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SMITH RIVER RANCHERIA MEETS WITH SENATOR MERKLEY - FEB 2012

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Pictures from the General Membership Meeting held on March 10, 2012.



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April

Whirlwind of Cash!!



Sundays
Drawings 1 to 4pm
Every half hour



\$7 Bounce Back
Earn 250 Points
this week..
for \$7 Free Play Next
Tuesday or Wednesday!!

Comedy Night

Gabriel Rutledge

Thursday
April 19th - 8pm
No Cover
Must be 21 or over



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House of Howonquet

Easter Day Buffet

12 noon to 8pm

Adults \$16.99

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Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

Apr 2	Ch'ee-t'u Weaving Circle - 6:00 pm Howonquet Hall Community Center (see page 4)
Apr 8	Happy Easter!
Apr 10	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm Howonquet Hall Community Center
Apr 12	Wee'-ya' (Language) Committee Meeting - 4:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Apr 13	May Newsletter Deadline
Apr 14	Second Saturday Art Walk in Brookings - see page 9 for more information
Apr 18	Waa-tr'-vslh-'a~ (Culture) Committee Meeting - 5:00 pm Nii~li~ Me'-ne', Lucky 7 Casino
Apr 19-30	Tall Ships in Crescent City - see page 9 for more information
Apr 21	Youth & Family Fair at the Del Norte County Fairgrounds (see page 10 for more information)
Apr 22	Earth Day
Apr 24	Regular Session Tribal Council Meeting - 6:00 pm Howonquet Hall Community Center

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Upcoming Special Events on page 15

COMMUNITY LANGUAGE CLASS

12:00 PM ON TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

K'VSH-CHU TRIBAL OFFICE
140 ROWDY CREEK RD
SMITH RIVER, CA
(707) 487-9255

ELECTION DAY

SATURDAY,

MAY 19, 2012

9:00 am - 3:00 pm

Howonquet Hall
Community Center

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Xaa-wvn-k'wvt Nutrition Center Menu

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
2 Bean and Cheese Burrito	3 Beef Stroganoff	4 Chicken Vegetable Soup	5 Chef's Salad	6 Baked Ham
9 Pasta Salad	10 Teriyaki Chicken	11 Ham and Potato Chowder	12 Sloppy Joes	13 Chicken Divan
16 Vegetable Soup & Egg Salad Sandwich	17 Spaghetti	18 Chicken & Rice Soup	19 Fish and Chips	20 Breakfast
23 Veggie Chili	24 Chicken Ala King	25 Soup and Sandwich	26 Beef over Noodles	27 Chicken Taco Salad
30 Quiche	Suggested donations: Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free) Under 55, \$7			

Lunch served @ 12:00 pm
Reserve Lunch @ 707-487-4463
 Menu Subject to Change

101 Indian Court
 Smith River, CA 94438

Tai Chi - Every Wednesday, 12:30 pm
RepChem 3rd Wednesday

** ATTENTION **

Ch'ee-t'u Weaving Circle

March 12-May 28
Every Monday

6:00 - 8:30 pm

Howonquet Hall
Community Center
Smith River, CA

Contact the
Culture Department
for more
information

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If You Have a Trust Allotment or Trust Assets:

On June 20, 2006, federal legislation known as the **American Indian Probate Reform Act (AIPRA)** became fully effective. The AIPRA affects how trust land allotments and trust assets can be passed on or inherited.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: CILS Eureka Office
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Submitted by Tessa LaFazio, Environmental Protection Technician



Tribal Council Nominee Letters

My name is Joel Bravo and I have accepted nomination to become a candidate as your Tribal Council representative. I look forward to responsibly serving the Smith River Rancheria membership for the next three years.

I am fully aware of the trust and faith you, as members, place in your Tribal Council. The Council has an enormous responsibility to not only serve the best interests of the membership, but to also carefully consider the effect of our decisions on our local community and future generations.

During my previous terms on the Tribal Council, I have actively participated in the following projects to expand services to our membership:

- Negotiations with HUD NAHASDA to increase our housing allocations nearly 400%; allowing us to provide rehabilitation services and new housing.
- Initiated and continue to support the Elder Assistance Payment program, voting in favor of reducing the age for benefits to 55.
- Provided support and oversight for development and construction of:
 1. Casino remodel
 2. House of Howonquet and Lounge remodel and relocation
 3. Tribal operation of Head Start program
 4. Visitor center addition to Lucky 7 Fuel Mart
 5. Continuous improvement at Howonquet Hall Community Center
 6. Planning and implementation of Smith River Rancheria Waste Water Treatment Facility.
 7. Construction of two new homes for Tribal Member ownership.
 8. New Senior Housing units.
 9. All phases of Lucky 7 Conference Center planning.
 10. Visioning and planning for Smith River Rancheria Hotel Project.
- Active member of the Child Welfare Committee, the Housing Committee and the Children's Event Committee.

As a semi-retired elder, I have a schedule that allows me to devote the time and attention needed to effectively serve as your representative on the Tribal Council. I am dedicated to making good decisions and providing a better future for every Tribal member.

I would like to discuss any questions or important issues you may have. You may reach me at (541) 469-6319.

Thank you for your support and your vote.


Smith River Rancheria



My name is Eric F. Brundin, I was born in Seaside Hospital, Crescent City, California in 1960, I have lived in this area my entire life and most of my adult life I have resided on Jane Hostel allotment. I am the son of Tomas and Ellen Brundin and the grandson of Thomas Haines Brundin and Laura Scott Coleman. I am the great-grandson of Alice Charley and Anne Haines. I am very proud of my Tolowa Ancestry.

I am the father of five children and seven grandchildren and am recently widowed, in the year of 2010, losing my wife Sue Brundin to cancer after 30 years of marriage.

Currently, I have been selected by the Tribal Council, to the Smith River Rancheria Fish and Game Committee which concentrates on developing hunting and fishing rights for Tribal Members.

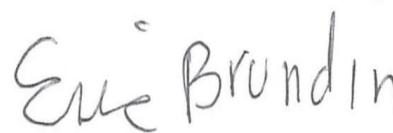
I am dedicated toward working for our young adult Tribal Members who are working in our places of business making sure there is the possibility to work up the line. I would like to see trainings for Tribal members so it would create better job opportunities.

Our Council and staff have established a good direction for the Tolowa Members and I would like to use my cultural knowledge to help create additional opportunities for this generation and upcoming generations. We need to open up the communication for all Tribal Members not just a select few but give information to all Tolowa Members. We need to stand for our Tribal Members working with them not against them.

I have no campaign promises just the honesty and determination to create a feeling of home for our youth and future generations to have pride in what their ancestors have accomplished and what can be accomplished in the future.

I would appreciate your vote.

Eric Brundin





Make Your Vote Count on May 19th

I am the great-great-granddaughter of Lizzie (Seis-do-tes-na) Grimes, a survivor of the Yontocket massacre. I miss that so much tradition has passed. I am blessed to know a lot of tradition. The Tolowa people were a people that helped their people and were proud of others accomplishments. They did not hurt others to benefit themselves.

Education for our people is important from the newest little child to those of us getting up in years. Learning and sharing is part of our tradition. That is the value of our little children and elders.

Health care is important to us all. I have continued to work on contract health care for our Tribal members who live near the Smith River Clinic but reside just across that Oregon border that now exists in our lives. It is good to see Tribal Members learning about the uses of local plants and how they assist and harm us as a people.

I am also concerned about our Tribal Nation's future. We need a solid financial background and accountability to our citizens. These are troubled times and this is not going to turn around tomorrow.

With self-governance starting we will have more decisions to make. We have the option to spend specific funds in other ways than they were spent in the past. Are there programs that you feel that we do not need or programs that are missing? I am willing to talk with you.

I have integrity, honor, and a desire to represent **you** on Council. When the Rancheria obtains funding, it is critical that funding must be used for those purposes.

I would appreciate your vote. Please vote on May 19th. **Thank you** to all my Tribal people.

Thank You For Your Consideration

Hello My Fellow Tribal Members:

My name is Jolanda Elaine Ingram. I am the daughter of Frances Lopez and Joe Ingram. My grandparents were Edward and Lena Lopez. My great grandparents were Etta Tom and John Lopez and Mary Jim and Joe Smiley. I am married and have two adult children, Jeff and Jalea Walker. I have three grandchildren and one on the way. I am from the village of Howonquet.

I am humbly asking for your vote. I believe that my background, experience, and education qualifies me for the job. I obtained a Bachelors Degree from Lewis and Clark College in History and Political Science and a Juris Doctor Degree from University of New Mexico School of Law. I have been a State of California licensed attorney since December, 1991. I have been living and working on the Hoopa Indian Reservation since 2001.

There are a number of issues that our Tribe is currently facing. I am hoping to be a part of helping us become successful into the future. I am hearing from the membership that they want to be able to trust that the Tribe will follow policy and protocol in hiring Tribal members first. The Tribal members should be able to feel stable and secure in their jobs once they are hired. The people should not have to live in fear. I would like to be a part of making sure that there is fairness in the process.

If I am elected I would also like to ensure that the people, including the elders and the youth, have a voice in tribal government and the decisions that affect the tribal membership.

Housing and education should be priorities for our Tribe and membership.

Call me with your concerns (707)499-2690. Thanks.

Hello,

My name is Marian Lopez and I accept the nomination to run in the upcoming Smith River Rancheria Tribal elections. I was born in Crescent City and have raised my five children in Smith River.

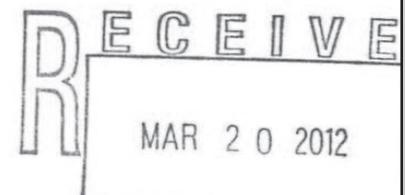
I have served on the Smith River Rancheria Tribal Council for numerous years and many committees for the Tribe. Along with serving on the Council, I was also elected as the Tribal Representative to the United Indian Health Service Board of Directors, which I have been on for the past twenty four years; sitting on several UIHS committees as well. Tribal accomplishments that I am proud to have participated in are: elder and low-income housing projects, Lucky 7 Casino expansion, hotel expansion project, increased elder funding by 30%, and increasing the Tribal land base.

Although sometimes challenging, I feel I am capable and willing to meet these challenges. I am honest, hardworking and dedicated to our Tribe and would appreciate your vote.

With Respect,



Marian Lopez



Please..... let me be your voice. My name is Sadie Lee Nichols and I'm running for Tribal Council. Born in Crescent City, I now reside with my husband, Loal, on our Reservation. My mother, Ruth Mae Pete Pope, was full-blooded Indian. Other relatives include Gorham Pete, Pete Santash, Lottie White, and the Brooks, Moorehead, and Cook families. I'm passionate about several Tribal issues. A few are:

1. Encourage and foster our Tribal Council to be more transparent to their Tribal members. Restructure a process to follow-up on issues discussed at council meetings so that those issues "won't fall through the cracks". This would help our Tribal members to better monitor and analyze their Tribal Council's decisions. Suggestions?
2. Term limits. Develop a new and fair policy for the length of time a Tribal member can serve on our Tribal Council. New people promote fresh ideas and will stop complacency. Rotation perhaps? Suggestions?
3. Indian employment concerns/issues on the Rez. To date, our Tribal office employs 59.4% and our Lucky 7 Casino employs 27.6% Indians. Suggestions?
4. Tribal committees selection process. Currently we have 12 committees. Here are some numbers: 2 council members serve on 5 committees; 1 council member serves on 4 committees and 3 council members serve on 3 committees. Current policy is that all Tribal Council members select the person(s) to serve on a committee. Lets re-vamp the selection process so that we could have fresh input from a more diverse group of Tribal members, not just a select few. Suggestions?

My basic philosophy in life.... "There are 3 sides to every story. Yours, mine and the truth". Our entire Tribes' best interests must come first! Want to talk? Please... let me be your voice. Call me 24/7 @ (707)487-5588 or (541)661-7041 or

Dv-laa-ha~ (*what's-up?*) Dee-ni' (*The People*),

I am excited for the opportunity to be a candidate in this year's Tribal Council election. Shu' 'aa-shii-nin-la (*big-thank-you*) to the members that voted for me in last year and I ask for your vote and continued support this year.

I pledge to support and promote community-based activities to unite us as a tribal community and to be your "village voice" within the political arena as your elected official.

I pledge to improve the flow of information between tribal members and the Tribal Council as a responsive advocate for our tribal community.

I pledge to advocate for all tribal members by seeking grants, contracts, and funding sources to develop and promote direct services to meet tribal member needs as identified within our governmental departments, programs and from tribal member issues and concerns.

I pledge to enhance and promote Dee-ni' Wee-ya' (*Tolowa Language*), cultural and ceremonial teachings, family histories and our heritage to all desiring to learn as a culture bearer.

Our future as a tribal group depends upon our willingness to stand together with a strong sense of who we are and from the knowledge our ancestors have left for us to carry forward. It will be by our dedication to make our world a better place that our legacies will leave behind. Simply, live our lives to the best of our abilities! All we are ever asked to do is to **do our best**. When we do our best, no one can find fault with us.

If you unable to cast your vote in person on Saturday, May 19th, please, request and mail in an absentee ballot by contacting [redacted] Smith River Rancheria Enrollment Specialist, at 707-487-9255, ext. 3120. Remember, your vote COUNTS!!

Shu' shaa-nin-la (*thank-you*),

Sheryl Suu-daa-chu Steinruck

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Hee-hee-he (Attention) Committees 2012

Culture Committee: Apr 18, May 16, June 20, July 18, Aug 15, Sep 19, Oct 17, Nov 21, Dec 19, 5PM, Nii~li~ Me'-ne'; these meetings usually occur on the third Wednesday of every month

Language Committee: Apr 12, May 10, June 14, July 12, Aug 9, Sep 13, Oct 11, Nov 8, Dec 13, 5PM, Nii~li~ Me'-ne'; these meetings are currently the second Thursday of every month.

NAGPRA Committee: May 7, July 2, Sep 3, Nov 5; Nii~li~ Me'-ne', 5PM, Nii~li~ Me'-ne', these meetings usually occur on the first Monday of every other month.

Culture Dept. Meetings: every Friday at 9 AM unless otherwise noted. Come assist in our planning.

Community Language Class: every Tue & Thu, 11:30A-12:30P, K'vsh-chu Administration Headquarters; Every Mon, 2:30-3:30P, Taa-'at-dvn Magnet School, Glen Street, Crescent City CA

***Taking Applications for the Master-Apprenticeship Program (MAP) for Mentors and Apprentices to learn language, activities and values that stabilizes us as, Dee-ni' people and promotes our original value and character.**

Warm Weather Tips for Your Home



It may be cold outside, but now is a great time to start thinking about spring and getting your home ready for warm weather. Air conditioning makes up a large part of your annual energy costs. By taking action now, you can save significantly on your utility bills and make your home more comfortable during those hot summer days.

The following are some energy-saving steps that you can take:

Cooling system maintenance. Have your system cleaned and inspected by a qualified professional. Schedule an appointment as soon as possible, contractors get busier as the summer draws near. Replace your air filter and continue to replace it monthly during summer.

Install a programmable thermostat. This is a cost-effective way to reduce energy use and match the cooling needs of your home to your schedule. Properly used, programmable thermostats typically offer savings of 10-15% without sacrificing comfort.

Keep energy efficiency in mind when spring cleaning. When cleaning windows, check to make sure that they are in good condition. Look for cracks or loose caulking that may be leaking air. If you see dust around vents, it could be a sign of leaky ducts, which can reduce cooling system efficiency.

Use natural cooling. If you have storm windows and doors, take them down and replace them with screens. Open windows and screen doors provide fresh air and free cooling.

Install a whole-house fan. A whole-house fan can draw rising hot air out of your house, while drawing cooler air in through open windows. The use of ceiling fans in each room also provides cooling and reduces the need to run the air conditioner.

Add energy-saving landscaping. Leafy trees and bushes placed strategically on the south and west sides of your home will provide shade that keeps your house cool during hot summer afternoons. The benefits will be immediate. As the trees grow, they will reduce cooling costs and keep your home more comfortable in years to come.

Control mold and mildew. Warmer weather brings rain and increased humidity, providing an opportunity for the growth of mold and mildew, which can lead to health problems and cause structural damage to your home. To stop mold and mildew, look for moisture leaks and have them sealed immediately. Your attic and basement are good places to start. Ideal indoor humidity levels should stay between 30-50%. Use your air-conditioning system-supplemented by a basement dehumidifier-to maintain proper humidity levels. If your air-conditioning system is 15 years or older, spring is a good time to consider a replacement before the start of the summer cooling season. If you decide to install a new system, make sure it is an ENERGY STAR qualified, up to 30% more efficient than standard systems.

COMMITTEE OPENINGS

Higher Education

Housing

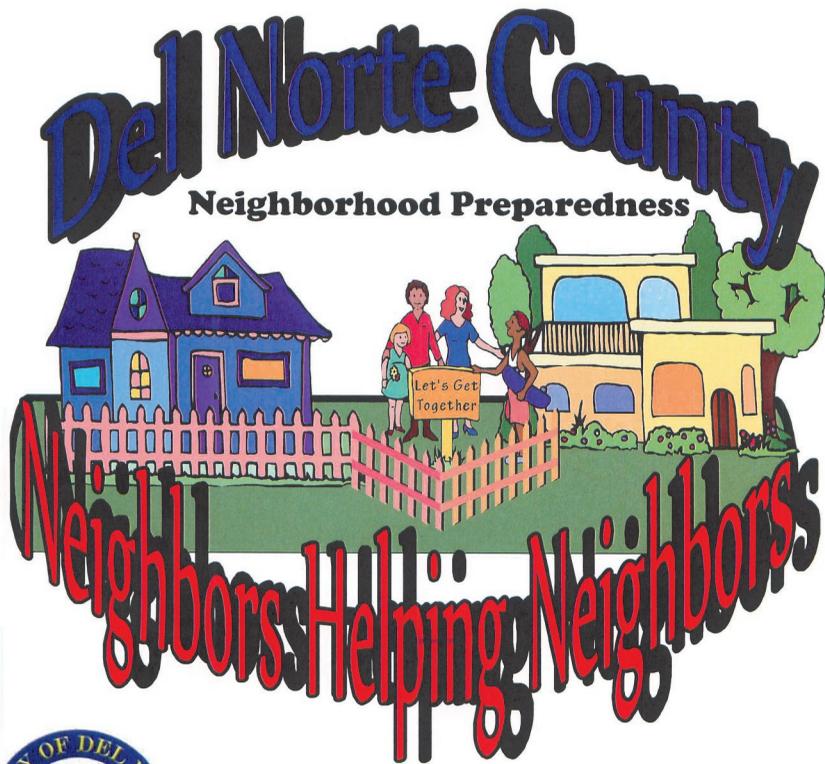
Events

Are you interested?

Submit Letters
to the
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Submitted by Linda K. Tuttle, Housing Program Specialist
Compliments of Energy Sense

Neighborhood Watch

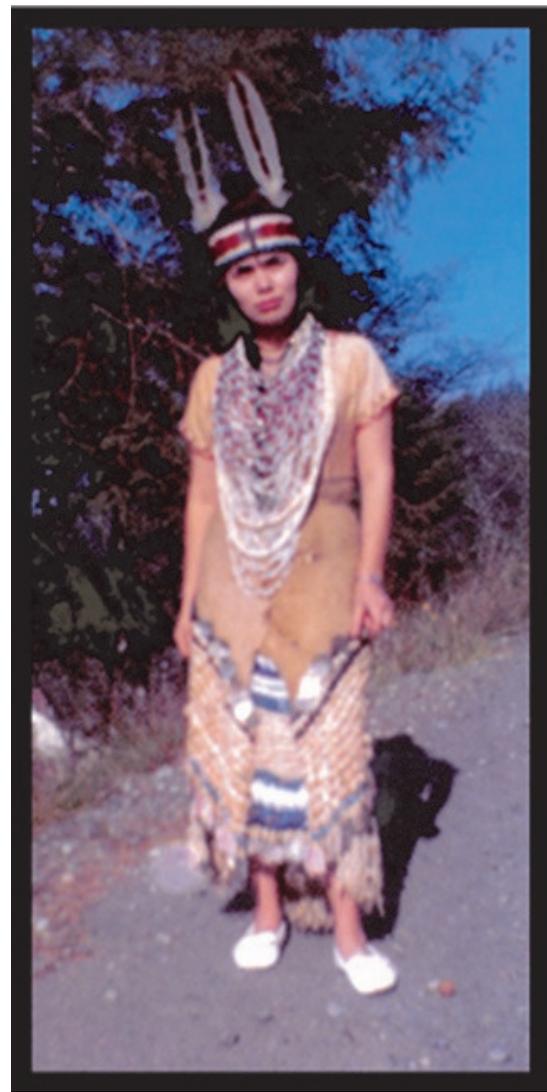


Building Healthy
Communities

Del Norte County and Adjacent Tribal Lands

Please call Cindy Henderson, Emergency Services Manager
if you have any questions. (707) 954-8775

Submitted by Tessa LaFazio, Environmental Protection Technician

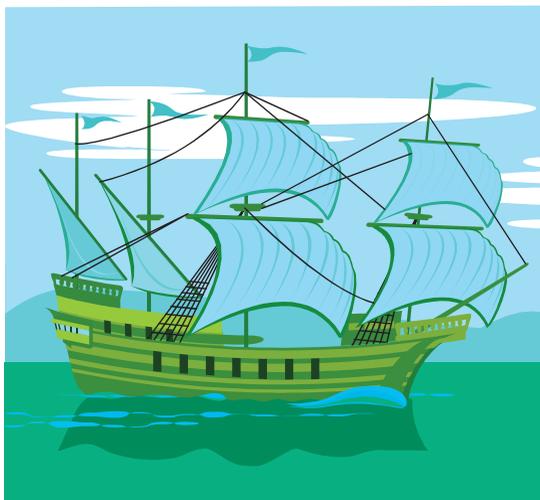


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Circa 1966

Janice Moorehead Grisham

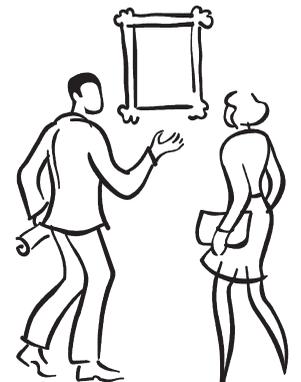
Tall Ships April 19 - 30



The Lady Washington and Hawaiian Chieftain will be visiting the Crescent City Harbor. They will be offering dockside tours of the ships, two sunset/evening sails and four three hour battle sails. For more information or to purchase tickets, check out their website calendar at www.historicalseaport.org/public-sails-schedule/2?view=calendar or call 1 (800) 200-5239.

BROOKINGS SECOND SATURDAY ART WALK

On April 14th, ten art galleries and art related venues with new art, free hors d'oeuvres and live music. For program information visit www.wildriverscoastart.com



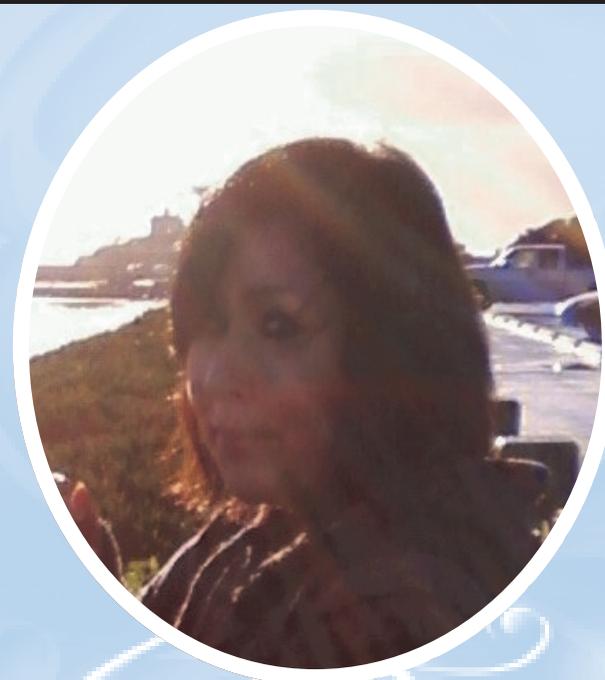
Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)

In loving memory



Miss Me But Let Me Go

When I come to the end of the road
And the sun has set for me
I want no rites in a gloom-filled room.
Why cry for a soul set free?
Miss me a little - but not too long.
And not with your head bowed low.
Remember the love that we once shared,
Miss me - but let me go.
For this is a journey that we all must take
And each must go alone.
It's all part of the Master's plan,
A step on the road to home.
When you are lonely and sick of heart
Go to the friends we know
And bury your sorrows in doing good deeds.
Miss me - but let me go.



Angela Joy Hall

May 24, 1992 - March 27, 2011

I will always remember, love and memorialize your life. I will never let you go. You will forever stay the sweet, tender age of 18. I love you, my sister, and will see you soon.

Love you forever, Lindsay Mae Hall

YOUTH AND FAMILY FAIR: "It Takes a Community to Raise a Child" is this year's theme for the April 21 event. From 11:00 am - 2:00 pm, bring your family and enjoy a wide variety of free activities and entertainment in the Main Hall, as well as free roller skating at this tobacco free event. The Boys Scouts will also be hosting their annual Scout-O-Rama at the fairgrounds, which will include pinewood derby races. So there will be a lot to see and do.

This annual event aims to educate and entertain, is designed to create community awareness about child abuse and prevention and is meant to provide a more proactive, positive approach to the subject. It also gives families the opportunity to participate in something together, as constant positive family interaction is a strong preventer of child abuse.

If you would like to participate or need more information, please contact the Family Resource Center at 464-5500 and speak to Cathy.



We would like to send sincere gratitude to the Smith River Rancheria Housing Department for the amazing rehab of our home and especially for our new fireplace. We have been keeping toasty warm this winter thanks to you :) You Rock!

The Upton Family, Bill & Katrina



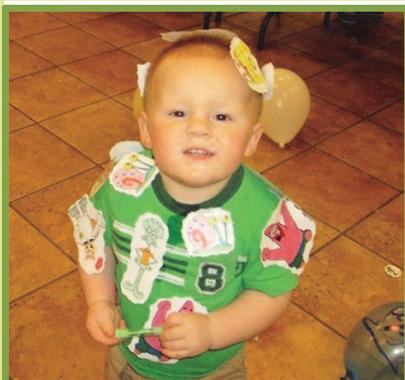
Ch'ee-nvk-t'i (Announcements)

Dvn-chi' Num-nii~ma~s (April) Birthdays

Jenna Allen
Rhyan Baines
April Bartow
Ashley Benson
Elmer Boardman
Guylish Bommelyn
Cheyenne Brown
Randi Byas
Denna Campbell
Jane Cook
Gysell Corrales
Vivian Craddick
Betty Donoghue
Cari Early
Shelby Eldridge
Hannah Evanow
David Fletcher IV
Roxanne Fugate
Fletcher Gardner
Joseph Giovannetti
Seth Gorbet
Elizabeth Gravatt
Darren Green
Terri Griego
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Neela Husted

Lauren Isham
Edward Jones
Kamikwe Jones-Scott
Jayden Joy
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Wallace Keays
Kari Kelly
Alexis Kendrix
Juliet Kessler
Tamara Lewis
Damien Lopez
Felicity Lopez
Heather Lopez
Edward Lopez III
Luetta Lopez
Russell Lopez
Megan Macchione
Amelia Mahan
Daraxa Mattice
Edna Mattz
Lorie McMahan
Edie Mendiola
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Alexander Montonen
Blair Morgan
Steve Myers
Clayton Netzel III
Sandra Netzel
Jerod Newton
Aaron Norbury
Claire Norwood
Cara Owings
Denise Padgette

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I would like to send out a big kiss and say happy 3rd birthday to my adorable nephew Damien Lee Lopez! Auntie loves you, my little noodle eating Ninja!

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so hip hip hooray!



Felicity Raine, you are turning into a beautiful & delightful young lady. You amaze me every time with your perseverance and wittiness. I admire you for keeping strength and patience with everything life has thrown your way! You are a rare gem that people continue to bury with negativity but yet somehow you shine through, I ask that you keep that drive because as an adult it will serve you well in life! I love you very much little cousin and I hope you are blessed with love and happiness.

Andromeda Lopez



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Hey! If you've ever thought of doing the Tour of the Unknown Coast, but you haven't (yet), this is a great opportunity. If you've not heard of the TUC, it is a fantastic day of biking! It's on Saturday, May 5. There are rides of all different distances but the one that's best if you've not been cycling recently is the 20 mile ride. Here's the scoop:

20 Mile

This ride is for those who don't like hills. There is one very small climb leaving Ferndale as you head out through the scenic Eel River Valley. A rest stop awaits at the turnaround on Price Creek Road. This ride goes out ten miles to the Turnaround Aid Station and returns to the Fairgrounds by the same route.

A 20 mile ride will take somewhere between 1-1/2 and 3 hours, depending on how many times you stop to take pictures and how long you hang out at the rest stop. There are also 10 mile, 50 mile, 62 mile, and 100 mile rides.

Submitted by Denise Padgette



CA Governor Appoints Cynthia Gomez Tribal Advisor

California's indigenous nations now have a liaison in the governor's office. Gov. Edmund G. Brown Jr. on February 7 appointed Cynthia Gomez his tribal adviser, a first in the California governor's office.

Gomez, 54, of Sacramento, also serves as executive secretary of the Native American Heritage Commission. Her position does not require Senate confirmation; and she will be paid a salary of \$140,000 a year.

Brown created the position in September 2011 to bolster communication and collaboration between state government and California's indigenous nations.

According to the executive order creating the position, Gomez will oversee and implement effective government-to-government consultation between the governor's administration and tribes on policies that affect California tribal communities. She will serve as a direct link between tribes and the governor; facilitate communication and consultations between the tribes, the governor's office, state agencies and agency tribal liaisons; and review and make recommendations on state legislation and regulations affecting tribes.

According to a presentation she made in 2009 when she was an assistant secretary of California's Environmental Protection Agency, California has the second-largest number of federally-recognized tribes, and the largest Native population, in the United States. California has 109 federally recognized tribes and 89 non-federally recognized tribes.

Gomez earned a juris doctorate degree at the University of Northern California's Lorenzo Patiño School of Law. She has been chief justice of the Shingle Springs Band of Miwok Indians Tribal Court since 2010, and is a member of the Tribal and State Court Forum for the California Administrative Office of the Courts. Gomez, a Democrat, was the state EPA's assistant secretary of environmental justice and tribal governmental policy from 2008-10, chief of the Native American liaison branch of the state Department of Transportation from 1999-2008, and a housing and community development representative for the state Department of Housing and Community Development from 1989-99. She has served as chairwoman of the state Transportation Research Board's Native American Transportation Issues Committee.

Brown signed the executive order creating the tribal adviser position on September 19 at a meeting of the Tribal Alliance of Sovereign Indian Nations, a coalition of California Indian tribes, at the Sheraton Hotel in Sacramento. The executive order is far-reaching in its commitments.

The executive order recognizes California as home to many tribes with whom the state has an important relationship, "as set forth and affirmed in state and federal law," and recognizes and reaffirms "the inherent right of these tribes to exercise sovereign authority over their members and territory."

The executive order states that California and its indigenous nations are better able to adopt and implement mutually-beneficial policies when they "cooperate and engage in meaningful consultation." The executive order commits the state "to strengthening and sustaining effective government-to-government relationships between the state and the tribes by identifying areas of mutual concern and working to develop partnerships and consensus."

California's indigenous people, as citizens of California and their respective sovereign nations, have a "shared interest in creating increased opportunities for all California citizens," the executive order states.

In addition, the executive order commits the governor's office to regular meetings with the elected officials of California's indigenous nations to discuss state policies that may affect tribal communities. The executive order establishes a policy that every state agency and department subject to the governor's executive control "shall encourage communication and consultation with California Indian tribes ... Agencies and departments shall permit elected officials and other representatives of tribal governments to provide meaningful input into the development of legislation, regulations, rules, and policies on matters that may affect tribal communities."

The executive order applies to all federally recognized tribes "and other California Native Americans." That last point is important to people like the Tubatulabals of Kern Valley, who are recognized as indigenous people by the Bureau of Indian Affairs though their tribal government is not fully recognized by the U.S.

The Tubatulabal Tribe, whose leaders signed treaties with the U.S. government in the 1850s, is seeking a full government-to-government relationship with the U.S. The tribe has contracted with BIA and IHS for housing, road and water improvements on its land allotments, and is active on regional and state agencies dealing with water planning. Tubatulabal has also partnered with the Tachi Yokut Tribe to repatriate ancestors' remains and burial items from museums.

Tubatulabal Chairwoman Donna Miranda-Begay has known Gomez since 1998, when they were state employees working to improve housing in tribal communities. They also worked together in hosting the annual California Indian Day event in Sacramento.

"She is very balanced in her view of the traditional and cultural, and of the law and policy development to improve government-to-government working relationships, and can certainly facilitate communication with effective outcomes," Miranda-Begay said of Gomez. "Governor Brown could not have selected a more intelligent and dedicated person than Cynthia. Our Tubatulabal Tribe supports her appointment as the first California tribal adviser to the state's governor. I know that Cynthia will help with environmental justice, cultural resource protection, and addressing non-gaming related services for all California Native Americans – both federally and non-federally recognized tribes and tribal communities. We have confidence in her abilities to establish priorities and a work plan in her position with Gov. Brown."

Source: <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com>

Ending Stereotypes in Oregon School Sports

After waiting in vain for five years for its public schools to voluntarily eliminate Native race-based sports stereotypes, Oregon is on the verge of making it mandatory. The Oregon Board of Education heard testimony on March 8 and 9, and is developing a rule that is likely to favor Native people over "Native" sports references. The board may propose the rule within weeks and vote on it as early as May 17.

The Board of Education's staff recommends an administrative rule retiring "all Native American names, mascots and logos by Oregon Schools that received public funding." Fifteen public high schools in Oregon have "Native" sports references, including Braves (2), Chieftains (1), Eagle Indians (1), Indians (4) and Warriors (7), and even more elementary and middle schools have "Indian" references in their athletic programs.

"The perpetuation of derogatory images of any one individual or group leads to misinformation and contributes to a hostile learning environment," reports the board staff. "The elimination of Native American mascots can lead to the end of culturally abusive behavior and this piece of institutionalized racism towards Native American people."

The issue was raised with the Board in 2006 by Che Butler (Siletz) and his sister, Luhui Whitebear (Coastal Band Chumash), who urged the Board to act for "Native people, not mascots." Butler, then a high school athlete, testified that his family was outraged by the Molalla High School "Indians" halftime show, which featured a half-naked "Native" boy with a target painted on his skin.

In 2007, the board recommended, but did not require that schools with "Indian" names, symbols and personalities should stop using them. In the intervening five years, not a single school has done so.

At the 2012 hearing, Butler, now a Chemeketa Community College student, testified that "it has been swept under the rug."

Supporters for the continuation of these so-called Native references offered the predictable justifications: they are "respectful" and "honor" Native Americans. None of those who invoked their schools' "Indian mascot traditions" seemed to appreciate that what they described was a tradition of racism.

Opponents told the Board that "Native" sports references were "disrespectful" and "racist."

"These mascots have got to go," testified Tom Ball (Klamath), who said he witnessed racial epithets at sports events and that "Indian" mascots contribute to a hostile environment. An assistant vice president in the University of Oregon's Office of Equity & Inclusion, Ball said: "Those logos say, 'You're less than, and we're superior.' They're taking control of our image, saying, 'This is what an Indian looks like, you should be proud.'"

Se-ah-dom Edmo (Shoshone-Bannock, Yakama, Nez Perce) testified: "The continued use of Indian mascots teaches Oregon students that it is acceptable to stereotype, that it is acceptable to objectify, that it is acceptable to be culturally abusive."

Following the hearing, Edmo wrote to me that the issue was being reported as one opinion versus another, but that it's about informed opinion. "There is a growing body of psychological evidence that links negative social identity development and low self-esteem of Indian young people with the presence of 'Indian' mascots, logos and imagery in schools. Research also indicates that it promotes discrimination, pupil harassment and stereotyping."

Edmo, who is vice president of the Oregon Indian Education Association, says, "OIEA is seeking to protect this and future generations of Indian students in Oregon, as well as hold our state accountable to their commitment to provide a socially and psychologically safe learning environment for all students."

The Chemawa Indian School and its team, "Braves," are located north of Salem but would not be affected by any state ruling because they are federally funded and operated by the Bureau of Indian Education. "Indian" mascotting began at federal Indian boarding schools, such as Chemawa, some 130-plus years ago as part of the federal government's attempt to deculturalize and "civilize" Indian children by separating them from their families, nations and lands, and instilling new allegiances to schools and teams.

As Oregon moves toward ending its schools' racist tradition, this would be a good time for the federal government to end the tradition it began in the late 1800s and eliminate the "Indian" sports stereotypes in its Indian schools. As in Oregon, there will be some Native people who have internalized these "Indian" sports identities and who will fight for them, but keep the true goal in mind: the health, safety, well-being and identity of the actual Native students.

*Source: Suzan Shown Harjo for Indian Country Today
March 13, 2012*



You and the Indian Child Welfare Act

Have you or a member of your family been visited by a Child Protection Worker from a State or County? Have your children been removed or placed in foster care? Is your child enrolled or eligible for enrollment in a federally recognized Tribe? If so, the Indian Child Welfare Act applies to you and your family.

As a member of a federally recognized Indian Tribe, you and your children are afforded specific rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act or ICWA. ICWA was established to "protect the best interests of Indian children and to promote the stability and security of Indian Tribes and families" (25 U.S.C. §1902). ICWA sets requirements that States and Counties must follow if your child is enrolled or eligible to enroll in a federally recognized tribe.

Below are some of your rights under the Indian Child Welfare Act:

- The Right to receive ACTIVE EFFORTS prior to your child being placed in foster care. ICWA requires that States provide active efforts to remedy the situation that makes it unsafe for your child to remain home. Active Efforts are direct services designed specifically for your family.
- The Right for the parents, Indian Custodian (if applicable) and the Tribe to receive notice of any child custody proceeding.
- The right to an attorney. If the court does not provide you one, they are required to notify the Dept. of the Interior who will pay reasonable expenses for you to receive legal representation.
- The right to receive "culturally appropriate services" to prevent removal or reunify you with your child.

If Child Protective Services responds to your home inform the worker immediately that your child is enrolled or eligible for enrollment in a Tribe. You have the right to request that they contact your Tribe.

For more information or the full text of the Indian Child Welfare Act you can go to www.nicwa.org Always feel free to contact the Community and Family Services Dept. regarding your specific situation.

Submitted by Paulie Boynton, Social Worker

Hee-hee-he (Attention) Events 2012

Ch'ee-t'u Weaving Circle: Mar 12-May 28 every Mon, 6-8:30 PM, Howonquet Hall Community Center, Smith River, CA –Please contact the Culture Department for more information and paperwork.

Chi~s-lu & Chay-yii-ne Lhethl-xat (Cemetery Clean-up and Elder Gathering): Sunday, May 20, 8A-5P. Come join us for a very special time to pay respect to our loved ones and our very special elders with your time and participation in this very successful event that bonds us to why we are here and what it's all about.

Tribal Reunion Picnic: Saturday, June 23, 10A-2P, come share some of your stories, time, energy, fun and participation at Rowdy Creek Park, Rowdy Creek Road, Smith River, CA. BBQ and all the fixings!

Taa-laa-wa Dee-ni' Language Institute: June 19-21, Nan-ts'vn Me'-ne', 8:30AM-4:30AM (25-30 people expected from and within our tribal communities). Please contact us for more information.

Youth Language Day Camp: Aug 21-24, 9AM-4PM, daily; (community dinner 6PM-Fri, Aug 24) (youth to experience traditional fishing and processes associated with harvesting food) & tool focus. Volunteers and parents needed! Please bring your ideas to us! We'd love to hear from you...

Dee-ni' Night & Day: Sep 28 - (featuring an indigenous motivator) Taa-laa-wa Dee-ni' Event Center (TEC), Dinner, citizen recognitions, bingo; 8PM-9PM

Sep 29- Howonquet Hall Community Center (HHCC) & TEC; Indigenous & contemporary activities (morning prayer, vendors, horseshoe tourney, stick tourney, card tourney, shell dice tourney & eating, food & art contests, 9AM-4PM;

Fish for Elders Campaign: Aug 1-19, varied times, offering elders fresh & smoked salmon, contact Marva Scott for more information

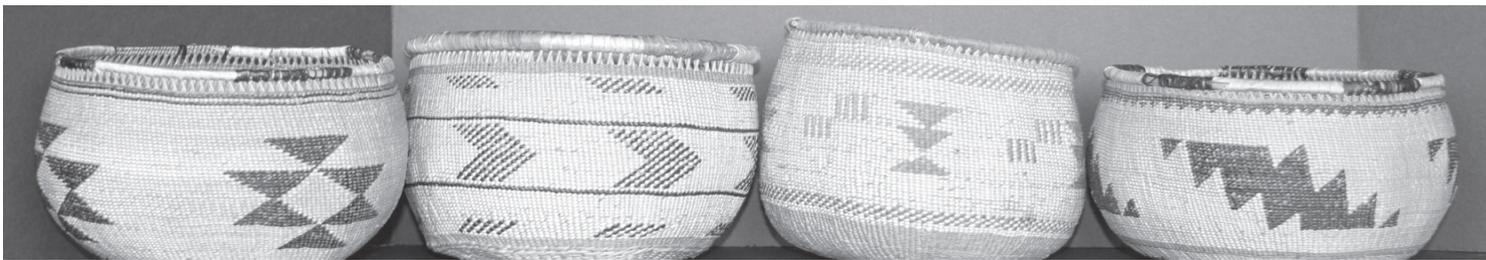
Tanning/Drum Making: TBA, HHCC, weekend (waiting on Teacher for dates), first come, first serve, limited to 10 males; only serious intent apply

Iris Gathering: Sep dates, please contact Marva Scott, if interested

Acorn Gathering: Nov dates, please contact Marva Scott, if interested; for dates

Candlelight Vigil at Yan'-daa-k'vt: Fri, Dec 21, Silva Road Entrance, Fort Dick, CA; 5PM-6PM then to Fort Dick Grange for homemade soups, bread & deserts, 6P-7P

Submitted by Sii~xuutesna Marva Jones-Scott, Culture Department Director



COMING SOON... TRIBAL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER!!

THANKS TO A GRANT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION FOR NATIVE AMERICANS, COMMUNITY & FAMILY SERVICES IS PLANNING A TRIBAL FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER (TFRC) LOCATED AT 110 W. FIRST STREET #C IN SMITH RIVER.

WE NEED YOUR INPUT!

PLEASE JOIN US TO PLAN FUTURE ACTIVITIES. WE WANT THE TFRC TO MEET THE NEEDS OF ALL OF OUR FAMILIES!!

We are scheduling community meetings in APRIL 2012 to plan future activities for your TFRC. We will mail announcements with specific meeting dates/times listed. For more information about the meetings or to share your ideas about the TFRC, please contact **Community & Family Services (707) 487-2089.**

Shu'-shaa-nin-la (Thank You)

Smith River Rancheria



Serving Our Tribal Families

Submitted by Gena Grizzard, Social Worker



April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



Candlelight Vigil April 11th 6-8 p.m. Howonquet Hall

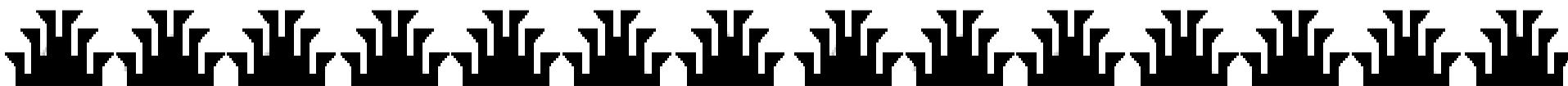
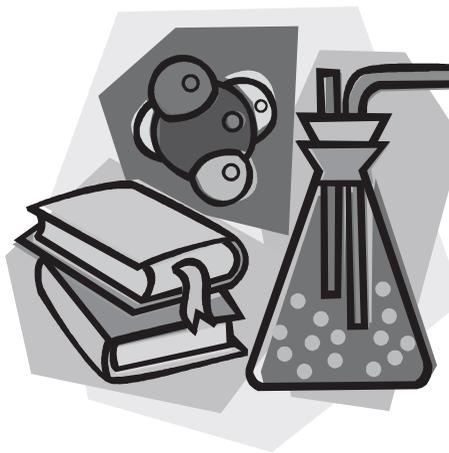
Our speaker is Pamela Moore, from the Institute for Native Justice in Oklahoma.

She is a dynamic and practical advocate who has worked in the fields of sexual assault and domestic violence since 1982.

*Submitted by
Judith Burke,
Social Worker*

Summer Science Camp

Northwest Indian College in Bellingham, Washington is offering its exciting 2nd Annual Summer Science Camp to 9 - 12 grad American Indian high school students July 16th-28th. This opportunity to play and learn sciences, traditional science technology and math exposes you to Environmental Science as a possible college major. Last year included studying volcanoes, plants, streams, water rockets and whale watching at the San Juan Islands. Must have 'C' average to apply. See Mrs. McQuillen for more information in room C-7 at Del Norte High School. Visit the Northwest Indian College online at www.nwic.edu.



Kite Flying

April is Stress Management Awareness Month... It is also Kite Flying Awareness Month.

While reading many different stress management tips, a couple of things kept catching my attention: self-happiness, laughter, maintaining a sense of humor, and "be in the now." So, me being me, I thought what better way to relieve some stress than to go fly a kite?

Especially when flying with good friends and loved ones, you must have a sense of humor, lots of laughter will be had, you will be "in the now", and maybe, just maybe, you'll have self-happiness.

While surfing the net, I came across "How to make a kite out of plastic groceries bags." Talk about a great way to **recycle** some of those wonderful bags that are starting to take over the cabinet under my kitchen sink! I decided to give it a try. Guess what! It really works and it's fun with lots of laughter. So here goes:

Step 1: Fold plastic bag in half. Be sure it's flat and even.

Step 2: Cut out the kite shape. Cut off bottom of bag.

Step 3: Open the bag out flat. You should have 2 irregular pentagons.

Step 4: Cut a stick to the length (top to bottom) of the kite.

Step 5: Tape the stick vertically to the center of the kite. First, tape the top end to the kite. Before you tape the bottom, stretch the plastic a little, then tape the stick on the bottom.

Step 6: Tape another stick to the left, on the slanting position. Bend the stick carefully to make the stick bow. Tape the other end to the right. Keep the tape very tight.

Step 7: Cute extra plastic in strips and tie together. Make 4 feet long (for the tail).

Step 8: Tape the tail to the bottom of the kite.

Step 9: Use a pointed item (like a pen) to make a hole at the intersection where the two sticks meet, as well as at the bottom.

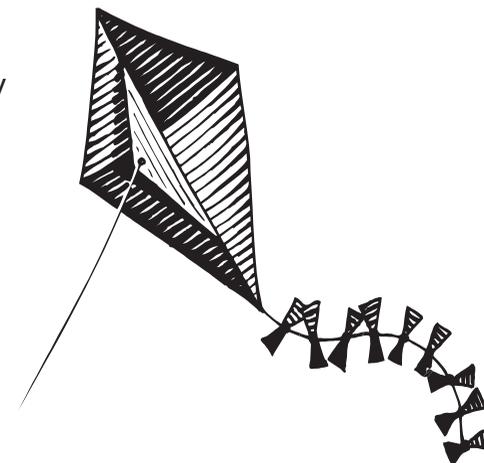
Step 10: Cut a piece of string 1 foot in length. Push one end of the string to the intersection of the stick at the other side of the plastic. Tie firmly. Do the same with the other end, now you have the "bridle."

Step 11: Make a knot with the hole in the bridle on the same level as the intersection of the sticks.

Step 12: When you are outside, hold the bridle string between your fingers, so the kite tries to fly from your hand. Ties the rest of the string to the loop and fly your kite.

Try to get out doors often, make some memories, and **LAUGH OUT LOUD.**

Have a great April!!



Submitted: by Rebecca Prows

www.wikihow.com/make-a-kite-out-of-a-plastic-bag



The Vagina Monologues
Saturday, April 7th, 7-9 p.m.
at the Tolowa Event Center
(Lucky 7 Casino)

The April 7th event includes a Silent Auction. Tickets are \$10, available from Judith Burke in the CFS Office (110 First St., Smith River) or from Del Norte Office Supply (Crescent City).

Another presentation has been added: April 14th, 7-9 p.m. at the Elk Valley Rancheria Community Center. Tickets are \$10.

Submitted by Judith Burke, Social Worker

From Community & Family Services

Stress Management - Ways to Relieve Stress

The best way to manage your stress is to learn healthy coping strategies. You can start practicing these tips right away. Try one or two until you find a few that work for you. Practice these techniques until they become habits you turn to when you feel stress. You can also use this to see how you respond to stress.

Stress-relief techniques focus on relaxing your mind and your body:

- **Write.** It may help to write about things that are bothering you. Write for 10 to 15 minutes a day about stressful events and how they made you feel. Or think about starting a stress journal. This helps you find out what is causing your stress and how much stress you feel. After you know, you can find better ways to cope.
- **Let your feelings out.** Talk, laugh, cry, and express anger when you need to. Talking with friends, family, a counselor, or a member of the clergy about your feelings is a healthy way to relieve stress.
- **Do something you enjoy.** This can be:
 - A hobby, such as gardening.
 - A creative activity, such as writing, crafts, or art.
 - Playing with and caring for pets.
 - Volunteer work.

You may feel that you're too busy to do these things. But making time to do something you enjoy can help you relax.

- **Focus on the present.** Meditation and guided imagery are two ways to focus and relax your mind.
 - **Meditate.** When you meditate, you focus your attention on things that are happening right now. Paying attention to your breathing is one way to focus.
 - **Use guided imagery.** With guided imagery, you imagine yourself in any setting that helps you feel calm and relaxed. You can use audiotapes, books, or a teacher to guide you.

Ways to relax your body

Exercise. Regular exercise is one of the best ways to manage stress. Walking is a great way to get started. Even everyday activities such as housecleaning or yard work can reduce stress. Stretching can also relieve muscle tension.

Try techniques to relax. Breathing exercises, muscle relaxation, and yoga can help relieve stress.

<http://www.webmd.com/balance/stress-management/stress-management-relieving-stress>

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Scholarship Opportunity

Smith River Rancheria Community and Family Services:

If you know anyone looking for Scholarships or scholarship information please let them know that Indian Country Today has a new searchable website with lots of good resources about Scholarships.

For more information about Indian Country Today, you can view their website at: <http://indiancountrytodaymedianetwork.com/education/scholarships/>

CHILD CARE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM

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 at 707-487-9255 ext. 3131.

ATTENTION GRADUATES

Calling all graduates!!! If you know of any tribal member who is graduating or has graduated this year from the 8th grade, 12th grade or college level. Please contact Leann at 707-487-9255, ext. 3131 in the Community & Family Services Department.

Employee Spotlight

Cynthia Ford was born and raised in Crescent City. She is the second of three daughters born to Henry and Mary Ford. Throughout school, she took part in many activities including cheerleading and cross country. After graduating from Del Norte High School, Cynthia moved to San Diego to attend college.

Cynthia attended Eleanor Roosevelt College, which is the fifth college at U.C. San Diego. The defining theme of E.R.C. is international understanding, students gain in-depth knowledge of the history and language of people from different regions of the world. Cynthia chose to study Pan American History, and studied Spanish as part of the course. As part of the class, one of the teachers, an architect from Argentina, took the students on an educational trip to Mexico, where they built an orphanage. Cynthia graduated from U.C. San Diego with a Bachelors Degree in Psychology.

While attending college, Cynthia paid for living expenses by working as a waitress in San Diego, and during the winters she worked as a Ski Tech at Sugar Bowl Ski Resort at Donner Pass. Cynthia also worked as a nanny for a couple who were both teachers. They were very nice to her and even took her to Hawaii on their family vacation. During her college years, Cynthia spent a lot of time camping and hiking in the Sierra Nevada area. She also traveled to Arizona, and visited the Grand Canyon. Living so close to the border, Cynthia also made many trips to Mexico. She has been to Arkansas and the East Coast, including Massachusetts, Connecticut, New Jersey and Washington D.C. and took an "awesome trip" to Alaska to visit family.

Cynthia gives a lot of credit to her mom for making her the strong, independent person she is today. She remembers during a difficult time at college, calling her mom to ask if she could come back home. Her mom told her no, but offered instead to go visit and help out for a while. She learned from her mom to not be afraid to ask for help when needed. Her mom has always been pro active for her and looked out for her.

After graduating from college Cynthia moved back home to Crescent City. At that time she began working for Elk Valley Rancheria Head Start. She also worked one semester at the Disability Resource Center at College of the Redwoods. At about the same time Cynthia had returned to Crescent City, so had former school mate Jaytuk Steinruck. They soon became a couple and have been together for nine years. Cynthia and Jaytuk have an adorable 4 year old daughter, Tsinte. Cynthia never really knew her grandparents, so she feels lucky for herself and Tsinte to be surrounded by her family and Jaytuk's large extended family.

Cynthia is very active outside of work, serving for over 5 years on the local Planning Council for Child Care and Development, and serving as Chairperson of the Parent Committee and the Policy Council of the Howonquet Head Start. Cynthia also plays for North Coast Roller Derby's "Tsunami Sirens". North Coast Roller Derby is Del Norte County's first amateur women's flat track roller derby league. Their popularity continues to grow and they hope to have four or five home bouts this year. In the little free time she has, Cynthia works with Jaytuk on their house, and is working on a dance dress for Tsinte, who loves to dance. Sewing is another hobby that she loves, but hasn't had time do a lot of lately.

Cynthia has worked for the Smith River Rancheria's Language Department for over a year. Always eager to learn, Cynthia has attained her A.C.E. (Advanced Career Experience) Degree in Early Childhood Education from College of the Redwoods, and has also taken several Linguistics courses. Cynthia loves her work because it is so personal and she knows she is making a difference for her family and the community. Cynthia feels lucky to work with three year olds up to adults because there are new experiences every day. She is happy and content where she is in life and wants to continue down the road she is on. It is important to Cynthia to see the Tolowa people and community succeed.



Submitted by Debbie Boardman, Receptionist

Tr'vlh-tak

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Tribal Elders and their Certified Home Health Care Providers are encouraged to submit an application immediately!



NEWLY BUILT:

- 2 Bedrooms
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Located close to House of Howonquet, Lucky 7 Casino, Howonquet Nutrition Center, UIHS Clinic **AND Bingo!**

Right in the heart of beautiful Smith River, California. Please stop by the Rancheria Office or call Linda Tuttle in the Housing Department for information and/or and application. But do it soon and get on the waiting list today.

Such a beautiful opportunity for our Tribal Elders. Eligibility will be determined based on a point score system.

Linda K. Tuttle, Housing Program Specialist
707-487-9255 x3140

