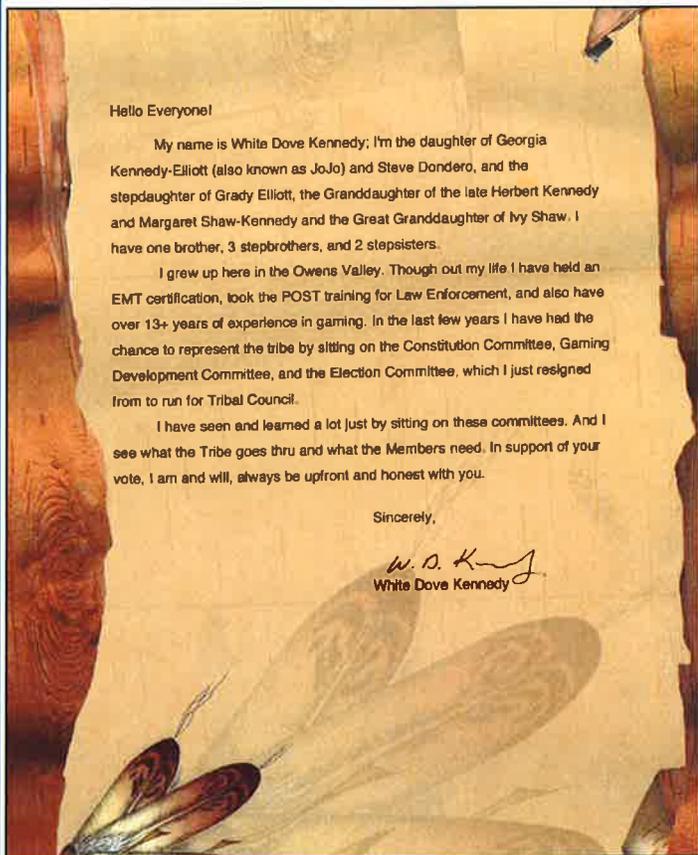


Earl "Duke" Frank III



Election time again and we have accomplished a good deal this year to help our people and we plan an even better year in 2014. I would like to continue my efforts in the coming year. I got to meet so many of my fellow members in Las Vegas and got an outstanding response to the work we have been doing. It made me feel so much closer to the tribe knowing that I have made a different. I was three years old when I lived in Death Valley with my grandmother Suzie Billson Wilson. Leaving was a great lose to me. I am proud to be Timbisha and I want to make sure that all members are proud to be Timbisha.

Clyde Nichols

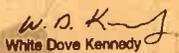


Hello Everyone!

My name is White Dove Kennedy; I'm the daughter of Georgia Kennedy-Elliott (also known as JoJo) and Steve Dondero, and the stepdaughter of Grady Elliott, the Granddaughter of the late Herbert Kennedy and Margaret Shaw-Kennedy and the Great Granddaughter of Ivy Shaw. I have one brother, 3 stepbrothers, and 2 stepsisters.

I grew up here in the Owens Valley. Though out my life I have held an EMT certification, took the POST training for Law Enforcement, and also have over 13+ years of experience in gaming. In the last few years I have had the chance to represent the tribe by sitting on the Constitution Committee, Gaming Development Committee, and the Election Committee, which I just resigned from to run for Tribal Council.

I have seen and learned a lot just by sitting on these committees. And I see what the Tribe goes thru and what the Members need. In support of your vote, I am and will, always be upfront and honest with you.

Sincerely,

 White Dove Kennedy

09/24/13

Hello my name is Margaret "BooBoo" Spratt. I am the granddaughter of the late Hank Patterson and Margaret Boland Patterson and the daughter of the late Gerald Armitage and Stella Patterson Pillaca. I reside in Bishop with my husband and two sons and have lived here for the past 19 years. I grew up in Fish Lake Valley. I appreciate being a candidate and would like to represent the tribe.

Thank you for your consideration.

 Margaret Spratt

October Birthdays

Crystal Shaw	Oct. 1 st	Thomas Sudway	Oct. 15 th
Wixson Butterbredt	Oct. 2 nd	Ed Beaman	Oct. 16 th
Destin Kennedy	Oct. 2 nd	Ralph Shoshone Jr.	Oct. 17 th
Serah Logan	Oct. 3 rd	Winnifer Simmons	Oct. 18 th
Beckett Williams	Oct. 3 rd	James Spratt Jr.	Oct. 20 th
Cleveland L. Casey Jr.	Oct. 6 th	Brenda Nichols	Oct. 20 th
Clifton Mason Jr.	Oct. 6 th	Jeriah L. Shoshone	Oct. 20 th
Kassandra Carpenter	Oct. 8 th	Jasmine Mason	Oct. 21 st
Cindy Davis	Oct. 12 th	Scarlett McGinty	Oct. 21 st
Michael R. Shoshone	Oct. 12 th	Ed Merchant	Oct. 24 th
Andrew Shoshone	Oct. 12 th	Mazie Hannah	Oct. 25 th
Leviya L. L. Williams	Oct. 13 th	Vernon Shoshone	Oct. 25 th
Robert Gholson	Oct. 14 th	Stella Pillaca	Oct. 27 th
Lisa McDarment	Oct. 14 th	Geraldine Seepie	Oct. 29 th



October 2013



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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San Manuel Pow Wow @ CA State University San Bernardino	<u>Columbus Day</u> Tuniwa Nobi Trick or Treat Costume Contest 5:30 – 7:30pm Bishop	Tuniwa Nobi Trick or Treat Costume Contest 5:30 – 7:30pm Big Pine		Tuniwa Nobi Trick or Treat Costume Contest 5:30 – 7:30pm Ridgecrest		Tribal Council Mtg. @ 10:00am Bishop Office
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
				Women in Recovery Mtg. @ 11:00am Toiyabe Family Services Building		
27	28	29	30	31		
						



Death Valley Office Hours
Monday – Friday
8:00am – 5:00pm

Next Tribal Council Mtg.
October 21, 2013
@ 10:00am in the
Bishop Tribal Office

TST Constitution Election

The BIA will be sending all members a registration card to fill out so you can receive a ballot to vote on our Constitution in the upcoming election.



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