My name is Ted Wright. I am Tlingit of the Eagle Tribe and Wolf Clan, born and raised in Sitka, Alaska and adopted by my grandparents when I was an infant. My Tlingit heritage comes from the maternal side through my Mother Julia Durkee and Grandmother, Jennie Wright. On my father and grandfather’s side I am English, German and Irish.

I worked my way through undergraduate school as a summer laborer for the Alaska Pulp Company, graduating from Southern Oregon State College with a degree in English: Secondary Education. Shortly thereafter I received a fellowship to attend Penn State University through the American Indian Leadership Program. Long story short, I earned a Master’s Degree in Educational Administration and a Ph.D. in Education Theory and Policy between 1981 and 1989. My doctoral dissertation was titled: A Case Study and Theoretical Analysis of the Problem of Power for American Indian and Alaska Native Tribes.

For the past thirty years I’ve worked for tribes, tribal organizations and universities helping to advance the interests of American Indian and Alaska Native people. Over the course of the past 25 years I’ve served as the chief executive and administrator in charge for five tribes from Alaska to Washington and now California.

I love my work and am excited to be in Smith River to help build a brighter future for the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation.

Gunalchéesh (Thank-you)

Ted
XAA-WAN’-K’WVT FOOD FOREST TREE PLANTING

Xaa-wan’-k’wvt Early Learning Center
9:00 - 1:00

Come join us on December 5th to learn the proper way to plant and care for fruit trees and help plant the Xaa-wan’-k’wvt Food Forest in Smith River! This free event will be held at the Xaa-wan’-k’wvt Early Learning Center from 9:00 - 1:00 on December 5. Contact Erika Partee (erika.partee@tolowa.com; 707 954 9167) with any questions. Shu’ shaa niin-la!

California King Tides are coming!
Join us atop See-ch’a~ with your camera to view the King Tides on January 2nd from 10am-12pm
Please RSVP to Rosa at
rosa.laucci@tolowa.com or 487-3256

The California King Tides Project help people visualize how sea level rise will impact their lives. Via smartphones and social media, we invite you to document “king tides” – the highest high tides of today, which will be the average water levels of the future. Everyone is welcome to participate!

Our shores are constantly being altered by human and natural processes and sea level rise will exacerbate these changes. King Tides images offer a living record of the changes to our coasts and shorelines and a glimpse of what our daily tides may look like in the future as a result of sea level rise.
**Lhetlh-xat-ne (Tribal Council)**

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**Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation Mission Statement**

To exert and protect the inherent sovereignty endowed upon the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation to promote our tribal identity, and the wellbeing of our people, community, and environment by building a strong foundation, managing resources, and perpetuating our cultural lifeways and legacy.

**Waa ‘Ee-lee-te (Events)**

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**NOTARY SERVICES AVAILABLE AT THE K’VSH-CHU TRIBAL OFFICE**

Contact Jessica Haas, Government Records Manager, to schedule an appointment 707-487-9255 ext. 1221
M/S/C (Padgette/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Contract CT-1757-0848 with LACO Associates in the amount of $15,940, for soil compaction testing for North/South Indian Road Project (Grant funded)  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Contract CT-1740-0849 with Thomas Gast & Associates, not to exceed $24,500, for fishery biologist services (Grant funded)  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve contract with CRN Roofing not to exceed $30,000, for replacement of roofing and gutters of Maintenance building  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve amending budget 700 General Fund not to exceed $30,000 for replacement of roofing and gutters of Maintenance building  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve modification to budget #730 in the amount of $4,573 to continue Dee-ni’ Xaa-ghii-ne Mii--xvsh-xay Committee for remainder of year  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 17-36; Temporary Assistance to Needy Families Tribal Family Assistance Plan  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/McCallum) 5-0-1 Motion to approve United Indian Health Services (UIHS) remodel of dental and vision operatories at Xaa-wan'-k’wvt Clinic, and replace propane water heater with 2 electric water heaters (UIHS funded)  
"Ay--: Padgette, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 5-0-1 Motion to approve moving propane tank at Xaa-wan'-k’wvt Clinic to the west side of building and capping off unneeded propane lines (UIHS funded)  
"Ay--: Padgette, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/McCallum) 5-0-1 Motion to approve modification of budget #740-7411, not to exceed $5,000, for 2017 fall clean-up event budget shortfall  
"Ay--: Padgette, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/Giovannetti) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 17-37 Declaration state of Emergency in Response to the Effects of the Chetco Bar Fire  
"Ay--: Padgette, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/McCallum) 5-0-1 Motion to approve chairman sign State Lease Assignment, Acceptance, and Approval and the Memorandum of Assignment of Lease from Reservation Ranch to Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation  
"Ay--: Padgette, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve contract with Ainsworth, in the amount of $11,980 for video machine conversions  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve contract 1740-0850 with Wise Oak Consulting, not to exceed $17,538, for completion of the Threat & Hazard Identification & Risk Assessment (Grant funded)  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Padgette/McCallum) 5-1-1 Motion to approve Megan Van Pelt serve as primary delegate and Erika Partee as alternate delegate to the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) California Tribal Conservation Advisory Council  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (McCallum/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Resolution 17-38 Membership Applications (18)  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Giovannetti/Miller) 6-0-1 Motion to approve 17-41 Membership Application (1)  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan

M/S/C (Thompson/Richards) 5-0-2 Motion to approve Resolution 17-39 2017 Community Services Block Grant (CSBG)  
"Ay--: Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan, Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Giovannetti) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Chairman sign letter of support for Elk Valley Rancheria Fee-to-Trust application  
"Ay--: Padgette, Thompson, McCallum, Giovannetti, Richards, Miller  
Duu: 0  Xwee-la: Sullivan
ART. IV – Sec. 1 – Registrar of Voters: The Enrollment Clerk and/or a member of the Election Board shall serve as the Registrar of Voters for the Tolowa Indians of the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation.

ART. IV – Sec. 2 – Registration Required: An enrolled member must be registered with the Registrar of Voters in order to sign petitions and vote in the elections of the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation. An enrolled member must be registered prior to signing a petition, and must be registered no later than fifteen (15) days prior to the date of an election.

ART. IV – Sec. 3 – Registration Form: Any enrolled member eighteen (18) years of age or older who wishes to sign a petition or vote in an election shall register by executing a Registration Form, providing their name, address, date of birth and signature. The name and mailing address of such members shall, upon verification of enrollment, be entered on the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation Voter Registration List by the Registrar of Voters. Members shall be responsible for maintaining their current mailing address with the Registrar of Voters.

Therefore, if you are or will be 18 years of age or older by April 27, 2018 and you desire to vote in the next election, please complete the bottom portion of this sheet and return it to the above address at your earliest convenience.

REGISTRAR OF VOTERS

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AFFIDAVIT OF REGISTRATION – TOLOWA DEE-NI’ NATION

( ) Mr. ( ) Mrs.
( ) Ms. ( ) Miss

(First) (Middle) (Last)

Residence Address:

(Number – Street – Apt. No.)

Mailing Address: (If Different)

City County State Zip Code

City County State Zip Code

Telephone No. ( ) Date of Birth:

I am an enrolled citizen of the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation and will be at least 18 years of age by the next election. I hereby certify, under penalty of perjury that the information contained in this affidavit is true and correct.

Signature

Date

Rev: 6-21-2016
ENHANCED TRIBAL ID CARDS

TDN was recently awarded a Tribal Homeland Security Grant and intends to issue Enhanced Tribal IDs Cards under this grant.

What are Enhanced Tribal ID Cards?
Enhanced Tribal Cards are photo identification cards, issued by a federally recognized Native American Tribe.

Enhanced Tribal Cards can be used as identification for:
- Domestic (within the United States) air flights
- Land or sea travel between the United States and Canada or Mexico

Enhanced Tribal Cards can NOT be used as identification by air between the United States and any international destination, including Canada and Mexico.

To Issue Enhanced Tribal ID Cards
The Department of Homeland Security has strict guidelines on Enhanced Tribal IDs and we must take several steps before we can issue them to you:

1. Tribal Council enters an agreement with the Department of Homeland Security.
2. Equipment is installed and tested. Our IT Department works with the Department of Homeland Security to keep Tribal information safe and secure.

Submitted by Records & Enrollment

THE LONGEST WALK—SAVE THE SALMON

Seattle to San Francisco, 1000 miles ... 24 days

Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation hosted the group ‘The Longest Walk – Save the Salmon’ at the Howonquet Hall Community Center on Nov 12-14. They are on a spiritual journey to save the salmon, save the rivers and save people of the Salmon. Being people of many clans, many nations, they are united and connected by a common thread that hold “all life sacred”. We bring together like-minded people in unity, harmony and balance with the world we live in.

Councilperson Richards was in attendance to share a song and prayer on the morning they departed. We wish them safety, hospitality, and fair weather as they move down the coast on their way to the final destination of San Francisco.

Educate one person, lift up a Culture

Submitted by Administration
There are moments when something deep within me drives me to do unexpected things at unexpected times, and I have no other option than to follow that feeling.

I knew I had to go. Whatever it was that was biting at me, that was pulling on my heart strings, it said GO! The random occurrences, that I can only explain as coincidences, were undeniable signs telling me, This is what you are meant to do.

“Kelly, I loved what you did for the Makah women last year, hosting your free surfing clinic for the tribe! That would be so cool if you could do something like that for the girls in my hometown in Crescent City!” I’ll never forget my buddy Paul telling me this on Maui—and the feeling of time stopping. Everything around me stood still, and my mind flashed to that one beach just north of Jedidiah Smith Redwoods State Park in Northern California, where the small, clean waves, I remembered thinking, would be perfect for hosting my free surfing retreats. I knew without a doubt. YES! I will do that!

With Paul’s help I began making connections and reaching out to folks in the Crescent City community, and by spring I met with Pyuwa, the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation’s Culture Department Director, and Cynthia, a Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation Language Teacher, in a welcoming home that served as the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation Culture Department, near the Smith River.

Do you know much about Tolowa Dee-ni? Pyuwa asked me after we shook hands and made our formal introductions. Honestly, I knew only what I could deduce from the resources in the area. A glow of embarrassment.

“We are descendants of the survivors of a holocaust on our homelands—a genocide that took most of our people’s lives”. Pyuwa and Cynthia began telling me the story of the Tolowa. It took all the strength within me not to break into sobbing fits. This was a meeting to discuss the idea of hosting a surfing clinic for their community. Suddenly, I could care less about surfing. But, that was the purpose of the meeting, and so, after learning the history of the Tolowa People, and how they were able to preserve their culture, we discussed ways that surfing could be beneficial for the girls and women in their community. Sure enough, we set a date, shook hands and said, See you in August for the Crescent City Surfer Girls Retreat!

As my partner, Hans, and I drove south from Port Angeles, Washington in August, his big green sprinter van packed to the gills with event-hosting equipment and supplies, we took our last breaths of fresh air before entering fire country. Oregon and California were experiencing historically destructive wild fires, whose dense smoke filled every nook and cranny as far as the eye could see. The number one priority fire in the country, the Chetco Bar Fire, was burning Tolowa ancestral lands on the border of Oregon and California, consuming nearly 200,000 acres—and I arrived into Crescent City to host a surfing retreat.

After hearing the news of the fire, I began to wonder if I should cancel—the priority being the safety of their people, and the protection of their land—surfing retreats could wait. I checked in with Amanda, my go-to gal for planning the event, and Cynthia to make sure it was still ok to host the retreat. They assured me it was fine, so I kept spirits high, and put all my energy into bringing to the girls and women of the Tolowa and Yurok tribes one of the single greatest free surfing retreats I have ever had the honor of hosting. A Tolowa woman my age, Amanda, heard about the retreat and reached out to offer her support with whatever I needed help with. She turned out to be the crucial component for the event’s success, and the relief to my stress: filling sign ups within a week, requesting and gaining approval from the Tolowa Tribe to donate food for the event, and helping find camping accommodations for me and my volunteers. Amanda taught me the true meaning of giving back.

The day arrived, and I was buzzing with so much excitement the night before that I hardly slept. But I didn’t feel fatigued—I was ready. We headed to South Beach from our private campgrounds that a lovely family of the Elk Valley Rancheria offered to let us stay at. Within minutes we were at the event site, and me and my team of volunteers set up the equipment and decorations. Shirin and Tom Tyrrell, owners of Local Boys Surf and Skate Shop in Crescent City, California provided wetsuits, surfboards, and rounded up nearly 15 volunteers to help with the event. Their hearts are huge, and generous, and they look forward to creating a surf club for the Crescent City community in the near future.

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Before the participants arrived, we had a volunteer surf instructor meeting to go over safety protocol and instructor pointers. The volunteers are what made the Crescent City Surfer Girls Retreat! It was relieving to know that our participants were safe in the water with so many experienced surfers keeping an eye on everyone. It also gave me the opportunity to watch the girls surfing in to me on the shoreline, so I could offer them progressive tips, and help them get turned around to head out for another wave. Biggest Thank You to all the volunteers who offered their support that day! The Crescent City Surfer Girls came with so much positive, powerful energy. They were confident, full of joy, and super excited to learn how to surf!

Every single girl and woman who participated in the event inspired me in so many ways. I will always remember their fervor, determination, positivity, humor and grace! What a great community of surfing women!
Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation’s
Dee-ni’ Xaa-ghii-nee Mii~-xvsh-xay Committee

ANNUAL
Children’s Christmas PARTY

December 16
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Xaa-wan’-k’wvt Hall Community Center
101 Indian Court Smith River, CA 95567

For more information, please call CFS at 707-487-9255
In the month of November, we had Officer Brandy and Chipper from the California Highway Patrol (CHP) come talk with the children about bike and street safety. One interesting piece of information we received from the CHP is that they give away free bike helmets. Just take your child to the CHP Office and they will fit them with a new bike helmet.

Our Gardener, Erika Partee, borrowed the Apple Cider Press from Del Norte County Schools' Nutrition Program. Parents and staff donated apples. With a little work, we all delighted in delicious fresh Apple Cider.

Classrooms will be talking about Hibernation and Trees in the month of December.

Head Start Parent Committee Corner: They have been busy planning for the Harvest Festival in November and the Winter Gathering in December. They had a See's Candy parent fundraiser in November and have an Indian Taco and Bake Sale parent fundraiser on December 8 at the Howonquet Hall, 10:00am – 2:00pm.

We want to thank United Indian Health Services (UIHS) for their toothpaste donation and providing all our staff and regular parent volunteers with TB tests.
XAA-WAN’-K’WVT EARLY LEARNING PROGRAM

PUMPKIN PATCH
COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

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5pm to 6:30pm- Wednesday, December 6th
5pm to 6:30pm- Wednesday, December 13th
5pm to 6:30pm- Wednesday, December 20th

Location:
Sri' srwvlh Mee-ne' 16299 Hwy 101, Smith River

Shu'aa-xuu-dvn Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program invites you to join us for weekly A Window Between Worlds healing through art workshops for the month of December. This is an open community event and you may attend one (1) or all three (3) sessions. Workshop materials, supplies, food and refreshments will be provided.

- Learn about domestic violence/sexual assault services offered by the Shu' aa-xuu-dvn DV/SA Program
- Help empower and transform those who are impacted by violence and trauma through art
- Socialize and gather with your community

Tolowa Dee-ni Nation Community & Family Services Dept.
Shu'aa-xuu-dvn (In A Good Way Place) Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program 110 W. First Street | Smith River, CA 95567 | DV/SA 24-hour Crisis Line (707) 487-3175

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
OCTOBER 2017

In recognition of Domestic Violence Awareness Month October 2017
Shu'aa-xuu-dvn (In A Good Way Place) Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program hosted and facilitated various events throughout the month of October:

1. Bicoastal Media DV PSA (whole month of October)
2. North Coast Rape Crisis Team "Clothesline Project" displayed at CFS/TFRC
3. Shu'aa-xuu-dvn DV/SA Program In-service at October PAN monthly meeting
4. DV "Lunch & Learn" 5 sessions held at Xaa-wan'k'wet Hall Community Center
5. Informational Brochures at "B"ff National Health Fair & "DVAM promotion at College of Redwoods"
6. National Wear Purple Day (participants pictured above)
7. DV Film Screening "Once Were Warriors" held at Xaa-wan'k'wet Hall Community Center

We would like to thank the community for all you do every day and throughout the year to prevent and bring awareness to domestic violence in our community. Everyone needs to be heard; we all can come together and work together in a positive way to move forward and make each generation better than the generation before. We can all help create a culture of empathy, respect, and equity.

Tolowa Dee-ni Nation Community & Family Services Dept.
Shu'aa-xuu-dvn (In A Good Way Place) Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program 110 W. First Street | Smith River, CA 95567 | DV/SA 24-hour Crisis Line (707) 487-3175

**Attention Tribal Citizens**

Monica Rojas-Calvillo is the new Program Technician for the CFS Department. She handles higher education assistance, CCDF/CCAP (child care) assistance, and medical assistance. See contact information below.

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Welcome New Staff

Don Daines is the Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation’s Housing Director. Don comes from a family of homebuilders and put himself through college working as a framing carpenter. Don has always been focused on creating housing opportunities affordable for families of limited incomes. Don practiced law in multiple states for over 30 years in the area of Civil Rights to Equal Housing Opportunities. Don’s work was adopted by the State of New Jersey as the State’s Administrative Regulations on how to develop Affordable Housing. He has been directly involved in the creation of 20,000 homes for families of low income and his work was used to create an additional 20,000 homes. He and his wife, Teresa, are very happy to be part of the excellent staff serving the needs of the Members and indigenous people in Northern California and Southern Oregon. He looks forward to meeting and working with our Members to improve their housing using the several Housing Assistance Programs operated by the Nation. In the early 1970’s, Don taught high school Sociology and US History from the Indigenous People’s perspective of ‘manifest destiny’ on the Dine Reservation, beginning at the BIA School at Many Farms, AZ and then at the first Dine school at Chinle, AZ. He obtained his BA, MBA and JD in order to improve his ability to pursue his life’s mission of increasing housing opportunities affordable for families and households of limited income. “Shu’ shaa nin-la (thank you) for this opportunity to be of service to the Nation and its members in improving housing conditions and opportunities.”

Rowena Yeahquo, Kiowa and Comanche, has a Masters in Regional and City Planning from the University of Oklahoma and has over 17 years of experience in tribal and community planning. For the last three years Ms. Yeahquo was the Director of the NW Region Tribal Technical Assistance Program (NW TTAP). The NW TTAP was a Federal Highway Administration funded program housed within Eastern Washington University Planning Department in Spokane, Washington. The NW TTAP provided technical assistance to tribes in Washington, Idaho, Oregon and Western Montana. She was formerly the Community Planner for the Transportation Branch, Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Eastern Oklahoma Region Indian Reservation Road System. In this position, she met with tribal, state, federal and county representatives to discuss tribal goals and priorities in order to facilitate transportation plans and construction. Before working with the Eastern Region BIA Ms. Yeahquo worked as a consultant and developed 22 Tribal Long Range Transportation Plans in Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas for Southern Plains Regional BIA Office. She has been a grant peer-reviewer for several federal programs including: DHHS, ANA, DOJ, and USDA. Ms. Yeahquo has contracted with several tribes to provide technical assistance or training in Tribal Planning, Transportation Planning, Hazard Mitigation Plans, and Grant Writing. While working with the Cheyenne-Arapaho Tribes, she developed a Master Plan for a Tribal Justice Center, a Hazard Mitigation Plan, and was the Tribal Grant Writer. Ms. Yeahquo also worked in the Oklahoma Department of Commerce with Community Development Block Grants, Oklahoma Department of Transportation and was the Community Development Director for the City of Piedmont, Oklahoma.

My name is Jene’ Abad. I have been with Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation for 6 1/2 years. I first started with the Nation at Howonquet Early Learning Program, where I worked in the Early Learning Center, then moved to the kitchen as Assistant Cook and later became the Nutrition Specialist. I joined the Housing Department as the Office Clerk the first part of September. I am enjoying the change of pace and challenges of this position. I look forward to many more years of service to the Nation.

Dv-laa-ha~,

My name is Teela James, I am honored to be part of the Community and Family Services (CFS) team as the Administrative Analyst. I am a Yurok Tribal member from the Gensaw family and I am married to Don James a Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation citizen and employee. I bring with me 21 years of experience in administering Tribal programs including Tribal TANF, Higher Education and Child Care Development. I look forward to this new and exciting opportunity.
Tr’vm dan’ News

On October 22-23, 2017 Waa-tr’vsilh-’a~’ staff, Pyuwa Bommelyn and Amanda O’Connell along with Tr’vm dan’ committee member, Loren Me’-lash-ne Bommelyn traveled to the Oakland Museum of CA for a consultation of the NAGPRA eligible objects in their inventory.

NAGPRA Public Law provides a process for museums and Federal agencies to return certain Native American cultural items -- human remains, funerary objects, sacred objects, or objects of cultural patrimony -- to lineal descendants, and culturally affiliated Indian tribes and Native Hawaiian organizations.

In this case the Oakland Museum of CA does not hold any Human Remains culturally identifiable to Tolowa Dee-ni’. However, they do hold a very large inventory of Sacred objects, objects of Cultural Patrimony and some unassociated funerary objects from the northern California and southwestern Oregon region. Amanda O’Connell, TDN Repatriation Coordinator, was provided an expansive list of the museum’s inventory in advance of the consultation visit which she was able to review with the TDN Tr’vm dan’ Committee to come up with a priority list of objects to view during the consultation visit.

Violetta Wolf and Anna Bunting, both Registrars of the collection met with us both days. As a delegation we were able to view and handle approximately 150 objects up close which gave us a better idea of which objects should remain as a priority and others that were removed from our list. We also photographed all of the objects and documented further details about their provenance which the museum provided to us. Some of the items featured in the viewing included woodpecker headdresses, shell dresses, beargrass aprons, feather capes, abalone rim and sealion tusk headdress, burden baskets, stone whaling knives and maul, among various other objects. A cultural benefit to visiting these objects, which often times are stored in warehouses for years upon years is that we are able to handle, visit and sing to these items that have been removed from our homelands for so long. Please see the photos for just a sample of the items.

The research will continue on the priority list of objects which will eventually lead to a claim being written by the end of the grant period next year, July.

Submitted by: Amanda O’Connell, Repatriation Coordinator
YOUTH ACTIVITY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM

Date of request: [ ] Mail [ ] Will pick up

Name of youth enrolled:

Phone number:

Age of youth:

Amount of request:

Name of activity:

Name of organization:

Check is to be made out to: [ ] Mail check to this address:

NOTICE:

All reimbursement requests for 2017 must be turned in, with required documentation by January 18, 2018.

The Tolowa Dee-ni’ Nation (TDN) will reimburse the cost of TDN tribal youth activities up to $250.00 per year. (Costs for equipment, uniforms, other supplies will not be reimbursed). TDN may send a check to the organization or pay the parent or youth directly.

TDN enrolled Tribal Citizens eighteen (18) years-of-age and under, or still in high school, qualify for this program.

Events may include, but are not limited to, sports activities, conferences, and educational activities.

This form must be submitted with supporting documentation and/or receipts showing the organization’s name, address, type of activity, cost for the activity, etc.

Signature of parent or youth

Office Use Only

Approved by: [ ] Date approved:

Amount approved: [ ] Amount remaining for year:

Please allow 2 weeks processing time

Amended Feb. 3, 2017
MISSING ADDRESSES

The Enrollment Department is missing addresses for the following:


Please notify your family members to contact the Enrollment Department to update their address. Also, if you have a legal name change, proper documentation must be provided to change our records.

Theresa Ferrer
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We at the Elder Nutrition would like to offer a special invitation to community members to attend our Christmas holiday luncheon. We will be offering a special luncheon for the elders and wish you would join us. For this special occasion the donation would be only $5 dollars to all guests and $1 dollar for elders.

Our party will be held on December 15, 2017 at 12:00 p.m. at the Howonquet Hall Community Center.

Please come and join the fun.
A lot of people have a difficult time understanding the difference between Medicare and Medicaid. Both programs begin with the letter “M.” They’re both health insurance programs run by the government. People often ask questions about what Medicare and Medicaid are, what services they cover, and who administers the programs.

Let’s start with Medicare. Medicare is the national healthcare program for those aged 65 or older and the disabled. You pay for some Medicare expenses by paying the Medicare tax while you work. The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services is the agency in charge of both Medicare and Medicaid, but you sign up for Medicare A (Hospital) and Medicare B (Medical) through Social Security.

You can apply for Medicare online from the convenience of your home at the link on our website: www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/. If you’re already receiving Social Security retirement benefits when you reach age 65 or are in the 25th month of receiving disability checks, we will enroll you automatically.

Medicare Part C (Medicare Advantage) and Part D (Prescription Drug) plans are available for purchase in the insurance marketplace. Social Security administers a program called Extra Help to help people with low income and low resources pay for premiums, co-pays, and co-insurance costs for Part D plans. You can find out more about Extra Help and file for it at www.socialsecurity.gov/medicare/prescriptionhelp. Each year, The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services publishes Medicare and You available online at their website at www.medicare.gov/medicare-and-you/medicare-and-you.html. This publication is a user’s manual for Medicare.

Each state runs their own Medicaid program under guidance from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services. Medicaid offers care for the most vulnerable among us. While it does not require paying taxes while working, it does have guidelines about how much income and resources you can have to qualify. Medicaid provides coverage for older people, people with disabilities, and some families with children. Each state has its own eligibility rules and decides which services to cover. The names of the Medicaid program may vary from state to state. You can read about each state’s Medicaid program at www.medicaid.gov/medicaid/by-state/by-state.html. You can find each state’s Medicaid contact information at www.medicaid.gov/about-us/contact-us/contact-state-page.html.

Medicare and Medicaid are two of the major insurance programs that provide healthcare to the American public. Understanding each program, as well as how the two programs differ, can help you and those you care about find the right healthcare program.

Submitted by Social Security District Manager in the Crescent City Field Office
Congratulations to tribal citizen Felicity Lopez for receiving California Rural Indian Health Board’s Youth Leadership Award for Outstanding Leadership as a Role Model for American Indian Youth in Her Community.

Tribal Councilors Marvin Richards Sr., Denise Padgette and Leann McCallum were present at the awards presentation on October 27.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to all our family and friends from the Bray Family.

Terry, Julie, Sheen, Shay, Jacob, Tubby and Chubby
nee-san-naa-xee-ch’aa-ta num-nii~-ma~s (december)

christmas buffet

at the house of howonquet

December 25th
11am - 4pm
Hand Carved Prime Rib & Ham
with Bell Pepper Chicken
plus Traditional Sides & Assorted Desserts
$26 Adults - includes $10 in Promo Play!
$13 Children 13 & Under

reservations recommended