



# Dee-ni' Nuu-wee-ya'

## SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA TRIBAL NEWSLETTER

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The Smith River Rancheria sponsored Kids' Day at both the Curry County and Del Norte County Fairs! Our Summer Youth Employment Program participants were on-hand to give out toys to the kids!

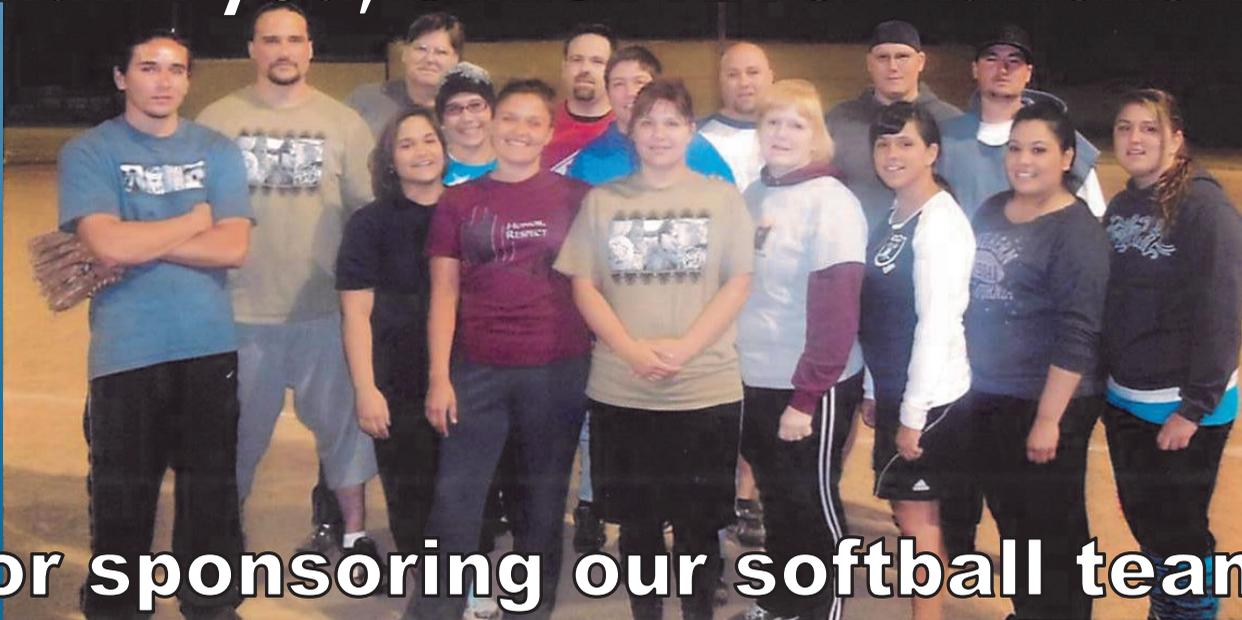


Cheyenne Brown, Kayla Cain, Shaylee Travis, Sierra Fender and Leann Babcock at the Del Norte County Fair



De-sre' Richards, Shalawn Lopez, Patricia Haney, Adrian Lopez, and Adam Holz at the Curry County Fair

## Thank you, Smith River Rancheria,



Back: Dean, Sherrick, AJ, Nick, Geezer. Middle: Don, Judy, Amber. Front: Andrew, Annette, Erica, Susan, Joyce, Elizabeth, Myrna, and Chelsey. Not pictured: George and John.

## for sponsoring our softball team!

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### Attention Vendors and Volunteers!

Are you interested in volunteering or selling your jewelry, art, photo's or more on September 17, 2011 for Smith River Rancheria's annual Dee-ni' Day celebration? If so please contact Leann Babcock at 707-487-9255 ext: 3131 or Email: [leann.babcock@tolowa.com](mailto:leann.babcock@tolowa.com)

## CORRECTION

In the August 2011 issue, on the cover, "Fouth" should read "Fourth."

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# September



**Pirates Treasure**  
September!  
Earn your tickets!!  
The Privileges Club  
has all  
the information!

**\$7**  
**BOUNCE BACK**

Earn 250 points this week and get \$7 Free Play to use next Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday!

## Lucky Lady

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Every 20 Minutes  
Random Drawings  
For Cash!!

## Saturday Bingo Extravaganza

October 1st - Games - 1pm

Regular games **\$600!**  
Special Games **\$777 to \$2,500!**



## California Indian Day

**Free Salmon BBQ**  
Saturday - September 24th

11am to 2pm  
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Privileges Card



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## Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

- Sept 6 - 17 Fall Clean Up  
(see back cover for more details)
- Sept 8 Video screening of 'The John Trudell Show' will be shown at 7:00 pm,  
FREE POPCORN, Howonquet Hall Community Center  
(John Trudell will be the speaker at Dee-ni' Night!)
- Sept 8 Community Language Class - EVERY THURSDAY - 8:00 pm  
Taa-at-dvn Magnet School on Glen Street in Crescent City
- Sept 9 Language Committee Meeting  
Nii~li~ Me'-ne' in the Lucky 7 Casino
- Sept 9 October Newsletter Deadline
- Sept 13 Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm  
Howonquet Hall Community Center
- Sept 16 Dee-ni' Night**  
**Sept 17 Dee-ni' Day (see page 17)**
- Sept 21 Culture Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm  
Nii~li~ Me'-ne' in the Lucky 7 Casino
- Sept 27 Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm  
Howonquet Hall Community Center

Iris gathering is ongoing this month. Please contact Marva Scott if you are interested:  
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## Attention Curry & Del Norte County Tribal Youth.....

Smith River Rancheria



Serving Our Tribal Families

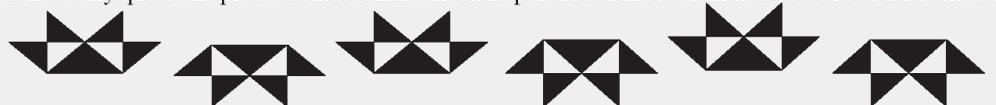
The Higher Education/Johnson O'Malley Committee; Community & Family Services; and Smith River Rancheria Tribal Council are pleased to announce our 2011 school supply distribution.

Enrolled Smith River Rancheria Youth who reside in Del Norte and Curry Counties, kindergarten through 12th grade (5yrs to 17yrs as of 9-1-2011), will receive one book bag filled with basic school supplies per student.

School supplies will be distributed at Community & Family Services, 110 W First Street in Smith River during regular business hours beginning on

**August 25th, 2011**

If you have any questions please contact Andromeda Lopez CFS Office Clerk at 707-487-9255 ext. 3136



# Joint Powers Authority - Press Release

First Assembly District  
**Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro**

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 15, 2011

Contact: Andrew Bird, Chesbro communications director, (916) 319-2001

Gov signs Chesbro bill allowing Smith River Rancheria to join Del Norte airport JPA

SACRAMENTO – Gov. Jerry Brown today signed a bill by Assemblymember Wesley Chesbro (D-North Coast) that allows the Smith River Rancheria to join the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority and other local joint powers agreements involving sewer, water and transportation management.

"Del Norte County depends on the whole community pulling together to make progress toward economic prosperity and the tribal governments are an essential part of this teamwork," Chesbro said. "Elk Valley Rancheria has been a valuable member of the Airport Joint Powers Authority since its inception in 2007. Smith River Rancheria has had a standing invitation from the membership to join the JPA and now state law will allow this to happen."

Assembly Bill 798 amends Section 6529 of the California Government Code to designate the Smith River Rancheria Tribal Council a "public agency" for the purpose of entering into the Boarder Coast Regional Airport Authority and other joint powers agreements (JPA) with Crescent City and Del Norte County, that "assist, facilitate, develop or enhance sewer, storm water, drinking water, or transportation services." The new designation takes effect on Jan. 1, 2012.

Members of the Border Coast Regional Airport Authority JPA, which manages Crescent City's commercial airport, Jack McNamara Field, are Crescent City, Del Norte County, Elk Valley Rancheria, Brookings, Ore. and Curry County in Oregon.

"We wish to thank Assemblyman Chesbro for his leadership and support on this matter and Governor Brown for his signature to AB 798," said Kara Miller, Smith River Rancheria Tribal chair. "We look forward to the opportunity to continue working with the local community, on a government-to-government basis, on matters of mutual importance."

Chesbro authored a similar bill last year, which passed both houses of the Legislature with overwhelming bipartisan support, but former Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger vetoed it.

"I thank Governor Brown for understanding the important role tribal governments play in their local communities," Chesbro said.

*Submitted by Russ Crabtree, Tribal Administrator*

## Seven Steps to a Healthy Home

### **PART 5: PEST FREE**

Infestations of cockroaches, mice and rats can all cause allergic reactions. Even after the pests are gone, their skin, hair and feces can remain and cause allergies.

Making a home pest resistant produces a healthier home two ways: it reduces exposure to allergens and asthma triggers released by the pests and it can reduce the amount of pesticides used.

Keep them out. Keep bushes and trees at least 3 feet from homes. Bushes and trees near a home provide food, a living place and sheltered

passage for pests such as rats, mice, birds, roaches and ants. Don't store trash and clutter near buildings.

Block pest entries. Seal utility openings and joints between materials. Use corrosion proof materials such as copper or stainless steel mesh. Rodents can chew through many materials.

Reduce food and water availability. Keep kitchen waste in covered containers. Don't leave food out. Clean your dishes. Don't pour grease down drains. Don't use moth balls. They release chemicals that are not good for people. If a pesticide is necessary get a professional who spe-

cializes in integrated pest management to apply it. Don't use wall injected pesticides – except boric acid. In the Northeast, dust mites do not generally colonize buildings because buildings are too dry for much of the year. They colonize bedding, stuffed animals and favorite chairs because we humidify these things with our bodies. Control is by washing these items in hot water (greater than 130° Fahrenheit), which kills the mites and washes away allergens.

Next month: Toxic Chemical Free

*Submitted by Malcolm Champlain, Source: [buildingscience.com](http://buildingscience.com)*

# A Homeowner's Guide to Septic Systems

## Part 2 in a Series of 4

### How does it work?

#### **Components**

A typical septic system has four main components: a pipe from the home, a septic tank, a drainfield, and the soil. Microbes in the soil digest or remove most contaminants from wastewater before it eventually reaches groundwater.

#### **Septic tank**

The septic tank is a buried, watertight container typically made of concrete, fiberglass, or polyethylene. It holds the wastewater long enough to allow solids to settle out (forming sludge) and oil and grease to float to the surface (as scum). It also allows partial decomposition of the solid materials. Compartments and a T-shaped outlet in the septic tank prevent the sludge and scum from leaving the tank and traveling into the drainfield area. Screens are also recommended to keep solids from entering the drainfield. Newer tanks generally have risers with lids at the ground surface to allow easy location, inspection, and pumping of the tank.

#### **Drainfield**

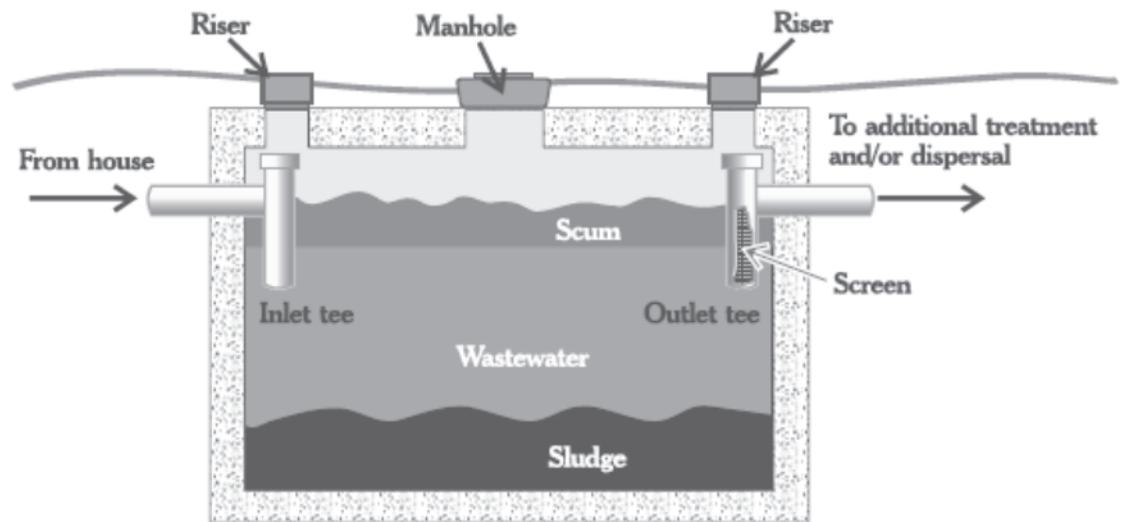
The wastewater exits the septic tank and is discharged into the drainfield for further treatment by the soil. The partially treated wastewater is pushed along into the drainfield for further treatment every time new wastewater enters the tank.

If the drainfield is overloaded with too much liquid, it will flood, causing sewage to flow to the ground surface or create backups in plumbing fixtures and prevent treatment of all wastewater.

A reserve drainfield, required by many states, is an area on your property suitable for a new drainfield system if your current drainfield fails. Treat this area with the same care as your septic system.

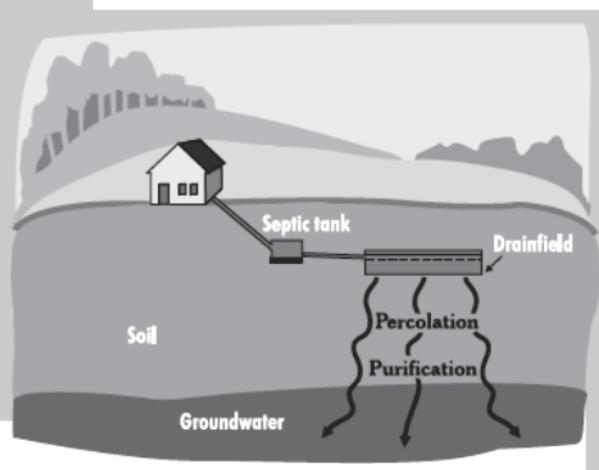
#### **Soil**

Septic tank wastewater flows to the drainfield, where it percolates into the soil, which provides final treatment by removing harmful bacteria, viruses, and nutrients. Suitable soil is necessary for successful wastewater treatment.



## Finding Your System

Your septic tank, drainfield, and reserve drainfield should be clearly designated on the "as-built" drawing for your home. (An "as-built" drawing is a line drawing that accurately portrays the buildings on your property and is usually filed in your local land records.) You might also see lids or manhole covers for your septic tank. Older tanks are often hard to find because there are no visible parts. An inspector/pumper can help you locate your septic system if your septic tank has no risers.



**Tip:** To prevent buildup, sludge and floating scum need to be removed through periodic pumping of the septic tank. Regular inspections and pumping are the best and cheapest way to keep your septic system in good working order.

Submitted by Tessa LaFazio  
Natural Resources Program Specialist

# Chay-yii-ne Mee-tr'vn' Ni~lh-'i~(Elder Spotlight): Gerine Hinshaw

Gasquet is one of the hottest places in Del Norte County. In this secluded micro-village is where Gerine Hinshaw lives. Gerine is new to the elder scene and doesn't look a day over 40. I drove to Gasquet to interview her and was quite happy to be in the hot sunshine and out of the "marine layer" of clouds that hangs over Curry and Del Norte Counties until the early afternoon hours.

Gerine was born August 30, 1954 in Arcata, CA. She is the oldest of ten siblings and grew up at Hinshaw Flats east of Blue Lake. She also has two older half-sisters. She has many fond memories of her home and believes that it was one of the best childhoods that afforded her to be creative and humble. Her brothers and sisters are: Lorraine (dec), George Jr., William, Westley (dec), Sue (dec), Rhonda and Leon. Also she has two half-sisters Georgia and Misty and one half-brother Jessie. Her parents are Ione Moorehead, of Smith River, and George Hinshaw Sr., of Hoopa. George's mother was Isabelle White from Hoopa. Gerine stated that her grandfather's name was William Hinshaw and was an English/Irish immigrant who came to America to find his fortune and became a logger.

On her mother's side of the family; she is the daughter of Ione Moorehead who was the daughter of Theodore Moorehead and Isabelle Whipple all of Smith River.

Gerine said that she really enjoyed growing up at her family's homestead called Hinshaw Flats on the East side of Blue Lake, CA. She liked it because the weather was always beautiful and the Mad River runs through their property. She remembers picking apples, fishing and eeling with gaffe hooks. She also enjoyed deer hunting. Since she was the oldest of the children her father took her everywhere and showed her how to do a lot of things that a boy would learn from a father. Her father said that she was going to learn the ways regardless of her being a girl. Gerine said that one time she remembers as a young girl she was swimming in the river and a huge black mass was coming towards her in the river. She got so frightened that she ran all the way back to her house. "I never did know what it was and wasn't about to go looking for it."

Gerine attended elementary school in Blue Lake and then went to Arcata High School and then attended Eureka High School where she graduated. She has one child whose name is Kourtney. Gerine has one grandchild named Adam Holtz.

Gerine remembers that in 1976 her all-Indian band was invited to attend the Indigenous Festival in Washington, DC. She remembers staying at Georgetown University with many other guests including her great uncle and auntie Fred and Lila Moorehead of Smith River. She was accompanied by

her father George, Sr. and her uncle Ivan.

Gerine lived in Phoenix, Arizona for 15 years until moving back to Northern California. She has traveled to Washington, DC, Washington state, Portland, OR and around Nevada. Gerine has had several jobs around the western half of the United States. She worked as a security officer before moving to Phoenix, AZ. She has played in several bands and even worked in a lumber mill pulling green chain. Once she was in Phoenix, she again played with several bands and even took first place in the "Battle of the Bands" contest in Las Vegas. Upon returning home, she worked for Lucky 7 Fuel Mart, Elk Valley Casino, Crescent City Chevron and then finally she moved in with her mother (Ione) to take care of her in the last years of her life.

(Gerine told me a story after I nagged her to tell it to me because she was reluctant. I told her that I, too, listened and heard stories from long ago that are unbelievable and that she needed to go ahead and express her feelings about the story.)

She said that about 2-3 years ago, after her mother Ione passed away, her friend Robin and she were driving to Crescent City from Medford in a rental car. She said that she was really having a strange trip because there seemed to be an extraordinary amount of wildlife on the road. There were rabbits, a coyote, an owl, deer, raccoons, and skunks. So they were driving slowly and were heading two miles just northeast of Patrick's Creek Lodge. It was about 12:30 in the morning with no moon overhead. They both smelled something really awful and started blaming each other for passing gas. They rolled the windows down to let fresh air into the car. Then they realized the smell was coming from the outside air. They continued to drive down the road and when they came around a corner they saw a huge hairy creature walking across the road in their headlights. They couldn't believe their eyes and thought they were seeing things. It was Bigfoot. When their headlights shined on him he quickly raised his arm to shield his eyes from the bright headlights. Gerine said that her stomach instantly felt queasy. Bigfoot continued to walk across the road and up into the brush. They quickly drove by where the crossing was and continued to Crescent City. Gerine said that she has never told anyone about this because people would not believe this really happened. As anyone knows, "Seeing is believing!"

One week later, she was reading the Triplicate and saw an article about Patrick's Creek Lodge. The owner stated that Bigfoot was near the Lodge. The owner described Bigfoot as being shaggy, 7' to 8' tall and smelt like rotten salmon. The same smell that Gerine and Robin smelled that same night as they drove near Patrick's Creek Lodge.



Gerine Hinshaw at age 3

Gerine said that she remembers going smelt camping near where her cousin Elaine Moorehead now lives. They used to have a fish camp and dried the fish on gravel beds and driftwood. They would catch the smelt with a dip net and then would start the drying process. There was a little trail that led down to the beach. This is a very fond memory she has of being with her relatives in Smith River.

Another story that Gerine told me was that something odd happened to her when she was about the age of eight. She was living at Hinshaw Flats and decided to go pick some apples at the Anderson Orchard not far from her home. She was all by herself and wasn't concerned about her safety because Hinshaw Flats was a secluded place not many people go. She was walking to the orchard and saw a bright red ball about the size of a golf ball. She was staring at it and it started to slowly move towards her all the while increasing in size. She was trying to figure it out and then it kept getting closer and closer and she felt mesmerized by it. Then some kind of noise or bird squawk snapped her out of it and she turned around and ran all the way home. She never did find out what it was and never has seen anything like that again. A long time later, about 10 years, she was listening to one of her cousins from Hoopa relating a story about something odd happening to him while he was hunting in the Klamath-Trinity area near the Hoopa Reservation.

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# Chay-yii-ne Mee-tr'vn' Ni~lh-'i~ (Elder Spotlight), continued

He said that he and his cousin were out hunting and saw a bright red ball that grew in size and started to chase them. She never has said anything about her story but realized that it must have been the same strange phenomenon. (A funny thing happened to me when I was listening to Gerine tell about the Big-foot story and then this story. I was engrossed in the stories with all the details and undoubtedly she had 100% of my attention. Her little Chihuahua, Gizmo, jumped on the couch next to me and put her cold little nose on my arm and I screamed and jumped back on the couch and almost had a heart attack because I thought that the red ball and Bigfoot were there to get me! Gerine and I must have laughed for 20 minutes.)

An interesting thing about Gerine is that she is a self-taught musician. She plays the drums and the base guitar. She was in her father's band with him and her Uncle Ivan. They would play at various places in Northern California and went to Washington, DC. One time she played for the Nevel Brothers when they were playing at the Lucky 7 Casino. Her friends bugged the band so much that they broke down and let her play a few songs with the band. The type of music she plays is classic rock, country & western, blues and a few jazz selections. She enjoys playing the drums very much.

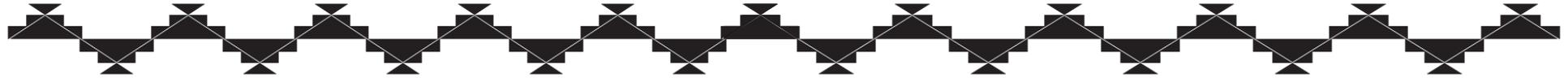
Gerine says that she has a few concerns about Tribal matters. She would like to see more communication between the Tribal departments and the Tribal members. She would like to know the procedures and policies of the Casino in regards to employees.

Gerine's words of wisdom for the younger generation: "Don't smoke! You'll end up on a respirator. And above all else, get your education or you will be left behind.

*Submitted by Lenora Hall*



Gerine Hinshaw



## Spring Clean Up Report

Tribal Members in Smith River, Hiouchi, Crescent City, Harbor and Brookings are invited to participate in the Fall Rancheria Clean Up 2011 Activity. You are encouraged to take this opportunity to clean up your property and maintain the beauty of the Rancheria and surrounding areas.

During the Spring Clean Up 2011 Activity, the tribe disposed of 3,780 cubic feet of solid waste. In addition, the following items were removed from tribal member's properties:

- Mattresses and Box Springs – 31
- Tire With Rim – 34
- Tire Without Rim – 19
- CRT – 29
- Solid Waste Recycling – 5.74
- Refrigerator – 3
- Appliance – 6
- Batteries – 19
- Construction – 0.47
- Truck Tires – 2
- Furniture – 8
- Mixed Metal – 0.32
- Paint – 20
- Solid Waste – 0.64
- Florescent 4 Foot Tubes – 12
- Florescent Commercial Bulbs – 2



On September 6<sup>th</sup>, The Rancheria will host garbage bins adjacent to the Wastewater Treatment Facility behind the Lucky 7 Fuel Mart. Tribal members are encouraged to fill them!

The Fall Clean up runs 9/6/11 – 9/17/11 - see the back cover for hours.

*Submitted by Tessa LaFazio, Natural Resources Program Technician*

# Natural Resources Department

To: Tribal Council

From: Brad Cass, Natural Resources Director

Subj: August 9, 2011 Tribal Council Meeting Report

The Del Norte County Planning Commission met on August 3, 2011 to review and approve the Coastal Grading Permit from Del Norte County for the Construction Phase of the EPA Wastewater Infrastructure Collection System Extension Project. The Commission approved the project and we now have a 21-day comment period prior to final approval. We are continuing to hold the Notices to Proceed for the construction of this project while we await the HUD Environmental Assessment process and the Finding of No Significant Interest/Release of Funds from HUD so that the Tribe can cover the Tribal Match charges incurred by the project with minimal use of Tribal funding. We received one cost proposal in answer to the Request for Proposals to complete the work on the electrical and emergency generator upgrades to the Howonquet Hall Community Center. Please find in your packet a recommendation to issue the Notice of Award to Northridge Electric to do this important work. The emergency generator will run the wastewater lift stations in the case of power outages, insuring public safety from overflow due to lack of power, and maintain full services of the Howonquet Hall Community Center (including UIHS facility), which will allow us to utilize the building as a "mass care facility" in the case of an emergency on the Rancheria.

The project with the Bureau of Reclamations is continuing although altered from the original plan. Exploratory drilling occurred on the Eller, Manning and North 40 properties. At this time, I am waiting the results from the engineer. Initial results were positive for North 40, Eller Property and Manning Property. Perhaps a combination of more than one well will provide the Tribe with the quantity needed to expand and to bring other tribal facilities onto the Tribe's Community Water System.

The Tribal Emergency Response Team (TERT) met on July 29, 2011. Minutes of this meeting are included in the Tribal Council packets. Prior to installation of the Automated External Defibrillator (AED) Units, the Tribe is hosting mandatory employee attended AED/CPR training from the Red Cross prior to installation. The Hazardous Materials First Responder Operational (FRO) to re-certify First Responders on Monday, August 8, 2011 at the Howonquet Hall Community Center. The next scheduled TERC Meeting will be on Friday, August 26, 2011 at 12:00 PM at the House of Howonquet Nii~li~ Me'-ne' Room.

The Monthly Safety Meeting for field staff met on Monday, August 1, 2011 at 8:30 AM at the Howonquet Hall Community Center. This month's meeting was on Cultural Resource Management.

Tsunami Evacuation Route, Entering/Leaving Tsunami Hazard Zone and Evacuation Site signage was requested from (California Emergency Management Agency (CalEMA) and provided to the Tribe free of charge. The Maintenance Department installed the signage around the Rancheria

within the Inundation Zone areas. Lori Dengler of Humboldt State University established the Inundation Zone Mapping for the northern portion of Del Norte County and available through the Natural Resources Department.

Members of the Housing, Maintenance and Natural Resources Departments will be attending a free Excavator Safety Training sponsored by USA North, Calif. Public Utilities Commission, Cal-OSHA and the State Fire Marshal's Office on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 in Crescent City.

I have included in the Tribal Council packet the Water Treatment Operator Grade 3 Certificate for Donald James. This is a tremendous accomplishment and brings the Howonquet Community Water System into compliance with the requirements of the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) based on the complexity of our water treatment plant. The EPA provided funding for the majority of the training necessary to get Donald to this level through the "water capacity building" portion of the General Assistance Program. Thank you to Don for his hard work and to the EPA for their financial assistance.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) has authorized funding and the clean-up of a piece of property on the Rancheria in which a Tribal Member residence was destroyed by fire. This project started on Thursday, August 4, 2011 by our own Maintenance and Housing Department staff. We completed this project on Monday, August 8.

The Tribal Chair, Tribal Administrator and Natural Resources staff met with the EPA Region 9 Regional Administrator, Jared Blumenfeld. Mr. Blumenfeld has made it one of his goals in this important position to visit the 147 Tribes in EPA Region 9. We discussed issues important to the Tribe and appreciated the effort made by Mr. Blumenfeld to be in contact with Region 9 Tribes.

*Submitted by Brad Cass, Natural Resources Director*



## **Community Language Class has Returned!**

EVERY THURSDAY, beginning Sept 8th

8:00 pm - 9:30 pm

Taa'-at-dvn Magnet School on Glen Street in Crescent City

Call (707) 487-9255, ext. 3171 for more information

# Back to School UIHS Style

The weather is growing cooler and damper here on the Coast with summer coming to an end and school to soon begin. Parents, a school or sport physical is the best way for you to know that your child is ready for whatever the school year has to throw at them. United Indian Health Services will be able to ensure that your child has:

- Updated immunizations
- School forms completed
- Schedule sports physicals ahead of time

Please parents don't wait until the last minute to make sure your child is completely prepared for the upcoming school year. Book your appointments early to make sure that your child has what they need to get the school year off to a rolling start.

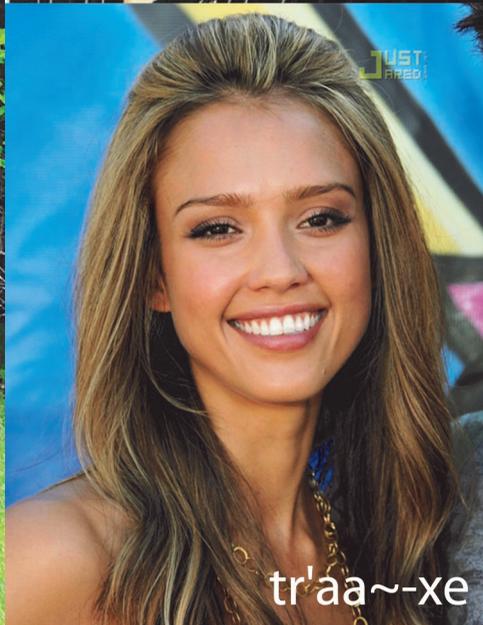
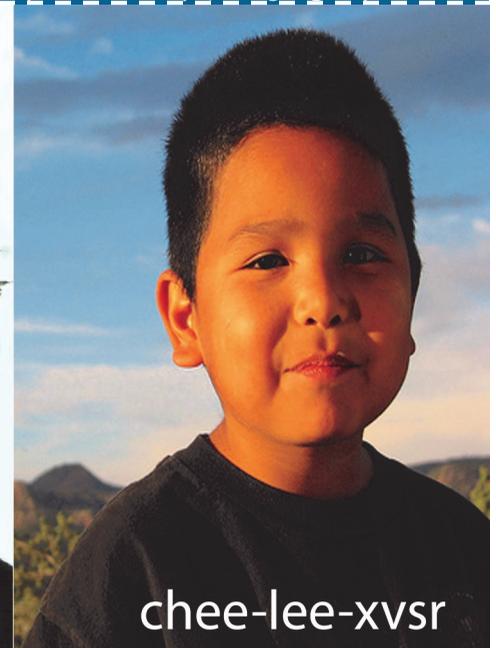
The clinic is open Monday through Friday from 8-5. Our friendly schedulers will be able to help choose a time that will work best for you. If you need to reschedule an appointment, please do so 24 hours prior to the appointment time to be courteous to other awaiting appointments.

When you schedule your child's appointment at medical, don't forget to keep their teeth in shape as well. Swing by dental and schedule for a cleaning and checkup to keep their summer smile lasting throughout the school year.

Thank you,  
UIHS Staff

## Dee-ni' Wee-ya'

*Submitted by Guylish Bommelyn, Language Specialist 2*



# Employee Spotlight



Greg Blodgett  
Maintenance 1

Greg Blodgett, a Smith River Rancheria Tribal member, was born in Springfield, Vermont. His family moved to Smith River when he was a young child, then on to Las Vegas, Nevada when Greg was 8 years old. As a child, Greg's great-grandmother, Bertha Stewart, was a big influence on him. She always made him feel a welcome and important part of their family. He learned from his family to always respect his elders and to be proud of the history of the Grimes family. He remembers having fun as a child, going to Pow-wows with his family.

Greg's first job was splitting firewood in a woodlot. After graduating from high school, he went to a vocational school where he became a certified welder. He then got a job as a sheet metal worker in Las Vegas. It didn't take long to realize Las Vegas was too hot for that kind of work. Greg moved back to Smith River when he was 19 years old. Since then he has worked as a line cook, a dishwasher, and spent 8 years building and remodeling homes. He has been working for the Smith River Rancheria's Maintenance Department for 2 ½ years. This has been his favorite job. He works with a group of people that get along great, and watch out for each other.

Greg enjoys baseball and football, and likes to hunt and fish. He also likes looming and beading, making medallions, peyote stitch, and other items, when he can find time to spend on his projects.

Greg is married and would like to start a family someday. He likes living in this area, more than the city, and doesn't plan on leaving. He will no doubt raise his children learning the same family respect and traditions he grew up with.

*Submitted by Debbie Boardman, Receptionist*



Andrew Brundin  
Temporary Maintenance 1

Drew Brundin is a Hoopa Tribal member, and a life-long resident of Smith River. As a child, he was taught to respect his family and his elders by his grandmother, Ione Hinshaw, and his father, Eric Brundin. Drew is extremely proud of the way he was brought up by his mother, Sue Brundin. He will never forget the things she taught him growing up. Another important person in his life is his grandfather, George Hinshaw, who the family goes to visit in Phoenix, Arizona.

As a teenager, Drew worked for the Smith River Rancheria's Summer Youth Employment Program for 3 years. He has also worked as a dishwasher and worked for the lily farms for 2 years. He has been working for the Smith River Rancheria's Maintenance Department for 2 months. Drew is thankful to the Smith River Rancheria for giving job opportunities to members of other Tribes.

Drew likes to play golf to relax, and also plays softball on the Smith River Rancheria's co-ed team. He also likes to hunt and fish, and likes baseball and football. During a trip to visit his sister in Springfield, Missouri, 3 years ago, he got the opportunity to go to an NFL football game between the Kansas City Chiefs and the San Francisco 49ers. The crowd was the loudest he has heard, it was a great game, and a lot of fun.

Drew collects regalia, and does wood carving. He has made many things, from drum sticks to bows. In the future he would like to travel to more Pow-wows.

Drew is currently taking classes at College of the Redwoods, Del Norte Campus. He would like to eventually transfer to Humboldt State University to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Marine Science or Business.

*Submitted by Debbie Boardman, Receptionist*

# Summer Youth Employment Program

## Smith River Rancheria lends a helping hand to Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery

Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery, Inc. is a vital part of our local community. The Smith River Rancheria Maintenance Department, in conjunction with the Summer Youth Employment Program, recently conducted a Community Service Project at the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery in Smith River, CA. Eight Maintenance Department employees and eight Summer Youth employees prepped the exteriors of various Hatchery buildings and repainted them. Handrails at the facility were also repainted and general yard work was done, giving the Rowdy Creek Fish Hatchery a much needed facelift. Kara Brundin-Miller, Tribal Council Chairperson states, "Our tribe has a long-term commitment to the communities of our region."

The Smith River Rancheria Maintenance Department employees involved in this project include Dirk O'Reilly: Maintenance Supervisor, William Fender: Maintenance II, Arturo Salazar: Maintenance I, Gregory Blodgett: Maintenance I, Armando Lopez: Maintenance I, Ridge McLennan: Maintenance I, Andrew Brundin: Temporary Maintenance I and Sunnae Walker: Temporary Maintenance. The Summer Youth Employment Program employees involved in this project include Bronson Richards, Patricia Haney, Adam Holz, Adrian Lopez, Cheyenne Brown, De-sre' Richards, Shalawn Lopez and Shaylee Travis.

*Submitted by Natalie Streeter, Maintenance Office Clerk*



Bronson Richards, Patricia Haney and Shalawn Lopez

## Tribal Employment Rights Office

Occasionally a Tribal member will make a request for a grant or loan to develop a small business. Grants for small business are virtually nonexistent. Unfortunately, the Rancheria does not offer loans for small business at this time. To help with counseling I ask to see a copy of their business plan. Few have a plan; which is essential because it identifies what the business activity is and how much money will be available to repay a loan. Having said this I would like to work on starting a small business loan program for Smith River Rancheria Tribal Members.

I need a list of Tribal members who would like to start or expand an existing small business. Even if the idea is a just a twinkle in your eye, please share it with me. This gives a direction when apply for funding to develop a technical assistance and small business loan program; I need to show there is a need for this service. From this information I can determine how such a program would best be structured. For instance, help with writing a business plan, securing a small loan, and assistance with running a small business.

Your help is essential to putting together a small business development service. Contact the TERO office if you have thought of starting or expanding a small business, even if you are only remotely interested.

Darrell Moorehead can be reached at [dmoorehead@tolowa.com](mailto:dmoorehead@tolowa.com) 707-487-9255 x 3190.

*Submitted by Darrell Moorehead, TERO Officer*



# Back-to-School Transition: Tips for Parents

Getting a new school year off to a good start can influence children's attitude, confidence, and performance both socially and academically. The transition from August to September can be difficult for both children and parents. Even children who are eager to return to class must adjust to the greater levels of activity, structure, and, for some, pressures associated with school life. Here are a few suggestions to help ease the transition and promote a successful school experience.

**Good physical and mental health:** Be sure your child is in good physical and mental health. Schedule doctor and dental checkups early. Discuss any concerns you have over your child's emotional or physical development with your pediatrician.

**Review all of the information:** Review the material sent by the school as soon as it arrives.

**Mark your calendar:** Make a note of important dates, especially back-to-school nights. This is especially important if you have children in more than one school and need to juggle obligations.

**Buy school supplies early:** Try to get the supplies as early as possible and fill the backpacks a week or two before school starts.

**Re-establish the bedtime and mealtime routines:** Plan to re-establish the bedtime and mealtime routines (especially breakfast) at

least 1 week before school starts. Prepare your child for this change by talking with your child about the benefits of school routines in terms of not becoming over tired or overwhelmed by school work and activities.

**Visit school with your child:** If your child is young or in a new school, visit the school with your child. Meeting the teacher, locating their classroom, locker, lunchroom, etc., will help ease pre-school anxieties and also allow your child to ask questions about the new environment. Call ahead to make sure the teachers will be available to introduce themselves to your child.

**Designate and clear a place to do homework:** Older children should have the option of studying in their room or a quiet area of the house. Younger children usually need an area set aside in the family room or kitchen to facilitate adult monitoring, supervision, and encouragement.

**Send a brief note to your child's teacher:** Let the teachers know that you are interested in getting regular feedback on how and what your child is doing in school. Find out how they like to communicate with parents (e.g., through notes, e-mail, or phone calls). Convey a sincere desire to be a partner with your children's teachers to enhance their learning experience.

*Submitted by Gena Grizzard, Social Worker*

## Your Family Needs Your Help!

The Smith River Rancheria currently has **41 children** who are wards of the court living in **Foster Care**. Unfortunately, not every child has grandparents, an aunt or uncle who is able to care for them. Most of the time, we must rely on Non-Native, Non-Relative foster homes. Federal law requires states to place our children in Native or Relative homes, but we don't have nearly enough to meet our needs.

The CFS Dept. is currently working with children who need permanent homes, i.e. "adoption or guardianship", and short term care, i.e. "foster care".

Permanency means that these children are not able to return to their parents and they need a permanent or "forever" home. Sometimes the parents may continue to have visitation, and sometimes the parents have no further contact with their child. California has a new law called Tribal Customary Adoption (TCA). TCA allows Tribes to use their specific Tribal Customs and Laws to facilitate permanent placements for children.

Short term care or Foster Care, is when parents have a specific time frame to make the changes necessary for their children to return home safely. If the parents fail to make the necessary changes, these children then enter permanency.

Anyone can be a foster parent. Foster parents are old, young, married or single. The CFS dept will walk you through the process no matter where you live. Research shows that children who stay within their family and culture have better outcomes than children in "stranger" care.

Please consider providing a safe, nurturing home for one of your Tribal Family members. Contact the CFS dept at (707) 487-9255 x3133 for Gena or x3130 for Paulie. We look forward to hearing from you.

*Submitted by Paulie Boynton*



# Native American Women Find Cultural Ground in US Military

Being a Native American woman warrior is more than enlisting and leaving loved ones, and it's more than learning to fire a weapon. It's about courage, strength, sacrifice. For many, becoming a woman warrior wasn't when they put on the uniform, but rather when they didn't want to take it off.

It was January 1999, and her father was dying.

Doctors told the 42-year-old recovering alcoholic he had digestive problems. But after four years of misdiagnoses, and after his body rejected a heart transplant, Rickey Jendry had a massive heart attack.

On his deathbed, he made one thing clear to his Oglala Lakota daughter: Please get an education – it's what I've always wanted for you but could never afford.

Seven days later, Lisa Jendry said goodbye to her Houston home and began an intense nine-week U.S. Army basic training program in Fort Jackson, S.C. Eventually, she endured a yearlong stint in the middle of Baghdad, analyzing Iraqi news at 4:30 each morning amid mortar shells thudding through the air. It's also where she lost one of her closest friends to a roadside bomb, a few days before he was scheduled to go home to his wife. It's a place where she accomplished so much but never got the chance to tell her father.

"I felt like he was with me for sure," Lisa said. "I carried a little picture of him with me everywhere in my uniform."

For Natives, the responsibility to protect and defend one's people has always been revered, and hundreds of generations later, that sentiment perseveres. But no longer are the front-line soldiers exclusively men. Women have seeped into the U.S. armed forces, manning tanks, shooting guns and evading bullets – tasks traditionally reserved for men. And in Native communities today, warrior status is as sacred as ever. Upon return, men and women veterans are highly respected, often elevated to the same social status as tribal elders.

"I met a lot of Native men and women who joined because there was a long family and tribal tradition of military tradition. They spoke about their grandparents who served in the Civil War," said Patty Loew.

For these Native women warriors, the experience goes beyond wearing a uniform and getting shipped overseas. It's more than surviving boot camp and the often hellish tour of duty that follows. The military service becomes a piece of these women, and for better or worse, it's there to stay, the influences reverberating throughout their communities.

"Today, if you define warrior the way I do, which is more broadly, protecting culture, language, traditions, it also is survival," said Loew, an associate professor at the University of Wisconsin-Madison. "It's a cultural survival. And so the people that we define or describe as warriors are ensuring the survival of our communities. So of course we would revere them."

Historically, the importance of women warriors is laced throughout Native culture, carefully woven into the past. Today it remains a vital part of contemporary Native life and is likely to remain for generations to come. Regardless of the era, Native women warriors can find common ground in these issues:

- The reverence tied to the warrior's core dates back to tribal warrior societies.
- The number of Native women enlisting in the armed forces is disproportionate, their reasons deep and complex.
- Native women warriors face a greater chance of sexual harassment, which increases their chance of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and a long recovery.

- PTSD, survivor's guilt and physical disabilities become heavy burdens, lightened by therapy, VA programs, and for some, traditional tribal healing practices.

"It's an especially big honor," Jendry said. "It seems to be held especially close to our hearts because we can be warriors for our families, for our children."

## SHOWING COURAGE

From the beginning, warrior societies pumped life into the tribes, protecting both their communities and their cultures.

Though men traditionally made up these groups, women's warrior societies were not unheard of, and their bravery was just as fierce.

Lozen, a 19th century Apache woman, was believed to have the ability to sense when enemies were near. Barely an adult, she fought against two of her tribe's fiercest foes -- Mexican soldiers and scalp hunters. Tyonajanegen was an Oneida woman who fought alongside her husband during the American Revolution. During WW I, 14 Native women served in the Army Nurse Corps.

If women weren't fighting battles, their courage was reflected elsewhere.

"Just as a man might show deliberate courage in fighting the grizzly bear, the most ferocious and relentless of all animals, so might a woman display bravery in killing an enemy, in warding off an attacker, or in protecting her family against any harm," Royal Hassrick wrote in "The Sioux: Life and Customs of a Warrior Society."

Mark Awakuni-Swetland, an honorary member of the Omaha Nation and an assistant professor of anthropology at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, said warrior societies served two critical purposes for the Omaha people. They "had that role of maintaining internal harmony and at the same time protecting the people from external enemies."

Today, the function of warrior societies has shifted. Tribal color guards and powwows are the closest things to these societies. The Omaha Nation had the Gold Star Mothers, which started as a group of women who had lost loved ones at war. They organize and orchestrate the return of soldiers. \*

These ideals are deeply rooted throughout Indian Country.

"You go into combat, and you are brave, and you come home in an honorable way. Those aren't new values," Awakuni-Swetland said of his tribe. "Those are old values that were here way before white people came to this community."

## **Part II in next issue**

*Submitted by Suntayea Steinruck, THPO*

*Source: <http://cojmc.unl.edu/natedaughters/warriors/native-american-women-find-cultural-grounding-in-u-s-military>*

## **CULTURAL MONITORS NEEDED!**

Are you interested in working on protecting cultural resources? If you are interested please contact

Suntayea Steinruck  
(707) 487-9255 X 3180

[sunsteinruck@tolowa.com](mailto:sunsteinruck@tolowa.com)

# Student Focus



## EMILY ROSE OWINGS

Emily is a current student at College of the Redwoods (CR), Crescent City campus. She started taking part-time classes when she was a sophomore in high school. Then, after graduating high school with honors she immediately became a full-time student at College of the Redwoods. She is currently in her 3<sup>rd</sup> year as a full time college student. She enjoys attending CR because she is able to live close to home to save money. It's more affordable for her. She says that she also likes the small class sizes and really likes having more communication with her instructors and fellow peers unlike the large university setting.

Emily will be completing her Associate of Arts transfer degree in 2012 and would like to pursue a Bachelor in business, child psychology and/or Native Law studies. She says that these are her interests at this time and will make up her mind when the time comes. She does not want to limit herself, therefore leaving all her options open. She only needs a biology class to graduate, but, because of her work schedule she could not fit the biology class in for fall semester. She will be taking her elective classes until she can take the class this spring.

Emily lives on the Smith River Rancheria reservation with her parents Earl and Janelle Brown. She has an older sister and a younger brother. Her grandmothers' names are Phyllis Covey (Siletz) and Betty Brown (Yurok). She comes from the Richards and Criteser families of Howonquet. Emily states that she loves living in Smith River where she is close to all her family and extended family. "I wouldn't want to live anywhere else than where I do now. I am surrounded by my family, culture and ancestors." She enjoys talking and being with her aunts and grandmother as well as cousins. She has had a rich cultural upbringing with a lot of activities and encouragement from her family. She enjoys attending Tolowa dances and

Rancheria events.

Emily says that she is highly motivated to get her higher education in that she wants to be a positive role model for her younger brother as well as her younger cousins. She also says that she believes the key to staying away from drugs and alcohol is to keep busy and attend school. Her father and mother both have college degrees and have always encouraged her to get her education. "Ever since I can remember my parents have always pushed a higher education so there was never a thought in my mind that I wasn't going to continue an education after high school. But, my biggest inspiration was to just set a good example for the younger generations in the native community. Another form of inspiration for me was seeing all the drug and alcohol abuse around me, I didn't want to fall into that category so I stayed busy."

Some major road blocks that have got in her way are financial. She doesn't qualify for the Pell Grant or other financial programs because she is still dependent on her parents income as per the federal guidelines for financial assistance. She has had to work full time as well as attend school as a full time student to pay her way through college. She says that it creates a lot of stress and strain on her in regards to budgeting and figuring out how to live which in return has an effect on her study time and grades. Although she holds a lot on her plate she still manages to carry an overall of 3.5 GPA.

Colleges generally offer clubs and groups as well as activities that all students can become a part of. Most college campus will have a Native American group or club that can offer support for Native students. Emily does not participate in any of the clubs at College of the Redwoods because there are none that she affiliates with. This is a downfall for small community colleges because it would be helpful to have an additional support group like a Native American Club. However, while in high school she participated in the Native American Club all four years and was the President for 3 out the 4 years.

"Fresh out of high school I began work for the Tribal office as a receptionist. I worked there for over a year helping with Tribal events and became the publisher of the newsletter. I currently work at the Daily Triplicate where I have been



working for about nine months. I work in the advertising department where I have the opportunity to use my skills in a variety of areas. I have learned so much in such a small amount of time."

Emily has this advice to Rancheria members who want to attend school: "My advice would be to stay focused. As a young woman, I often get discouraged with all the adult responsibilities and I have to remind myself of what's most important. There's nothing more important than bettering yourself so you can help others. Stay focused and positive and don't be afraid to ask for help from your support system."

"My family has always participated in cultural activities and I thank them for that. There are many Tribal members out there that don't participate, for one reason or another, in Tribal and cultural activities and I feel bad that they do not take advantage of the opportunities and events the Tribal Cultural Department organizes for all Tribal members. It's important to know where you come from and participate because if we don't those things will be lost. I enjoy playing shell dice games, listening to stories, hearing the regalia dance at Nee-dash and most importantly just being surrounded by Tolowa Dee-ni people."

One of the things that Emily is very proud of is that she has completed her first baby rattle in basket weaving class taught by Lena Herd and provided by the Smith River Rancheria Culture Department. She has been working on it and finished it this past June. She said that her sister Cara made a gay-yu' (baby basket) recently. Cara and Emily gave the gay-yu' and rattle to their cousin Dionne Criteser because she just had a new baby boy that they are so proud to welcome into the family. Emily added that her great-great-grandmother Alice Billie was a great basket weaver back in the day and she hopes that she has inherited Alice's basket weaving skills. Along with basket weaving, during her spare time, she also enjoys scrapbooking, reading and making jewelry.



"EMILY" Continued on page 16

# Elder Nutrition Program Menu - UIHS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
★ Extra carbs Eat 1/2 later or add to supper			1 Fish & Chips	2 Sweet & Sour Pork
5 <b>HOLIDAY</b>	6 Chicken Fiesta	7 “Vegetables Plus” Soup & 1/2 Sandwich	8 Beef Over Noodles	9 Chef Salad
12 Quiche ★	13 Tuna Salad	14 Bean Soup & 1/2 Sandwich ★	15 Hot Dog with Bun ★	16 Breakfast
19 Rigatoni with Spinach	20 Hamburger Gravy and Mashed Potatoes	21 Chicken Tortilla Soup	22 Bean ‘n Bacon ★	23 <b>HOLIDAY</b>
26 Pasta Salad	27 Bev’s Tamale Pie	28 New Soup	29 BBQ Chicken	30 Tuna Sandwich w/ Tomato Soup

101 Indian Court  
Smith River, CA 94438

Reserve Lunch @ 707.487.4463

Menu subject to change without notice

Tai Chi - Every Wednesday, 12:35 pm

BP/BS Checks - call CHR @ 487-0215,  
464-2919, or 482-2181

RepChem 3rd Wednesday @ 12:15 pm

## EMILY

Emily has these words of wisdom regarding higher education: “Time goes by fast!” The beginning of your college career is the time to make decisions and mistakes so that in the future you will know what you want to be and do and then decide how you would like to pursue your plan and follow it.

Emily, through your willingness to share your story we can motivate and inspire others who are now or in the future thinking of attending college or any higher education institution. The Smith River Education Committee values the sharing of your experiences and insightfulness. You are a valued and important tribal citizen.

*Shu'-shaa-nin-la,  
Submitted by Lenora Hall*



## Craftivism and Dee-ni' Day

Craftivism is a combination of craft (or art) and activism. That is what the Clothesline Project is all about – giving women a chance to express their feelings about domestic violence and/or sexual assault in a way that lets others know they will no longer tolerate it. Nor should we, even if we have not experienced it. Because one in 2.6 Native American women do experience it; that means it affects people we know, people we love. People don't like to think about it, which is understandable. But that will not make it go

away. There is no healing or change in silence.

In July Community and Family Services hosted a Clothesline Project Workshop, for women to express their feelings about domestic violence and/or sexual assault. The workshop reminded me of the one I attended in Sacramento, in a room mostly full of Native American women. Sometimes we were quiet, focused on what we were creating. Sometimes we were laughing, and calling out for different art supplies. But what was best of all was being in a room of women who were survivors – who had experienced abuse and were stronger than what happened.

At Dee-ni' Day CFS will have a table where survivors, friends, and family can decorate quilt squares about domestic violence and/or sexual assault. We will make these squares into a decorative quilt for a wall-hanging. Please stop by if you want to create a square, especially if you want to encourage someone else who may have experienced such violence. We also have a room now at the CFS office (110 First St., Smith River) if you want to stop by and create a t-shirt or quilt square in privacy.

*Submitted by Judith Burke, Social Worker*

# 8 Keys to Survive the Shift

"As consciousness shifts, there are certain requirements for those who choose to shift as well. Those requirements are of Universal Law, and cannot be denied. These necessities can be done only from the heart, for if from a mental nature will fail as untruth combative with perceived truth. As considered, these are also keys to the ascension process.

They are not that which is new, but that which has always been. Its only the perceptions of lack, of less than are new.

These keys are based upon the sacred geometry of the star tetrahedron, each key being a point of the star. Eight truths which are eternal. Each without the other is only part of the whole, just as you are part of all that is and has ever been."

The Keys are as follows:

**We must acknowledgement our self-perfection** – We are and always have been of the One both in Source and within our Journeys.

**Accept the journey for which we have come** – why fight the very things which we have come to learn?

**Maintain Personal integrity** – That truth which is ours amongst all other things, that opportunity which we give ourselves to find the truth within us, not that which we have been conditioned by others to perceive.

**Be that which you are, not that which you perceive others would see** – You are created of light, of Grace, and of that there cannot be imperfection, only that which is of Spirit. You do not need to improve yourselves, only to acknowledge that which is your God self, your perfect being.

**We must acknowledge our value** – This is different than accepting perfection. Your value is how you fit within the world within and the exterior world in which you exist. To perceive that your value is greater than another's, or less than someone else's brings you to lack of everything else.

**Accept Your Power** – You are great and mighty. True Power comes not of ego, but the collective One of our Spirit. True Power is Gentle Power. You are of the light and in its seemingly nebulous construct is the essence from which all

things are made. To fear inner power is to suggest that you are less than all other things. In Truth, power is of Grace, not of abusiveness or negative use and your Grace is born of unconditionality. True Power is that which is Love, the intentional living as co-creator from within all opportunities that are offered you.

**Take Your value, Your perfection, Your power, Your Grace into your world** – In the Now that always is, change only comes from practice of change. What this means is that to effect change we must embody it. You must walk your talk, not hide that which you know. Historically, that which is hidden is viewed as heresy in relation to the accepted norm. To change this, it is to create a new accepted norm with ease and Grace by virtue of your walking within the very light from which you are created.

**Love yourselves and touch everyone you encounter with love** – As all energy exchanges, what will You accept from others and what will you leave behind? You can see all others as mirrors of yourselves, that their pain also resides somewhere within us, that their joy is in our hearts as well. This is why random acts of kindness make such a difference. How many times have you said "There by the Grace of God go I"? It is true. It has always been so.

(And of course, as we embrace these keys, we must remember to breathe. Our breath serves more than the purpose of oxygenating our body. Our breath clears and nurtures us energetically. Each breath is a cleansing and as we are cleansed, our energy system moves more easily and with greater clarity of communication within the universal consciousness, communicating what our experience is as well as what our experience may be. When we do not breathe because we are tense, our energies compact, becoming more and more sluggish. As a result, our manifestation becomes sluggish or even stalled.)

*BY: Meg Blackburn Losey, Ph.D.  
<http://www.spiritlite.com/8keys.php>  
Submitted by Sii~xuutesna Marva Scott,  
Tribal Citizen*

# Xwii-nay-t'ii-shu' (peace)

## 12 Karmic Laws

Submitted by Sii~xuutesna Marva Scott, Culture Department, via the eternal being that flows within and without us all. Continue to Magnify Our Divine Light, under One Humanity United, Peace Love & Light!

### THE GREAT LAW

As you sow, so shall you reap. This is also known as the Law of Cause and Effect. Whatever we put out in the Universe is what comes back to us. If what we want is happiness, peace, friendship, love...then we should BE happy, peaceful, loving, a friend. Negative energy sent out to others will come back to you 10 fold.

### THE LAW OF CREATION

Life doesn't just HAPPEN, it requires our participation. We are one with the Universe both inside and out. Whatever surrounds us gives us clues to our inner state. BE and DO yourself what you want to have in your life.

### THE LAW OF HUMILITY

What you refuse to accept will continue for you. If what we see is an enemy, or someone with a character trait that we find to be negative, then we ourselves are not focused on a higher level of existence.

### THE LAW OF GROWTH

Wherever you go, there you are. For us to GROW in Spirit it is WE who must change and not the people, places or things around us. The only given we have in our lives is OURSELVES, and that is the only factor we have control over. When we change who and what we are within our heart, our life changes too.

### THE LAW OF RESPONSIBILITY

Whenever there is something wrong, there is something wrong in me. We mirror what surrounds us and what surrounds us mirrors us: we must take responsibility for what is in our life.

### THE LAW OF CONNECTION

Even if something we do seems incon-

sequential, it is very important that it gets done as everything in the Universe is connected. Each step leads to the next step and so forth and so on. Someone must do the initial work to get a job done. Neither the first step nor the last are of greater significance -they were both needed to accomplish the task. Past, Present, Future...they are all connected...

### THE LAW OF FOCUS

You can't think of two things at the same time. You should climb up a ladder on step at a time. When you lose your focus you let in insecurities and anger.

### THE LAW OF GIVING AND HOSPITALITY

If you believe something to be true, then sometime in your life you will be called upon to demonstrate that truth. Here is where we put what we SAY that we have learned into PRACTICE.

### THE LAW OF HERE AND NOW

Looking back to examine what prevents us from being totally in the HERE AND NOW. Old thoughts, old patterns of behavior, old dreams... Prevent us from having new ones.

### THE LAW OF CHANGE

History repeats itself until we learn the lessons that we need to change our path.

### THE LAW OF PATIENCE AND REWARD

All Rewards require initial toil. Rewards of lasting value require patient and persistent toil. True joy follows doing what we're supposed to be doing, and waiting for the reward to come in its own time.

### THE LAW OF SIGNIFICANCE AND INSPIRATION

You get back from something whatever you've put into it. The value of something is a direct result of the energy and intent that is put into it. Every personal contribution is also a contribution to the Whole. Lack luster contributions have no impact on the Whole or work to diminish it.

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If you live in Del Norte or Curry County and need help paying for child care while you work or go to school, Smith River Rancheria Community and Family Services may be able to help.

We are currently accepting applications for the Child Care Assistance Program (CCAP); a federally funded program administered by Smith River Rancheria.

The CCAP provides a subsidy to help families pay for licensed child care in a child care center or family day care home. Families who qualify for CCAP pay a nominal share of their total monthly child care expenses.

To request an application or more information, please contact Leann Babcock at 707-487-9255 ext 3131.

*Submitted by Leann  
Babcock, CFS Program  
Technician*



**ATTENTION DEE-NI'  
SPEAKERS**

If you know the Tolowa Language, or just a few words, please contact Loren Bommelyn to be interviewed and recorded (707) 218-7068

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

## Lha'-duy Num-nii~ma~s (September) Birthdays

Rodger Allen	Samuel W. Criteser	James Harmon	Ana M.V. Lopez	Nicholas Payne	Rollin Smith IV
Sarah Arias	Julie Curry	Jimmy Harmon, Jr.	Brice Lopez	Wyatt Petrie	Rose Smith
Joshua Arlandson	Faith Cutright	Kenneth Harris	Robert D. Lopez	Jason Piazza	Taygan Smith
Pania Baines	Corbin Early	Leon Hinshaw	Eugene Martin	Bryce Poole	Tsinte Steinruck
Kayla Baldrige	Bradie Ekman	Ethan Hodges	Jacklyn Martin	Cailee Potter	Malena Stewart
Debbie Boardman	Chandler Ekman	Samuel Houston IV	Ray Martin	Frank El. Richards	Adrienne Thomas
Autinayea Bommelyn	Amber Fauteaux	Austin Hurd	Jeffery Mathison Jr.	Marcus Richards	Jeri Thompson
John Bravo	William Fender Jr.	Jolanda Ingram	Ju'la-tra Mattice	Randall E. Richards	Donna Thorpe
Kevin Bravo	Briannon Fraley	Joseph Isham Jr.	Franklin McKuhn	Tyler Richards	Skylar Throop
Landon Bravo	Maisie Fralich	Miranda Jordan	Cynthia McMahan	Serenatee Richards-	Bradley Tripp
Matthew Bravo	Shirley Freeman	Keith Judah	Michael McMahn	Nunez	Aiden Turpin
Hayley Brown	Xytellaranna Free-	Gage Kastl	Gaylene Mendiola	Christopher Rich-	Thunder Tvrdik
Isaac Buckmaster	man	Ashlin Kelly	Cecellia Miller	mond	Hailey Weeks
Logan Burshem	Grace Gardner	Kevin Kennedy Jr.	Jennifer Myers	Alexis Ridders	Shawn Wilson
Mitchell Burshem	Jemil Gardner	Tyler Kennedy	John Myers	Elora Rodriguez	Logan Wilson
Kyle Cadotte	Harper Giola	Steven Keuth	Borge C. Nelson	Maile Scaglione	Jacklyn Woolfolk
Julie Cain	James Gochanour	Thalia Keuth	Borge Nelson Jr.	Noah Schlosser	David Wyland
Kyla Castagnaro	Logyn Gochanour	Ethan Knauss	Ashley Olson	Linda Schonberger	Kalven Xiong
Brock Chapman	Merlin Goodlin	Bernice Larson	Ava O'Reilley	Robert Senn	Khira Zappe
Destiny Cooper	Sherry Goodlin	Kylie Leavelle	Chase Owen	Brody Shelander	Estee Zorea
Billy Costa	Edwin Gravatt	Machelle Lehr	Channon Payne	Kyla Simpson	
Angelina Criner	Alta Gunter	Elizabeth Lindke	Henry S. Payne	Lucas Smith	



*In Loving Memory*

Chester Scott, Jr.  
8-29-38 to 7-24-11

Chester "Punky" Scott was the son of Chet and Edith Scott. He was a third generation Del Norte logger. He is survived by daughters Lucinda and Wendy, sister Sherry, and aunt Eunice Bommelyn.

A celebration of life potluck will be held at Florence Keller Park on Tuesday, August 9, 2011 at 1:00 p.m.



*Submitted by Sherry Goodlin*

Happy birthday to my niece and nephew Cynthia McMahan and Michael McMahan. From your favorite auntie, Nellie Chisman. Love you and make this your best birthday yet.

Happy birthday to my great-niece Khira Anderson. Have a wonderful birthday sweetie.

Happy 12th birthday to my daughter Ahwaxtin Hall. Love you to the moon and back, from your mother Lenora Hall.

Happy birthday to my niece Khira Anderson from your aunt and cousin Tiny and Dustin.



### Tribal Membership by Age

Age	Male	Female	Total
Under 5	80	84	164
6-18	178	210	388
19-25	92	98	190
26-35	108	109	217
36-45	82	86	168
46-54	59	77	136
Elders (55+)	73	106	179
			1442

*Submitted by Theresa Ferrer, Enrollment Specialist*



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- Limit of two (2) standard size pick-up loads per residence
- Tires, car parts, appliances, monitors, T.V.s, computers, fluorescent light bulbs, furniture, paints, oils, fluids and hazardous materials or related items to be placed on trailer adjacent to trash bin

Questions/issues:

Call Brad Cass Natural Resources Director  
(707) 487-9255 Ext. 3155

**Bring Your  
Tribal ID Card**

Hours of Operation  
(Closed 12:00pm-12:30pm)

Monday:	8:30am-7:00 pm
Tuesday:	8:30am-7:00 pm
Wednesday:	8:30am-7:00 pm
Thursday:	8:30am-7:00 pm
Friday:	8:30am-7:00 pm
Saturday:	8:30am-7:00 pm

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**PLEASE RSVP FOR DEE-NI' NIGHT DINNER, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th,  
TO THE TRIBAL OFFICE AT (707) 487-9255 BY SEPTEMBER 2nd!**