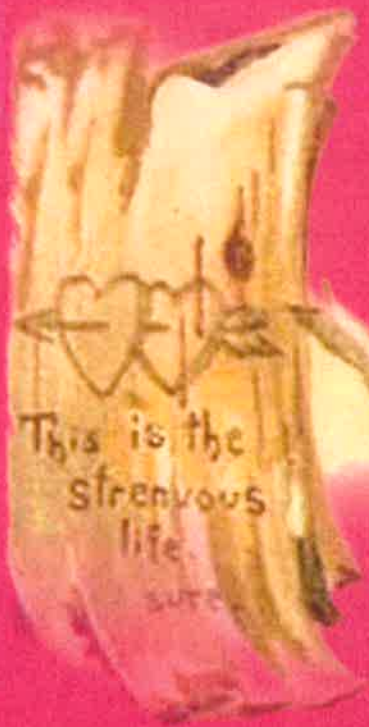




February 2026

Kaibab Paiute Newsletter



Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians



Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) Concern

The Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians is aware of post and articles circulating about the actions of Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) agents stopping individuals who they believe may be illegal immigrants. There has been a response from Federal authorities on illegal immigration into the U.S., those who are citizens may be wrongfully detained as part of these operations. There have been no reports of ICE presence or improper detentions in our area or involving our tribal members. It is of utmost importance to us to ensure the safety and security of our tribal members.

I became aware of the situation on the 24th of January and immediately contacted the Tribal Liaison for the Governor Katie Hobbs, and that they have had no verifiable instances of wrongful detention. I have also contacted the Chief and Deputy chief of Staff for ICE to introduce myself and let them know that I will be the Point of Contact (POC) for the Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians.

Ways to Empower Yourself and Your Family;

- Ensure that your state and Tribal Identifications are up to date. KPT I.D. call Valencia Castro 928/643/7245 ext. 321
- Always carry your I.D.s with you.
- Remain calm and request their Identification, in order to verify that the person stopping you is ICE personnel.
- Do not physically resist or flee. Again remain calm and polite and present your identification.
- Keep personal contact information readily available.
- If detained or arrested, remain silent. Clearly state that, "I am exercising my right to remain silent. I want to speak with an attorney."
- Contact the Tribal Chairman O. 928/643/7245 ext.301 C. 435/689/1755

On behalf of Kaibab Band of Paiute Indians Tribal Council

Respectfully

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Roland Maldonado
Tribal Chairman

Tribal Affairs

HC 65 Box 2
Fredonia, Arizona 86022

Phone (928) 643-7245
Fax (888) 939-3777



U.S. Department of Homeland Security
Transportation Security Administration
6595 Springfield Center Drive
Springfield, Virginia 20598

January 7, 2026

Dear Tribal Leaders:

I am writing to share information about REAL ID and a new program called TSA ConfirmID, that you may have heard about. We do not expect it to affect passengers who have photo identification cards issued by a federally recognized Tribal Nation/Indian Tribe.

Starting February 1, 2026, passengers who do not present an acceptable form of identification at checkpoints but still want to fly, will be given the option to pay a \$45 fee to verify their identity through the TSA ConfirmID program. For more details, please refer to the press release at [TSA Introduces New \\$45 Fee Option for Travelers Without REAL ID Starting February 1 | Transportation Security Administration](#).

Photo identification cards issued by a federally recognized Tribal Nation/Indian Tribe, including Enhanced Tribal Cards, are acceptable forms of identification. Passengers with this type of identification will not have to pay the fee. They will proceed to security screening after the Transportation Security Officer confirms their identification. In certain circumstances, however when the identification card appears tampered with or when photo identification is not a match, Transportation Security Officers may ask for a second form of identification that meets REAL ID requirements.

All passengers and their property must be screened at the checkpoint regardless of the type of identification they use. To ensure a smoother screening experience, passengers with disabilities or medical conditions can contact our TSA Cares helpline at 1 (-855) -787-2227 or complete the online request form at [TSA Cares Form](#). They should contact the helpline at least 72 hours before their scheduled flight to request screening-related help. If they need with security screening while at the checkpoint, they can ask for a Supervisory Transportation Security Officer or Passenger Support Specialist.

For more information on REAL ID or security screening, please contact TSA through one of the following methods:

- Visit [TSA.gov/real-id](https://www.tsa.gov/real-id)
- Text 275-872 ("AskTSA") or click [@AskTSA](#)
- Call the TSA Contact Center at 866-289-9673 for automated or live assistance
- Email www.tsa.gov/email

I thank each of you for your continued cooperation with TSA to ensure everyone, including Tribal citizens, can travel safely.

Sincerely,

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Ha Nguyen McNeill
Senior Official Performing the Duties
of the TSA Administrator

Dear Kaibab Members,

I want to share that February 6, 2026, will be my last day working for the Tribe. It has truly been my privilege to serve as your Economic Development Director, and I hope you are pleased with the direction we are going.

These last two years have been quite a journey. Together, we have accomplished so much, and I am incredibly proud of the progress we've made. None of it would have been possible without the people who show up every day to make things happen.

First, I want to thank my staff — Ronnie, Jessi, and Isaac. They have been tremendous. Each of them is proactive, committed, and always looking for opportunities to enhance their respective enterprises. I am grateful for their dedication and teamwork.

I will also dearly miss interacting with our frontline employees. It has always been a highlight of my day to see them, check in, and hear how things are going. Their hard work and professionalism are the backbone of our success.

Second, to the Tribal Council — it has been a pleasure working with you all. Council has made tremendous progress during this time, and I sincerely hope that momentum continues well into the future.

Finally, to the Kaibab members: thank you for allowing me to serve you. Our relationship evolved from "*probably won't last six months*" to "*hey, you're still here!*" — and that journey has meant more to me than I can adequately put into words. I leave with deep respect, gratitude, and optimism for what lies ahead for the Tribe.

Thank you again for the opportunity, the trust, and the memories. I will always be proud of the work we accomplished together.

With appreciation and respect,
John McClellan
Economic Development Director



SOUTHERN PAIUTE CONSORTIUM 2026 ANNUAL RIVER TRIP

The Southern Paiute Consortium is looking for tribal members that want to attend the 2026 10-day Grand Canyon River Monitoring trip from Lee's Ferry to Diamond Creek.

River Trip Dates: **June 6th – 15th, 2026**

If you are interested in this year's Grand Canyon River trip, please give me a call, or email me Monday -- Friday 8am to 5pm.

Once I get your call or email you will be sent an application which will need to be filled out and returned to me on or before APRIL 3rd, 2026. On this day all Applications will be put on the tribal council meeting agenda, and the Tribal Council will choose the Tribal member participants.

Thank you,

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Daniel Bullets

Cultural Resource Director/Southern Paiute Consortium Direct

Phone: 928-643-6278

Email: dbullets@kaibabpaiute-nsn.gov

Reminder: If you and your family plan on moving please remember to update your address with Tribal Trust. This ensures that notifications from the Tribal Administration will reach you. Don't forget to update your children's address as the address on file with Tribal Trust is what Providence Trust relies on when sending out payments.



The form to fill out and notarized can be found on the tribe's website: kaibabpaiute-nsn.gov. Look for the pull-down menu for Tribal Trust and the form is the first one listed on the page; for the minor's form you will have to look for the pull-down menu. Look for Tribal Member Distribution for minors. My email address is vcastro@kaibabpaiute-nsn.gov. If you have any questions or need more information I am in the office Monday through Thursday from 8 am till 12 pm. My telephone number is 928-643-8321.



The Enrollment Committee will meet March 5, 2026 to review all automatic enrollment applications. Please hand in applications by February 17 so I have time to check for completeness and have time to have corrections made before the meeting.

All adoption applications need to be turned in by June 17, 2026. The Enrollment Committee meets in the first part of July to review adoption applications. Please remember that all who seek adoption into our tribe will need to be present in July and then at October's Annual Membership Meeting.

Reminder: The Tribal Finance office will not be sending out 1099s for taxes. With General Welfare payments are not taxed.

News from the Tribal Housing Department

The new year has started. Hope everyone is doing well.

We have some great news, we are now accepting online payments. We did send an email out earlier in the month. You can go to the Tribe's website and click on KPT Housing/DPW Online Payment. Once there, you select which payment it is for and enter all information. Hopefully this will help you to make payments after hours.

Do not stack your wood right next to your house, that is a fire hazard.

We want to remind everyone that when one dumpster is full, **PLEASE USE THE OTHER DUMPSTERS.** Unfortunately, the dumpster gets piled high with bags and then the crows/cats get into the bags and scatter the trash. Your cooperation is appreciated.

Just a reminder **ALL** work orders must be called in or emailed to either Yolanda or LaWanda. If this is not done, the work needed will not be completed. This covers both you and the department. Also it's important to call in the work order as soon as there is trouble, not when it becomes a bigger issue.

DPW payments are due before the 20th of the month. If you pay after the 20th, you will be assessed a 5% fee in addition to your balance due

before the due date, you will receive a 5% discount.

Rental/House payments are due by the 15th of the month. You are considered late on the 16th.

Both Rent/House and DPW payments can be made using a debit/credit card. There is a \$4.00 fee, and you can call finance to make your payment.

If you know you're going to be late, please contact us.

Also remember ALL Rental tenants must report an increase/decrease of income as soon as possible. If it is a decrease and it is reported after the 15th, the decrease will take effect the following month. If it is reported before the 15th it will take effect that month.



ONLINE PAYMENTS NOW AVAILABLE

The Housing Department is happy to announce that **online payments are now available**.

 **Visit:** www.kaibabpaiute-nsn.gov

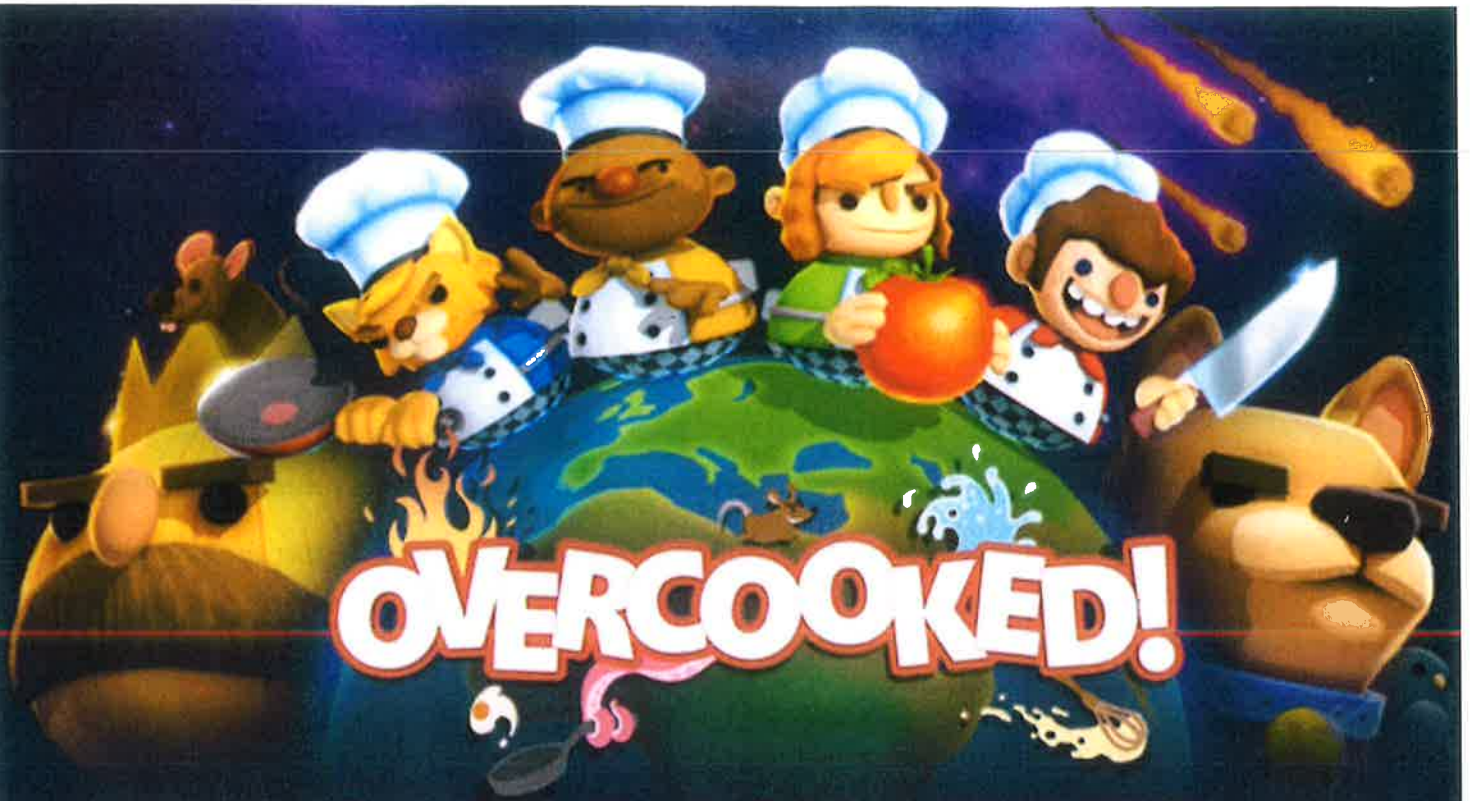
 **Payment Portal:** Located on the **main page**

Please Note:

- Housing and DPW billing statements/balances are **not available online** at this time.
- To ensure your payment is applied correctly, **clearly indicate whether the payment is for:**
 - **Housing**
 - **DPW**
 - **Both**

For questions, please contact the **Housing Department**.





FRIDAY
FEBRUARY 20
9:00-11:30 AM

KAIBAB LIBRARY
FOR AGES 8-17
CALL (928) 643-6025

🔥 **!! Calling All Chefs !!** 🔥

The kitchen is wild, the orders are crazy, and we need your help! Come play **OVERCOOKED**, a fun and fast-paced cooking game where kids work as a team, practice communication, take turns, and solve problems together — all while laughing and having a blast!

Senior Kitchen February 2026 Menu

Building Open 7:30-2:30

Serving 11:30-12:30

(This is a tentative menu, and subject to change)

Mon	02/02	Pizza
Tue	02/03	Baked Chicken
Wed	02/04	Hamburger Soup
Thu	02/05	Pork Chops
Fri	02/06	Chicken Taco
Mon	02/09	Zucchini Chicken Casserole
Tue	02/10	Beef Enchilada Casserole
Wed	02/11	Chicken Soup
Thu	02/12	Ham Dinner
Fri	02/13	Tuna Sandwich
Mon	02/16	CLOSED
Tue	02/17	Ham Hocks & Beans
Wed	02/18	Turkey Chili
Thu	02/19	Spaghetti
Fri	02/20	Pork Taco
Mon	02/23	Chicken Alfredo
Tue	02/24	Meatloaf
Wed	02/25	Pork Stew
Thu	02/26	Turkey Dinner
Fri	02/27	Salmon Sandwich

BASIC COMPUTER Use & Assistance



The Kaibab Senior Center now has a computer, scanner, and printer for your use! Staff will be available to assist with basic questions and assistance to those with NO or LITTLE computer skills.

MS WORD



MS EXCEL



Facebook



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PHOENIX SUNS/MERCURY ORIGINATIV

PHOENIX SUNS BASKETBALL



MARCH 06

2026

COME JOIN US FOR A LIVE NBA GAME

**SIGN UP TO ATTEND BY FEB 20 (OVERNIGHT
STAY, LIMITED ROOMS AVAILABLE)
TARA OR QUANNAH (928)643-6007 MORE
INFO TO FOLLOW**

**FOR ALL KPT TRIBAL CHILDREN AND ADULTS
SPONSORED BY KPT SDPI**

TRX Training

MOVE BETTER
FEEL STRONGER

Join instructor Sheldon Honey
at the KPT Gym

Every Tuesday
Beginning 01/20
6pm - 7pm

Subject to change, Contact Tara or
Quanah (928)643-6007

KIDS DAY

at the

GYM!

CALL FOR PICK UP TARA OR QUANNAH (928) 643-6007



10 AM-12 PM

FEB 13 AND 27, 2026

LIGHT SNACK AND DRINK PROVIDED

CHR DEPARTMENT PRESENTS

NATIVE FOOD FOR LIFE CLASS

PLANT-BASED COOKING & NUTRITION
TO PREVENT AND TREAT TYPE 2
DIABETES

WHEN: FEBRUARY 11, 2025

WHERE: STEAMBOAT COMMUNITY BLD

TIME: 5:30 PM AZ TIME

ZOOM LINK WILL BE POSTED DAY OF CLASS.

HANDS ON COOKING CLASS

BRING YOUR OWN COOKING UTENSILS (LOOK AT NEXT
PAGE WITH RECIPE)

RSVP - 8 SPOTS AVAILABLE - CALL LARECIA 643-8330

Cinnamon Quinoa Breakfast Bowl

Prep Time: 5 mins

Cook Time: 20 mins

Total Time: 25 mins

Serves 2



Swap out your usual oatmeal for this delicious, protein-packed quinoa breakfast bowl! Top it with your favorite seasonal fresh or dried fruits, nuts, and seeds. Vegan and gluten-free.

Ingredients

- ½ cup uncooked quinoa
- 1 cup almond milk
- 1 to 2 cinnamon sticks
- ½ teaspoon vanilla extract
- Sea salt
- More spices, such as ground cinnamon, nutmeg, and/or ginger, to taste

Toppings

- Toasted sliced almonds
- Toasted coconut flakes
- Fresh peaches, sliced
- Raspberries
- Almond milk, optional
- Maple syrup, optional

Instructions

1. Rinse the quinoa and place it in a small saucepan. Add the almond milk, cinnamon sticks, vanilla, and a pinch of salt. Bring to a high simmer, cover, and reduce the heat. Gently simmer for 15 minutes.
2. Remove the pan from the heat and let the quinoa sit for 5 more minutes, or until the almond milk is absorbed and the quinoa is cooked. Taste and add additional spices to your liking.
3. Scoop the quinoa into two bowls and top with toasted almonds, toasted coconut, peaches, and raspberries. Enjoy as a fluffy pilaf, or as more a porridge with warm almond milk poured on top. Serve with maple syrup, if desired.

Notes

- Cooked quinoa can be stored in the fridge for 4-5 days. Serve at room temp or heat it as you're ready to serve. If it's dry, add a few more splashes of almond milk.- Sub in whatever seasonal fruit you like, dried fruits are also delicious here.

Find it online at <https://www.loveandlemons.com/cinnamon-quinoa-breakfast-bowl/>

EDUCATIONAL CLASS

PRENATAL & MATERNAL HEALTH

**HEALTHY MOTHERS. HEALTHY
BABIES. HEALTHY COMMUNITIES.**

February 19, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Conference Room 2

Zoom link
(coming soon)

Presented by:

Shian Rodriguez RN, BSN



Preserving the Past, Innovating for the Future

Cultural Resources Committee Meeting

Tuesday,
February 10th
3:00PM

Where
Cultural Offices

SAVE THE DATE

Sponsored by Kaibab Cultural Preservation Office
(928) 643-7365

We Didn't Forget About You!

2ND BABY MOCCASIN CLASS



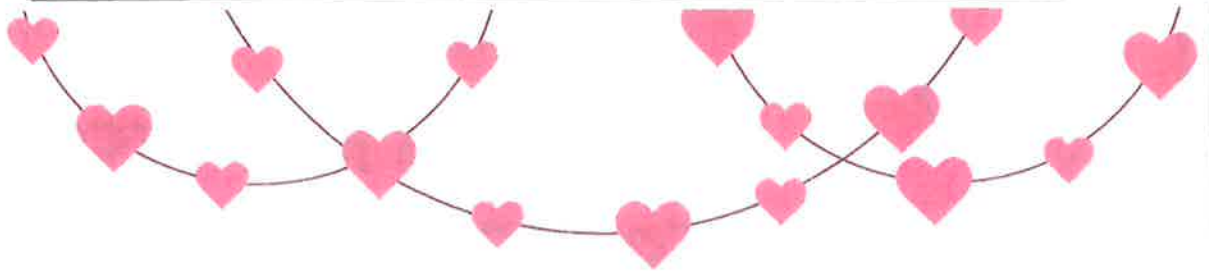
Those who signed up back in 2025 this
class is for you!

LeAnn will be contacting
you in February

Saturday, March 21, 2026
9:00AM-3:00PM

NEWS from the Cultural Preservation Office

Office Phone # (928) 643-7365



ATTN: Tribal elders 60+, Staff elders 60+, Other Elders 60+ residing on the reservation, & Care takers of elders 60+

Elders 60+ Valentine's Social

Join us for a day filled with fun activities, games, raffles, yummy lunch, and laughter! Come and make unforgettable memories!

February 12, 2026

Senior Center

9:00AM-3:00PM

If you would like to volunteer to help or for more information contact LeAnn Cultural Preservation Office (928) 643-7365

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ELDERS 60+ CULTURAL Day Program

Senior Center Classroom 9:30AM-11:30AM

February 2026

Engage With Your Elders

We all know the traditional teaching of respecting our elders. In a modern world our elders don't always feel respected, seen, or heard.

I am fortunate to have grown up around two generations of elders from every tribal family. I experience daily through my work that our tribal elders are our most valuable and precious resource.

Elders hold an irreplaceable window to the past, each with their own one-of-a-kind perspective. There is no better way to learn about the history of your community.

I challenge all of us to spend more time appreciating and learning from our tribal elders their knowledge is more precious than anything that can be bought or sold.

Tuesday 10th

Project Check-In

Where are we at with completing older projects.

Got projects to complete bring them with you to class.

Thursday 12th

Elders 60+ Valentines Social

Watch for the flyer!

Tuesday 17th

9:30AM-2:30PM

As a thank you gift to my 3 regular elder participants you will learn to make yourself a pair of moccasins!!

New participants will work on learning to make baby moccasins.

Go eat lunch at the senior kitchen after class

NO CLASS on Tuesday, February 24th. LeAnn will be on travel



Sponsored by the Kaibab Cultural Offices

Join Us for
TUHWEEENUP
Winter Storytelling

Gather 'round and listen to the entertaining storytellings of Uptoo (Daniel). It'll be an evening filled with laughter!

Southern Paiute community storytellers if you would like to tell a tuhweenup story, historical story, or autobiographical story you will receive a gift for sharing. Contact LeAnn (928) 643-7365 or lshearer@kaibabpaiute-nsn.gov

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026
KAIBAB COMMUNITY CENTER
DINNER 5:30PM-6:30PM
6:30PM-8:00PM TUHWEEENUP

SAVE THE DATE

For more info: Contact LeAnn
Cultural Preservation Office (928) 643-7365



Join our

Kaivavich Tuhweenup

WINTER STORYTELLING

- Public Welcome -

March 6, 2026 | RV Park Clubhouse

6:00PM-7:30PM

Hot Chocolate & Cookies

Featuring the storytelling
prowess of Uptoo and other
Southern Paiute community
members.

