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2013 GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS



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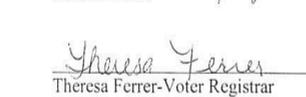
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GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - May 18, 2013

(13)	Guylish S. Bommelyn	(58)	Brock O. Richards
(116)	Kara L. Brundin-Miller	(23)	Luanna E. Scott
(131)	Joseph M. Giovannetti	(74)	Sheryl I. Steinruck
(16)	Modesta A. Lopez	(93)	Jeri L. Thompson
(17)	Rachel A. Ochoa		

CERTIFICATION

Certified to be true and correct count of all votes cast.

 Joshua Criteser-Chairman	 Tracie Whipple
 Sandra Netzel	 Emily Reed
 Theresa Ferrer-Voter Registrar	

The 2013 Smith River Rancheria General Election was held May 18.

Kara L. Brundin-Miller
and
Joseph M. Giovannetti

were re-elected to Tribal Council.

Votes were certified by the Election Board:

Joshua Criteser (Chairman)
Sandra Netzel
Tracie Whipple
Emily Reed
Theresa Ferrer (Voter Registrar)

See page 5 for more election results.

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NOTICE

On May 14, 2013, the Tribal Council approved changes to Title 13, Chapter 2, Water Utilities Code. It will be posted at the K'vsh-chu Tribal Office until it takes effect on July 1, 2013.



NOTICE:

The Tribal Reunion Picnic scheduled for June has been postponed until October. Check the July newsletter for definite date and time.

June

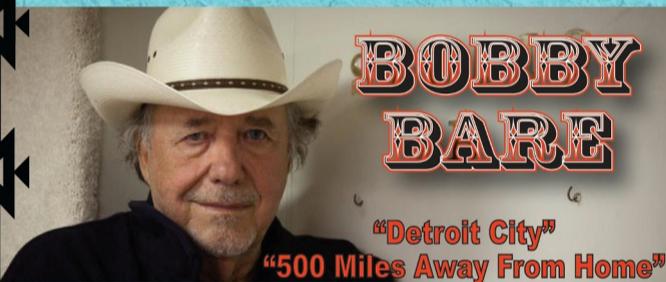
Father's Day

Sunday, June 16th

Free Play for the Men
12pm - 12am

1 - 6pm - Drawings for
Cash and Gift Certificates

\$8,000 in Prizes



**BOBBY
BARE**

"Detroit City"
"500 Miles Away From Home"

Saturday, June 29th at 7pm
in the
Tolowa Event Center
Tickets: \$29 W/Privileges Card
Must be 21 or older



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'Vmtlh-te Naa-dintlh-nvsh?

(Do-you-want-to-work?)

Employment Opportunities

The Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ Department is holding our **Dee-ni' Mvsr-xee-ye' Wee-ya' Lhethl-xat** (Dee-ni' Youth Language Camp), at **Shaa-xu'-xat** (Rowdy Creek Park), **July 22nd - July 26th**, for ages 7 to 13 years old. This year's camp will be an overnight camp. All staff will be required to attend orientation and stay for the duration of the camp, no exceptions! We need to fill the following positions:

- **Camp Coordinator**- development, implementation and oversight of all camp functions.
- **Team Leaders**- responsible for supervision of youth and peer leader.
- **Peer Leaders**- assist team leader, this is a great leadership training opportunity. (14-19yrs of age)
- **Elder Consultants**- available for sharing eminent knowledge with campers and staff.
- **Cultural Consultants**- i.e., storyteller, carver, regalia maker, weaver, tule-mat maker, eel hook maker, medicine maker, hat knitter, food preserver, fishermen, Dee-ni' historian, etc.
- **Security Guards**- this will be a nighttime position.
- **Cook and Assistant Cook**- plan and prepare and clean-up healthy meals and snacks. Must have current Food Handler's Permit.
- **Fish Cook/Instructor**- prepare traditional salmon dinner and conduct activity with children.
- **Volunteers**- parents and community members are encouraged to participate.

Applications must be received by Friday June 14th (before 5 PM)
@ The K'vsh-chu Administration Office.

All positions are expected to participate in all phases of this event. Applicants must possess the ability to work with American Indian youth in group settings and have experience providing leadership and supervision to youth and other age groups. Knowledge of Tolowa Dee-ni' language and culture is preferred, but not required. Camping and outdoor experience is preferred, but not required. This is a tobacco, alcohol and drug-free event. Preference will be given to Smith Rancheria Tribal Members and persons of American Indian Descent. To apply for a position please complete a Smith River Rancheria Job Application. **Applications and job descriptions are available at K'vsh-chu Administration Office or on our website tolowa-nsn.gov.**

For more information please contact the Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ Department staff @ (707) 487-9255:
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Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

June 3	NAGPRA Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
June 11	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Hall Community Center
June 13	Wee'-ya' (Language) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
June 14	July Newsletter deadline
June 16	Fathers Day
June 19	Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ (Culture) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
June 20	Fish & Game Committee Meeting - 5:30 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
June 21	First Day of Summer
June 25	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Hall Community Center
June 26	Housing Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino

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Life Is Learning

For many of us, June is a month of endings and beginnings, perhaps because this is when the school year usually ends. But prior to European-American contact, the Dee-ni' way was to learn through life experiences. Your Auntie taught you how to make baskets and preserve food. Your Uncle taught you how to make a drum and to hunt and fish. Learning was a natural process that happened 24/7, all year long. This summer, let's take time for the children around us, to share the important life-affirming skills we have learned. Now that can include skills like gardening, home repair, car repair, and how to balance a checkbook. Share relationship skills, such as listening, kindness, helping when you can, and showing respect. Children *will* learn from you, even when you are not aware you are teaching. Will they learn things that help them in life, or make life more difficult?



Submitted by Judith Burke, Advocate/Social Worker, CFS

Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Nutrition Center Menu - June

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Chili Relleno Bake	4 Hamburger with Bun	5 Sack Lunch	6 Chicken and Noodles	7 Chef Salad
10 Quiche	11 BBQ Chicken	12 Potato Chowder	13 Ground Beef Taco Salad	14 Breakfast
17 Big Green Salad	18 Spaghetti	19 Chicken Vegetable Soup	20 Fish & Chips	21 Sloppy Joes
24 Bean and Cheese Burrito	25 Tuna Salad	26 "Vegetable Plus" Soup & 1/2 Sandwich	27 Ground Beef Enchilada	28 Hot Dog with Bun
Lunch served @ 12:00 pm Reserve Lunch @ 707-487-4463 Menu Subject to Change 101 Indian Court in Smith River		Suggested donations: Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free) Under 55, \$7		Tai Chi - Every Wednesday, 12:30 pm BP/BS Checks —call CHR @ 487-0215, 464-2919, or 482-2181 RepChem 3rd Wednesday

Strong Families Survive, and Social Security Helps

In June, we celebrate National Family Month, which is a great time to reflect on your family and how to make it stronger. As the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services reminds us, strong families share many valuable qualities: trust, commitment, communication, growth, affection, fun, and love. Strong families are more likely to grow through a crisis, allowing the difficult experience to bring them even closer together.

In the unfortunate event of a family member's death, we want you to know that Social Security is here to help. In addition to the emotional difficulty family member's experience, there is often a financial burden as well, especially if the family's main wage earner dies. In such cases, Social Security survivors benefits will help.

Did you know that nearly every child in America could get Social Security survivors benefits if a working parent dies? And Social Security pays more benefits to children than any other federal program. Although many people think Social Security is just a retirement program, you should know that Social Security also provides survivors insurance benefits for workers and their families. If you're like most people, the value of the survivors insurance you have under Social Security is probably more than the value of any individual life insurance you may own. And you don't even need to sign up for a separate policy; by working and paying Social Security tax, you are most likely already insured without even knowing it.

Family members who may be able to receive survivors benefits based on your work record include a widow or widower, unmarried children up to age 19 and still in high school, and under certain circumstances, stepchildren, grandchildren, step grandchildren, adopted children, and dependent parents.

If you'd like to learn more about survivors benefits, and how to apply, you should read our publication, *Survivors Benefits*, available at www.socialsecurity.gov/pubs. You can find additional useful information, such as our survivors planner and information about how to apply for survivors benefits, at www.socialsecurity.gov/pgm/survivors.htm.

*Submitted by Amanda Donahue
Social Security District Manager in the Crescent City Office*

2013 General Election Results



Smith River Rancheria

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GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS - May 18, 2013

WRITE - INS

- (2) Neal Lopez () _____
- (1) Kurt Miller () _____
- (2) Eric Brundin () _____
- (1) Aleah Smith () _____
- () _____ () _____

CERTIFICATION

Certified to be true and correct count of all votes cast.

<u>[Signature]</u> Joshua Criteser-Chairman	<u>[Signature]</u> Tracie Whipple
<u>[Signature]</u> Sandra Netzel	<u>[Signature]</u> Emily Reed
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GENERAL ELECTION RESULTS May 18, 2013

The following individuals of Tolowa Indian descent have submitted applications for membership with the Smith River Rancheria under Article II, Section 2 of the Constitution of the Howonquet Indian Council of the Smith River Rancheria.

Upon the concurrence of a majority of registered voters voting in the election, the petitioner as well as the lineal descendants of such petitioner, upon submitting their enrollment application and who satisfy the requirements shall be accepted into full membership with all rights and responsibilities of members and her/his name shall be added to the official membership roll. Total Yes Vote Needed 144

YES	NO		YES	NO	
(101)	(130)	Stacey Lynne (West) Bollinger	(97)	(144)	Guy Eugene Kelley
(76)	(161)	Garret Stephen Bright	(63)	(170)	Jose Alexandro Reyes-Romero
(75)	(162)	Madison Rylee Bright	(63)	(170)	Antonio Dale Sanchez-Romero
(82)	(158)	VictoriaMarie (Roemnich) Bright	(95)	(135)	Elizabeth Anne West
(103)	(135)	Deborah Jayne (West) Johnson	(95)	(135)	Harold Erwin West

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286 Tribal Members voted in the 2013 election and 144 votes of YES were necessary for individuals of Tolowa Indian descent to be approved for membership in the Smith River Rancheria.

Attention:

All Smith River Rancheria Veteran Tribal Members

Smith River Rancheria invites you to participate with the Community and Family Services Department in updating our Veteran Database information. We encourage you to provide all of the information requested.

Please complete and return this form. Your participation will help us get the most current and accurate information when we honor our Veterans at the upcoming Annual Dee-ni' Night Celebration on September 27, 2013.

We sincerely appreciate you taking the time to assist us. Please feel free to share this information with any Smith River Rancheria Veteran tribal members you may know. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Andromeda Lopez at 707-487-9255 ext.3136 or at

andi.lopez@tolowa.com



Veteran Database Information Request Form

Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Contact Number: _____

Branch of Service: _____

Dates of Service Years: _____

Please list any Service Awards, Decorations, or Ribbons received:

1. _____ 4. _____
2. _____ 5. _____
3. _____ 6. _____

Jacket Size: _____

If you are interested in having a service photo included in the slide show presented at the Annual Dee-ni' Night Celebration, please submit photograph(s) to Community and Family Services.

Smith River Rancheria cannot guarantee the photograph will be returned and will not be held responsible for any damages that may occur during the mailing and handling process. It is recommended that you send a copy or a digital copy of the original photograph. Please use the following methods to submit photographs and/or return form;

- **Mail-** *Attention: Andromeda Lopez*
 110 W. First Street
 Smith River, CA 95567
- **Email-** *Attention: Andromeda Lopez*
 andi.lopez@tolowa.com
- **Drop Off-** *Attention: Andromeda Lopez*
 110 W. First Street
 Smith River, CA 95567

SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT

Tribal Youth ages 15 1/2 to 21 may pick up an application at the Tribal Office, 140 Rowdy Creek Rd., Smith River, CA.
Application Deadline: June 7 Interviews: June 10-14 Program begins June 24 and ends August 9

Tribal Youth: do you want to earn money while having fun this summer? You will gain work experience, help with community activities, attend "kids' day" at the local county fairs, and attend special programs provided by Community and Family Services. You might even camp out with the kids at Language Camp! Jobs are available in 9 departments of the Smith River Rancheria. This is not just another "summer job", many Smith River Rancheria employees are former SYEP workers.

Head Start Application (cont. on page 8)

WHO MAY ATTEND?

Children who will be 3 years old by September 1st of the current school year are eligible.

PRIORITY IS GIVEN TO

- Low income Families
- Native American Families
- Children with Special Needs

SCHEDULES:

Head Start
September – June
Monday-Thursday
8:30 am-12:00pm
Early Learning Center
Monday-Friday
7:30 am-5:30 pm

HOW TO APPLY

Complete Form
Must Attach Copy of:
Current Income
Tribal Documentation

*If interested in enrollment of your child, please fill in the PRE-ENROLLMENT APPLICATION on the following page and return to:
Howonquet Head Start 12840 Mouth of Smith River Rd. Smith River, CA 95567.
(We do not provide transportation)*

This institute is an equal opportunity provider

Smith River Rancheria
Howonquet Head Start
&
Early Learning Center

12840 Mouth of Smith River Rd.

Smith River, CA 95567

HHS: 707-487-1113

ELC: 707-487-0846

FAX: 707-487-0267

Howonquet Head Start
12840 Mouth of Smith River Road
Smith River, CA 95567



FUTURE HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS:

The makers of **TYLENOL®** are awarding a total of \$250,000 in scholarships to forty future healthcare professionals. Application deadline for the 2013 **TYLENOL®** Future Care Scholarship is June 15, 2013.

For additional information regarding the Future Care Scholarship program contact ISTS (International Scholarship and Tuition Services) by email at: **Tylenol@applyists.com** or call (866)851-4275. Log on to : www.tylenol.com/news/subptyschol for application.

Awards announced: August 31, 2013. 10 applicants will receive \$10,000, 30 applicants will receive \$5,000.

*Submitted by Dorothy Perry, Director
Community and Family Services*

PRE-ENROLLMENT APPLICATION

Head Start () Early Learning Center ()

Child's Last Name: _____ Child's First Name: _____

Date of Birth: ____/____/____ Sex: _____ Age: _____

Smith River Rancheria Tribal Member () Tribal # _____

Indian Non-Tribal Member () Tribe: _____

Parent Status: () One Parent () Two Parents () Foster Parents () Non-Parent

Parent (s) / Guardian (s): _____

Physical Address: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____

No. of Persons in Home: _____ No. of Persons in Family: _____

No. of Children in Family: _____ No. of Children under Age 6: _____

Adult: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Employed () Yes () No

Adult: _____ DOB: ____/____/____ Employed () Yes () No

Does your child have any disabilities or special needs that you are aware of? () Yes () No

If yes, does he/she have an IEP/IFSP? () Yes () No

If so please provide documentation with your application.

Please provide the Child's Medi-Cal No. and/or Health Insurance No.: _____

Please list desired **Early Learning Center** schedule.

	Arrival	Departure	Arrival	Departure	Total Hours
Monday					
Tuesday					
Wednesday					
Thursday					
Friday					

I certify that this information is true. I also understand that the information on this application will be held in strict confidence within SRR and is accessible to me during regular business.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date:

Smith River Rancheria Howonquet Head Start Program Offers:

Children

A 3 ½ hour, 4 day a week preschool program with a well balanced range of learning and social activities woven together under a monthly theme.

A culturally-rich environment which fosters a positive image and helps children experience the pride and confidence needed to become inquisitive and enthusiastic learners.

Special emphasis on learning good health, safety and tooth brushing skills.

2 – Nutritious Meals Daily

Families

Support Services for the Family with Referrals and Follow-up

A Sense of Belonging and Activities for the Family

A Voice in the Head Start Program by Attending Parent Meetings and Being on Various Committees.

An Opportunity to Learn More about Child Development through Training, Meetings and Volunteering in Head Start Classroom.

Email:

“NATURE’S CARNIVAL OF WELLNESS”



Wellness Fair

Hosted by Smith River Rancheria
Community & Family Services
&
Natural Resources Department



June 29, 2013

10:00am - 4:00pm

**Rowdy Creek Park
Smith River, CA**

(About 1.5 miles up Rowdy Creek Road on the right hand side)

Fun for the whole family! This FREE community event features Health, Wellness, Fitness, Environmental Awareness, Gardening, Recycling, and Nutrition information to encourage a healthy lifestyle and a healthy earth. Activities include local and indigenous food sampling, carnival games, FREE raffle drawing, and physical fitness demos!

Community and Family Services
110 W. First Street, Smith River, CA 95567
707-487-9255 or 707-487-0137 (fax)

Howonquet Head Start Class of 2013



**Kindergarten
Bound!**



Graduation Day--May 9, 2013





Ronda Ritchie, Program Manager



(Left to right) Marvin Richards, Marva Jones, Amanda O'Connell, Suntayea Steinruck, Briannon Fraley, Sheryl Streinruck, Vicki Bommelyn-Rodriquez perform traditional songs during the graduation ceremony



Students perform a song during graduation



SRR Maintenance Department cooked salmon and barbecued burgers and hotdogs



Armando Lopez (left) and Marva Jones (center) donate gambling drums and dice to Howonquet Head Start. Conrad Husted (right) accepts the drums for Head Start



CFS helped cook and serve lunch to family and friends



Photos taken by Mieng Yang, Lenora Hall, and Debbie Boardman

Lhuk Mii-naa~-li' 2013

The Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ Department would like to thank everyone who was able to attend and participate in the Lhuk Mii-naa~-li', Salmon Ceremony, that was brought back into practice this year. It was an extremely empowering and positive experience for all involved. It is a blessing to come together as a community to practice our traditional rites to give thanks and pray for the health our environment and people. We would like to give a special recognition to:

Loren Me'-lash-ne Bommelyn
Guylish Bommelyn
Gregory Blodgett, Sr.
Kurt Miller
Pyuwa Bommelyn
Josh Lopez
Conrad Husted
Ryan Lopez
Jaytuk Steinruck
William Bommelyn, Sr.
Allen Bommelyn





CULTURAL MONITORS/FIELD TECHNICIANS NEEDED!

What is Cultural Monitoring?

Cultural Resource Monitoring is conducted by Cultural Monitors/Field Technicians to insure that cultural materials are preserved and protected within our ancestral lands. The process of cultural monitoring helps to identify and determine the presence of cultural resources in areas under construction or development.

Through the cultural monitoring process, the monitors observe and communicate with lead project managers and the THPO to avert any adverse impacts that may result from development projects which involve ground disturbance work. It is the responsibility of the Cultural Monitor/Field Technician to actively inspect these grounds for any and all cultural resources. This job requires the ability to work out doors and is a project-to-project job.

If you are interested in finding out more on how you can become a Cultural Monitor/Field Technician, please contact the Tribal Heritage Preservation Office at (707) 487-9255.

Looting of Cultural Sites on the North Coast of California

Although looting is not a new issue in America, it seems that within the past few years there have been an alarming number of cultural sites on the North Coast of California that have been targeted by looters. Looting is the robbing of cultural resources from a designated Native American site. These cultural resources are non-renewable. Resources which once they are taken from a place they will never grow back. Many of these resources have taken thousands of years to create making the looting offense unimaginable to those trying to protect them. These resources were made by our ancestors and we are the voice of these objects. It is our responsibility to advocate for our non-renewable resources and let them remain in their entitled locations without disturbance.

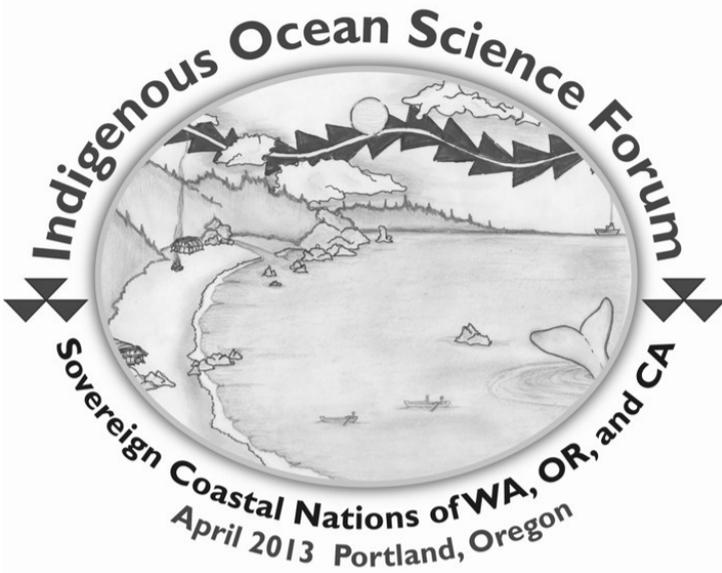
Specific looting cases, tragically, are the looting of burials sites and cemeteries. These graves are a target for what is valued to often contain the most "marketable" artifacts. In 2011 looters reached a new low when they dug pits at Yontocket directly under where family members had placed flowers to honor their ancestors in the old cemetery. It is clear that the criminals went directly for what they thought were marked graves, which makes it more disturbing. In light of the history and the sacred nature of the site, the Yontocket looting has been devastating, particularly to people who have family members buried there. Looting cases in significant cultural sites are incredibly frustrating because it is so difficult to catch and prosecute these criminals. The full looting article can be found in The Del Norte Triplicate dated April 17, 2010.

The Archaeological Resources Protection Act of 1979 (ARPA) has provided more effective law enforcement to protect cultural sites. It describes the range of prohibited actions, including damage or defacement in addition to excavation or removal of cultural items. Also prohibited are selling, purchasing, and other trafficking activities. These criminal activities can be a felony offense with fines up to \$100,000 and imprisonment for up to 5 years.

Improved understanding of the problem of looting will produce a more successful law enforcement response to active looters and vandals which in turn will have a greater deterrent effect on "would be" violators. The future survival of many important heritage resources and cultural sites on federal, state and Indian lands is dependent on significant progress in protection and preservation.

If you would like to obtain more information on this topic please contact the Tribal Heritage Preservation Office at (707) 487-9255. To report a crime contact THPO or dial 911.

Submitted by Karin Levy, Cultural Resource Specialist



On April 22 and 23 2103 the Smith River Rancheria hosted the Indigenous Ocean Science Forum in Portland Oregon. This was the first time a forum like this has occurred. The purpose of the forum was to create dialog about Tribal Coastal Marine Spatial Planning (TCMSP), share experiences or concerns, network, and work on next steps in collaboration for the west coast region. The two day forum covered purpose and the importance for Tribal coastal nations to implement marine plans, provided opportunity for communication with National Ocean Council representatives, and allowed Tribal representatives to network with neighboring Tribes as well as private and federal funders.

The forum was one of three objectives through the Tribes cooperative agreement with the National Oceanic Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), part of the Federal Department of Commerce. The Tribe applied for the federal funding through a nation-wide competitive grant process under NOAA's Regional Ocean Partnerships Funding Program, and was one of 10 projects awarded funding out of 19 applications. The Tribe has the vision for regional planning, and has been identified by the federal government as a leader in Ocean Governance for the west coast region. The Tribe's eloquent leadership has provided the opportunity for the staff to create a planning mechanism for TCMSP that will be incorporated into states and Federal marine planning initiatives.

There were over 50 participants representing over 15 tribes and Tribal organizations and eight Private, State and Federal agencies. Smith River Rancheria has an Ocean Initiative core team that brought the forum to life, the Principle Investigator, Briannon Fraley; Project Manager, Megan Rocha; GIS analyst Brian Anspach; Marine Biologist, Rosa Laucci and our Tribal Heritage Preservation Officer, Suntayea Steinruck. The team has been planning the forum since December of 2012. Each member of the team contributed to the planning effort, and implementation of the forum. The team worked closely with Council throughout the process to bring forward this monumental task.



Suntayea Steinruck- THPO SRR and Briannon Fraley- Self-Governance Director SRR and engaging Forum Participants in efforts of TCMSP

The Tribes were welcomed by Ecotrust founder and president Spencer Beebe by commending the work we are doing for preservation of the environment and tribal rights, he opened by saying Welcome to *Salmon Nation (the pacific northwest)*. The blessing of the forum was offered by Grand Rhonde, THPO Eirik Thorsgard from the village of *Charcowa* what is now present day West Linn a Portland suburb. He offered a blessing in his *Chinuk Wawa* language and spoke about the significance

of the Portland area to their people and how the land was ceded under their 1855 treaty. Our Chair provided the welcome speaking to the importance of ocean governance and what it means to us as Indian people. She spoke about how our indigenous knowledge was the reason why we flourished here in the Pacific Northwest.

Keynote address was given by Micah McCarty, Chairman of firststewards.org and former Makah Tribal Chairman and National Ocean Council Tribal Representative to the Governance Coordinating Committee. He spoke to the importance of aligning Sovereign Tribal Nations to be prepared for the responsibility of stewardship and the importance of TCMSP.

Presentations spanned the two day forum and included Cultural Landscapes approach of Tribes from each state, Outreach from the National Ocean Policy Governing Body, California Tribal interaction with the Marine Life Protection Act, Data Mapping Standards and confidentiality, and successful marine planning of the Nanwakolas Council First Nations of British Columbia. Information from presentations were then utilized in the breakout sessions to obtain priorities of Tribes moving forward in the TCMSP process.



SRR Tribal Council (Center) and Forum Participants engaging in the Keynote address

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Mel Moon- Quileute Tribe, Micah McCarty-Quinault Consultant, and Briannon Fraley- Self-Governance Director SRR and Council Lenora Hall strategizing for regional priorities for Ocean Planning, Governance and Stewardship.



Merv Child of the Nanwakolas Council sharing the success stories of First Nations Marine Planning

Next steps for the Tribe's Ocean Initiative team is to create a summary report of the finding of the forum, develop a framework for TCMSP, and identify six to nine pilot or committee tribes from the region that will participate in the Tribe's efforts of developing a template to TCMSP. For more background information on the Tribe's project please visit:

www.tolowa-nsn.gov.

*Submitted by, Briannon Fraley
Self Governance Director*



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April 29, 2013

Dear Client,

This notice is to inform you that pick up medication at United Indian Health Services, Inc. (UIHS) clinics in Crescent City, Fortuna, Klamath or Weitchpec (Satellite Clinics) is no longer available.

To assure medication safety and maintain compliance with California State Board of Pharmacy regulations:

- As of Monday, April 29, 2013 *no prescriptions* may be delivered to or picked up at UIHS Satellite Clinics
- Prescriptions are still available for pick-up at the UIHS Potawot Health Village Pharmacy in Arcata

If you would like to pick-up your prescriptions from a pharmacy other than the UIHS Potawot Health Village Pharmacy in Arcata, please follow these steps:

- Call the pharmacy you want to use for your prescriptions
- Ask that pharmacy to request a prescription transfer from UIHS

If you can't afford your medication:

- If you usually pick up your medication at a UIHS Satellite Clinic and need help paying for your medication at an outside pharmacy, call UIHS Contract Health Services (CHS) at (707) 825- 4113
- When using CHS funds for medications, you must use a CHS contracted pharmacy. These are:
 - Crescent City and Klamath areas:
Safeway Pharmacy - 475 M St, Crescent City, CA 95531
(707) 465-3663
 - Fortuna area:
Greens Pharmacy - 1058 Main St, Fortuna, CA 95540
(707) 725-4431
 - Weitchpec area:
Call CHS as contracts are in process
(707) 825- 4113

For questions call:

- Humboldt – (707) 825-5020
- Del Norte – (707) 465-2970

UIHS apologizes for the inconvenience this change may cause.

How to Dispose of Medicines Properly

DON'T: Flush expired or unwanted prescription and over-the-counter drugs down the toilet or drain unless the label or accompanying patient information specifically instructs you to do so.

DO: Return unwanted or expired prescription and over-the-counter drugs to a drug take-back program or follow the steps for household disposal below.

1ST CHOICE: DRUG TAKE-BACK EVENTS

To dispose of prescription and over-the-counter drugs, call your city or county government's household trash and recycling service and ask if a drug take-back program is available in your community. Some counties hold household hazardous waste collection days, where prescription and over-the-counter drugs are accepted at a central location for proper disposal.



Drug Take-Back Event

Courtesy: Upper Watauga Riverkeeper and Appalachian Voices

2ND CHOICE: HOUSEHOLD DISPOSAL STEPS*



1. Take your prescription drugs out of their original containers.



2. Mix drugs with an undesirable substance, such as cat litter or used coffee grounds.



3. Put the mixture into a disposable container with a lid, such as an empty margarine tub, or into a sealable bag.



4. Conceal or remove any personal information, including Rx number, on the empty containers by covering it with permanent marker or duct tape, or by scratching it off.



5. The sealed container with the drug mixture, and the empty drug containers, can now be placed in the trash.

* Drug Disposal Guidelines, Office of National Drug Control Policy, October 2009

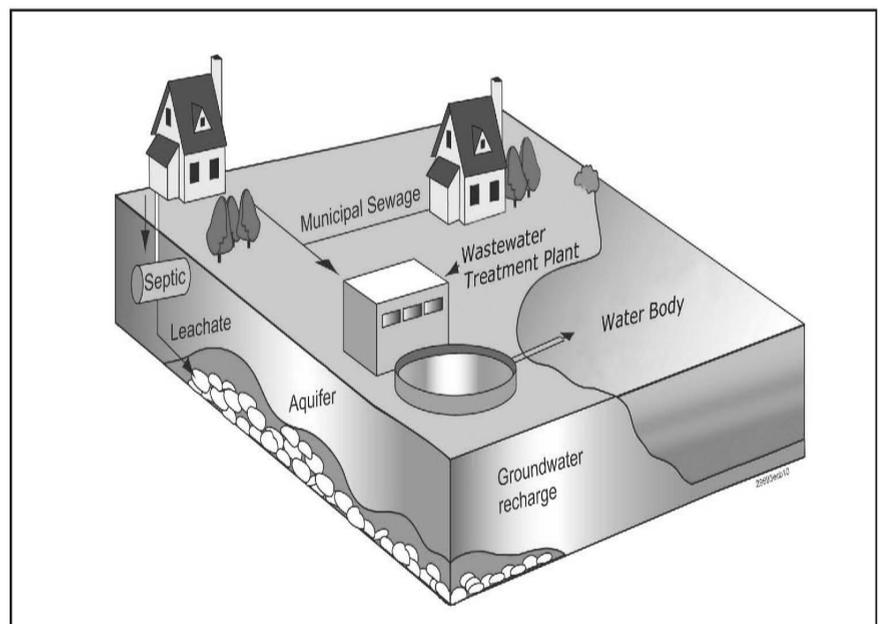
How Proper Disposal of Medicines Protects You and the Earth:

- Prevents poisoning of children and pets
- Deters misuse by teenagers and adults
- Avoids health problems from accidentally taking the wrong medicine, too much of the same medicine, or a medicine that is too old to work well
- Keeps medicines from entering streams and rivers when poured down the drain or flushed down the toilet

How Improper Disposal of Medicines May End Up in Our Drinking Water Sources

In homes that use septic tanks, prescription and over-the-counter drugs flushed down the toilet can leach into the ground and seep into ground water.

In cities and towns where residences are connected to wastewater treatment plants, prescription and over-the-counter drugs poured down the sink or flushed down the toilet can pass through the treatment system and enter rivers and lakes. They may flow downstream to serve as sources for community drinking water supplies. Water treatment plants are generally not equipped to routinely remove medicines.



For more information, go to www.epa.gov/ppcp/
Or call the Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 800-426-4791

Office of Water

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April 2011

Submitted by Tessa LaFazio, Environmental Protection Technician

Lobbying in Washington, DC for the Tribe

DAY THREE: Thursday, February 14, 2013



Left-to-right: Lenora Hall, Kara Miller, Joel Bravo, Joseph Giovannetti, Jeff Merkley, Loren Bommelyn, Denise Padgette, and Russ Crabtree.

9:00 am
Coffee with Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley
Tribal Council and staff met Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley at a public event.

10:00 am
Oregon Senator Jeff Merkley
At a meeting with Senator Merkley's staff, Scott Rosenthal and Bethany Miller, Council summarized problems with the Fee-to-Trust process.

11:00 am
California Senator Dianne Feinstein

Senator Feinstein's Indian Affairs Advisor, Devin Rhinerson, met with the Tribal Council, received an introduction to the tribe, and discussed Fee-to-Trust issues and how gaming might affect Trust Applications.

12:00 pm
California Senator Barbara Boxer

Joaquin Esquivel, Senator Boxer's staff, met with Tribal Council to discuss the Fee-to-Trust Process as well as Map 21 and communicating with Caltrans. Council summarized the Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) process and discussed other ongoing projects that the tribe is directing.

2:30 pm
Indian Health Service (IHS)

The Tribal Council met with Robert McSwain, the Deputy Director of Management and Operations, as well as several IHS and Office of Self-Governance IHS staff to discuss obtaining contract health services for Oregon tribal member residents. IHS will conduct consultation regarding the current services provided in Curry County.



Left-to-right: Lenora Hall, Loren Bommelyn, Dr. Yvette Roubideaux, Joseph Giovannetti, Denise Padgette, Kara Miller, and Joel Bravo.

4:30 pm
Indian Health Service, Environmental Health and Engineering
Ronald Ferguson, Director for the Division of Sanitation Facilities Construction, and Dana Baer met with Tribal Council to review and discuss funding assistance for infrastructure projects.

Submitted by Jessica Haas, Recording Secretary

Annual Self-Governance Consultation Conference April-May 3103



L to R: Briannon Fraley, Gordon Smith DOI Compact negotiator and Vice Chair Denise Richards-Padgette. Photo by Lenora Hall

In 2012 the Smith River Rancheria became a Department of Interior (DOI) Title IV compacting Self-Governance Tribe, and is now conducting a feasibility study through the Indian Health Service (IHS) for Self-Governance under Title V. The annual Self-Governance Conference is hosted by the Tribal Self-Governance Committees (see March 2013 newsletter article for more details from the Office of Self-Governance) and brings together over 300 Self-Governance Tribes throughout the nation. The theme of this year's conference was "*Strengthen, Advance and Invest in Self-Governance.*"

This conference is crucial for understanding current issues facing Self-Governance tribes in relations to the federal government and their trust responsibility. Both the Director of IHS and the Assistant Secretary of Indian Affairs were available for questions during the conference. Major issues discussed were the impacts to Self-Governance Tribes through sequestration, 2014 Presidents budget and DOI increases to BIA versus other Interior departments, Contract Support Cost litigation, and amendments to Title IV.

Council members Denise Richards Padgette, Lenora Hall and I were able to meet with our compact negotiators both on the DOI and IHS side. With the IHS negotiators we discussed the current health care structure and the program dollars pass through and process. With the DOI negotiator we discussed the Tribal priorities and how to build a strategic plan to augment our self-governance dollars over time.

The importance for Executive Staff and Council to participate in these types of consultation conferences are vital for funding. The Tribal representatives learn about funding opportunities, and methods to increase and add line items to the self-governance budget. Tribal Council and Staff had the opportunity to build our relationship with program staff and directors from Washington DC who have the potential to increase program dollars.

I was able to sit down and have a one on one meeting with the Self-Governance Director Sharee Freeman to talk about the status of our Title IV compact, and the Tribes effort to negotiate a non-BIA title IV funding agreement.

Through networking we heard stories of other Tribes who have been successful in becoming Title V for health care who are similar in population and geographic isolation. As part of the current feasibility study one of our deliverables is to visit a successful model of a Title V clinic. The conference lead us to the model tribe and this information will be weighed in the future decisions of our health care structure. The major difference between Title I (our current health care structure) and Title V (Self-Governance) is the efficiency of money delivered to the Health operation and the decision making is the sole responsibility of the Tribe.

The Conference was beneficial to the growth of the Tribe as staff and Council representatives brought back information to help guide the Tribe through the Self-Governance process.

Submitted by Briannon Fraley, Self-Governance Director

Maa~xush-ghalh (Birthdays)

K'wes-taa-ni Num-nii~ma~s (June)

Caeson Allen	Robert Allen	Caden Arlandson
Nicole Aubrey	Robert Balcom	Isaiah Bartow
Charles Batini	Jon Bentley	Jeshua Bimemiller
Pyuwa Bommelyn	Janelle Brown	Richard Brown
Todd Buckmaster	Christian Cain	Faith Campbell
David Campos-Bartow	Juan Campos-Bartow	Michael Campos-Bartow
Baylie Castellaw	Ina Chapman	Shawnee Coopman
Jessica Cornelis	Lauren Cornelis	William Darrah
Branson Dobrec	Daytona Dobrec	Gina Early
Selisha Early	Jordan Escobar	Yancy Evans
Ame Fox	Dustin Gardner	Hailee Gardner
Aubriella Giovannetti	Steven Gochanour, Jr.	Timothy Gochanour, Jr.
Derek Goodlin	Danielle Gravatt	Jade Green
Alicia Guerrero	Brendon Harralson	Shea Hegnes
William F. Hempel	Samuel Hendrickson	Brynn Hodges
Adam Holz	Chris Hostler	Robert Husberg, Jr.
Debra Hutsell	Antomina Idica	Halle Irvine
Ryan James	John Jocsing, Jr.	Michele Johnson
Timothy Johnson	Brandie Jordan	Perry Judah
Travis W. Kahoalli	Wendy Kamisky	Brooke Kennedy
Lauren Kessler	Joelle Lemley	Reginald Loftin, Jr.
Andromeda Lopez	Antonia Lopez	Caroleen Lopez
Gloria Lopez	Modesta Lopez	Shannon Lopez
Lillian Mahan	Danielle Marini	Rhonda Martinho
Tamara Maseo	Jessica Maxfield	Donald Maynard, Jr.
Melissa McCann	Michelle McClung	Michael S. McMahan
Dominick Miller	Justin Mitchell	Randy Mitchell
Heath E. Moon	Richard Moorehead, Jr.	Richard Moorehead III
Michael Moorehead	Richard Mouser	Collette Niles
Daylen O'Reilley	Cynthia Parry	Elizabeth Payne
Morgan Perry	Nancy Phillips	Jelissa Ram
Rick Reiling	Rachael Rhodes	Edward Richards III
Brock Richards	De'sre Richards	Winter Richards
Zane Richards	Thomas H. Richmond	Tiffany Sanchez
Violet Schulze	Luanna Scott	Dana Shade
Diane Sheridan	Jennifer Silva	Riley Simas
Lisa Simonsen	Steven Simonsen	Kira Simpson
Olivia Smith	Jayden Sossaman	Phillip Spargur
Kym St. Clair	Shaylee Travis	Michael Tribur, Jr.
Alvin Tripp, Jr.	Ashley Tripp	Zoey Vistalli-Alvarado
Kristofer Walker	Aaron Whipple	Reece White
Little Wilburn	Tina Wilburn	Kiyawna Willburn
Joy Wilson	Ivie Wilson	Kaia Wilson

MOLD: CAUSES, HEALTH EFFECTS AND CLEAN-UP

Mold requires water. No water, no mold. Mold is the result of a water problem. Fix the water problem, clean up the mold, and you have fixed the mold problem. To avoid mold problems, avoid water problems. Design and build in a manner that reduces water problems.

Mold also requires food. The food it likes best is cellulose-the more processed the better. Mold really likes wet paper. It kind of likes wet wood, but not as much as it likes wet paper. It likes processed wood better than it likes real wood. So mold likes oriented strand board (OSB) better than plywood and plywood better than a stud or a joist. Mold also likes the feces of cockroaches and dust mites, as well as some pastes, paints and adhesives.

Just because something gets wet, doesn't mean it will get moldy. It needs to be wet for a while. Wet paper needs to be wet for a couple of days. Wet wood, for a couple of weeks. And it also needs to be warm. Warm, wet paper that is wet for a while is a problem. Because it usually takes time for mold to grow, promptly drying the building after a water event will prevent a mold problem from developing. Of course, make certain that the underlying problem that caused the water problem is also corrected.

Mold, especially mold spores are everywhere outside. Mold is on everything we build with and everything we bring into a building. Remember we build outside. We turn a piece of the "outside" into the inside as the construction process progresses. Therefore mold will also be inside. And remember it's often wet outside. What's worse is that construction is also a wet process. If is not possible or practical to have a mold free building. Just like it is not possible to have a mold free outside. We just don't want a lot of mold inside and we don't want any mold that is actively growing. We especially don't want a lot of mold or mold that is growing where you can breathe it. We don't know how much exposure to mold is necessary to initiate allergic response to mold. Once the allergy has developed, however, exposure to very small amounts of mold can cause symptoms. Asthma affects lots of people, and some molds are triggers for asthma. The mold-asthma connection is really the heart of most of the mold worries.

Source: Building Science Corporation-a report by Joseph Latiburek, Terry Brennan and Nathan Yost-January 2002

(More information will appear in future newsletters)

*Submitted by Malcolm Champlain,
Housing Project Manager*

Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)

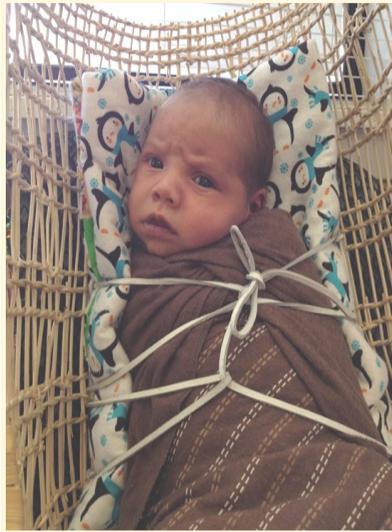
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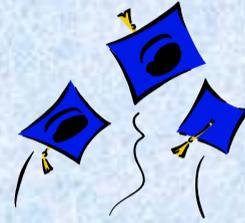
Or send mail to:
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 Attn: Enrollment
 140 Rowdy Creek
 Smith River CA, 95567



Please welcome baby Nemechay Robert Bates. Nemechay was born on April 16, 2013, he weighed 8lbs and was 18 1/2 inches long

His proud parents are Machelte Lehr and Lance Bates. He joins siblings Mason, Chulhs, Malena, Cnik-wich, and Sey-gup.

Submitted by Machelte Lehr



A special "Congraduations" to Lacey Hackett, daughter of Collette Niles, grand-daughter of Donna Haynes, great-granddaughter of Letty Seshar, for graduating from the 8th grade at Scotia School on June 6th. Lacey has been a cheerleader for both basketball and football. She is a member of the track team, and won overall honors at cheer competition in Crescent City.

Way to go, Lacey!



Submitted by Donna Haynes

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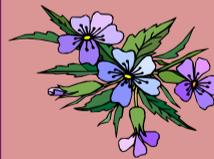
Online Business, Website and Social Media
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Submitted by Katrina Upton



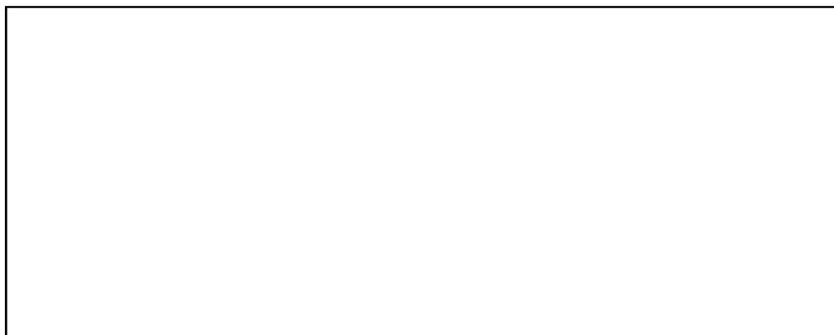
BELIEVE IT OR NOT - One of the above dolls is a real live baby. She is sitting in the center among the dolls, bare headed, with hands together in front of her and smiling toward the photographer. Her name is Caroleen, and she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lopez, Jr., of Smith River. Looking on from the left, and amused by the incident, is Probation Officer Eric Galin, who did not know she was in the photograph. The baby was seated among some of the dolls in the probation office that will be distributed among Del Norte County children as Christmas gifts.

I would like to send out a very special Happy Birthday to my cousin



Caroleen "Carebear" Lopez

*Love, your cousin,
 Denna Campbell*



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Dee-ni' Mvsr-xee-ye' Wee-ya' Lhetlh-xat

(Dee-ni' Youth Language Gathering)



The Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ Department is holding our **Dee-ni' Mvsr-xee-ye' Wee-ya' Lhetlh-xat** (Dee-ni' Language Youth Camp), at **Shaa-xu'-xat** (Rowdy Creek Park), on **Wednesday July 24th through Friday July 26th**. This event will provide a safe and positive overnight camping experience for youth ages 7-13. Children under the age of 7 are welcome when accompanied by an adult. Participants will be introduced to Dee-ni' language and cultural traditions and have the opportunity to participate in activities that promote healthy lifestyle choices.

**Completed applications must be received by
Monday July 1st (before 5 PM)
@ The K'vsh-chu Administration Office.**

All registered participants are expected to fully participate for the duration of this event. This is a tobacco, alcohol and drug-free event. Preference will be given to Smith River Rancheria Tribal Members and persons of American Indian Descent. To register for camp, please complete a Participant Application. Applications are available at :

K'vsh-chu Administration Office or on our website tolowa-nsn.gov .

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