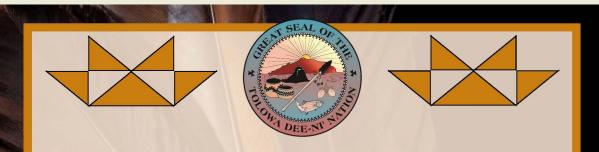


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TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL GOVERNMENT NEWSLETTER

Naa-xe Num-nii~-ma~s (February) 2020 - Volume 27, Issue 2

2020 GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation General Membership Meeting

> March 21, 2020 9:00am – 3:00pm

> > (Doors open at 8:00am)

Tolowa Event Center-Lucky 7 Casino 250 N. Indian Rd, Smith River, CA

The General Membership Meeting is a business meeting open to Tolowa Dee-ni' Citizens only, ages 16 and over.

For more information please contact:

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Administration Office

140 Rowdy Creek Road, Smith River

(707) 487-9255

Get Counted...
Tribal Census

March 21, 2020

at the General
Membership
Meeting

ATTENTION GRADUATES:

Are you or a family member graduating in 2020 from eighth grade, high school or college? If so, contact the Education Department to be added to the list of graduates to be honored.

Education Department (707) 487-9255 ext. 1190 or email <u>lenora.hall@tolowa.com</u>



ELDEST MALE TRIBAL MEMBER PASSES AT 94 YEARS

Frank Ellis Richards, of Smith River, passed away on Wednesday, January 2nd, 2020, peacefully at the age of 94. Born on September 21st, 1925 in Smith River, he was a lifelong resident of Del Norte County and the eldest male tribal member of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation.

Born to John and Ada Richards, he lived on the Beckstead Ranch as a child with his sister, Marian Richards-Lopez, and attended Ocean School. Later on, he attended Sherman Indian School, until he had enough of it and escaped with two other cousins to home. At the age of 18, he entered the Army Air Corps and served as a Ball Turret Gunner on a B-24 in Europe in World War II. He was honorably discharged with numerous medals, including the WWII Victory Medal. After the war, he moved back to Smith River and worked as a logger, and there he met the love of his life, Lestie Norris. Frank and Llewellyn, Lestie's brother, went to go pick her up at the movie theater and when Llewellyn introduced them, Frank immediately jumped into the backseat of the car next to her and the rest was history. They were married on October 6th, 1952 and had three children – Michael Richards, Bruce Richards (deceased at birth), and Denise Richards-Padgette, and were married for almost 60 years.

Throughout his long life, he enjoyed hunting deer in the hills, spearheading salmon on the Rowdy Creek, tending to his fruit orchard and grafting apples, being an accomplished flint-knapper, going for drives up the coast, sharing logging and military stories, but most of all visiting with family and friends.

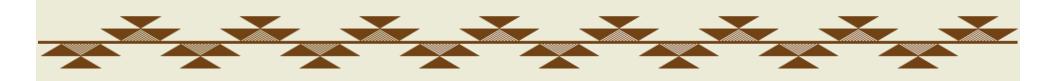
Special thank you to cousin Danual & Sharon Allen for conducting the service which beautifully honored him.



Many thanks also to: Joseph Giovannetti, Marvin Richards and Joe Hostler for their kind words and songs shared during the service; Dale Ann Sherman for her prayers to open the celebration of life; Devon, Lanie, Shanna, Blaire, and Nadine who helped make our bear grass necklaces; Teri Davis for preparing food; the pallbearers and all the men that showed up at 7am to open the grave; Crescent City Veterans for the military salute; as well as everyone who attended the service, sent condolences, flowers and photographs, helped clean-up and contributed to the potluck.

Our family definitely felt the love & respect for him and we deeply appreciate your part in the service to send him off in a good way.

Shu' shaa nin-la (Thank you)



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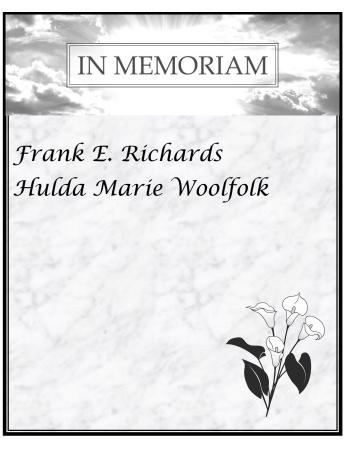
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Waa 'Ee-lee-te (Events)

Feb 3	Education Committee Meeting 5pm Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' @ Lucky 7 Casino
Feb 5	Indian Child Welfare Committee Meeting 12pm (Closed Meeting) Community and Family Services Office
Feb 13	Regular Council Meeting 5:30pm (dinner at 5pm) Howonquet (Xaa-wan'-k'wvt) Hall Community Center
Feb 14	March Newsletter Deadline
Feb 17	Tribal Offices Will Be Closed in Observance of Presidents Day
Feb 18	Natural Resources & Harvesting Committee Meeting 5pm Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' @ Lucky 7 Casino
Feb 19	Waa-tr'vslh-'a~ (Culture) Committee Meeting 5pm Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' @ Lucky 7 Casino
Feb 24	Enrollment Committee Meeting (Closed Meeting) 1pm K'vsh-chu Administration Office
Feb 26	Housing Committee Meeting 5pm Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' @ Lucky 7 Casino
Feb 27	Regular Council Meeting 5:30pm (dinner at 5:00pm) Howonquet (Xaa-wan'-k'wvt) Hall Community Center

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.

COUNCIL ATTENDANCE AND MOTIONS-December 2019

December 5, 2019 Special Meeting—All Councilors present

December 12, 2019 Regular Meeting—Councilor McCallum-absent

December 19, 2019 Special Meeting—Councilors Padgette and Nelson—absent

M/S/C (McCallum/Nelson) 6-0-1 Motion to approve budget modification of \$1,000 in Community and Family Services (CFS) General Fund to purchase fifty \$40 gift cards, and to use \$1,000 funds from Northern California Indian Development Council (NCIDC) to purchase forty \$40 gift cards in lieu of holiday food boxes

`Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 6-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign letter to CALOES approving the Chairperson or Executive Director to sign CALOES grant documents

Ay~: Thompson, McCallum, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0

Xwee-la: Padgette

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Richards) 5-0-1 Motion to approve adding the Lucky 7 Casino Controller and the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Chief Financial Officer (CFO) as authorized signers, in addition to the Tribal Council Chairperson, for the Mass Mutual 401k Plan

`Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Padgette

M/S/C (Miller/Thompson) 5-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign and send letters inviting Assemblymember Wood, Senator McGuire, Congressman Huffman, and Congressman DeFazio, to participate in the 2020 Steelhead Derby

'Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Xwee-la: Padgette Duu: 0

M/S/C (Giovannetti/Miller) 5-0-1 Motion to approve chairperson sign and submit reprogramming request for 2020 for the 4th Amendment to the 2016-2020 Multi-year Funding Agreement between Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation and the U.S. Department of the Interior, in the amount of \$26,771

Xwee-la: Padgette `Ay~: Thompson, Nelson, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0

M/S/C (Miller/Giovannetti) 4-0-1 Motion to approve SSI Surveillance upgrade, Phase 2, at a cost of \$123,400, paid out of the 2020 budget

M/S/C (Nelson/Giovannetti) 2-0-3 Motion to approve Resolution 19-36; Border Coast Regional Airport Authority (BCRAA) Delegates

'Ay~: McCallum, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson

M/S/C (McCallum/Miller) 4-0-1 Motion to approve installation of fire alarms in Lucky 7 Casino Maintenance Shed, at a cost not to exceed \$6,600.55

`Ay~: McCallum, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson

M/S/C (McCallum/Miller) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Lucky 7 Casino advertising with NBC Channel 5 at a cost of \$12,500 for 12-months

`Ay~: McCallum, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Xwee-la: Thompson Duu: 0

M/S/C (McCallum/Miller) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Lucky 7 Casino advertising with KVIQ \$9,700 for 12-months

`Ay~: McCallum, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson

M/S/C (Miller/McCallum) 4-0-1 Motion to approve increasing Lucky 7 Casino capital improvement fund from \$480,000 to \$600,000 per year

`Ay~: McCallum, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson

M/S/C (McCallum/Miller) 4-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign letter of support for Friends of the Dunes/Tolowa Dunes Stewards Whale Tail Grant **Application for FY2020 funding**

`Ay~: McCallum, Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson

M/S/C (Miller/Giovannetti) 3-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign, and submit the Tribal Transportation Improvement Plan Certificate

'Ay~: Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson

M/S/C (Miller/Richards) 3-0-1 Motion to approve Chairperson sign, and submit the Referenced Funding Agreement for 2020 in the amount of \$44,276.29

`Ay~: Richards, Miller, Giovannetti Duu: 0 Xwee-la: Thompson



Translation: 'Ay~=Yes, Duu=No. Xwee-la=Abstain

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Public Community Calendar February 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	Education Committee at Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' 5:00 pm		Indian Child Welfare Committee at Sri'-srwvlh Mee-ne' 12:00 pm	Tolowa Community Language Class at Howonquet Hall 4:30 pm		
			Tr'vm-dan' (NAGPRA) Committee at Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' 5:00 pm			
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
				Tolowa Community Language Class at Howonquet Hall 4:30 pm Regular Council Mtg at		
				Howonquet Hall 5:00 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	HOLIDAY All tribal office sites closed in observance of President's Day	Natural Resources & Harvesting Committee at Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' 5:00pm	Waa-tr'vslh-'a (Culture) Committee at Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' 5:00 pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Enrollment Committee at Tribal Administration office 1:00 pm		Housing Committee at Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' 5:00 pm	Scan & Share: Digital Preservation at Howonquet Hall 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm Regular Council Mtg at Howonquet Hall 5:00 pm		Scan & Share: Digital Preservation at Howonquet Hall 10:00 am to 2:00 pm

For more information regarding Public Calendar activities, call the Tribal Administration Office at (707) 487-9255 or visit the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation website at https://www.tolowa-nsn.gov/

- Sri'-srwvlh Mee-ne' is located at 16299 US Hwy 101 in Smith River, CA 95567
- ♦ Howonguet Hall is located at 101 Indian Court in Smith River, CA 95567
- ♦ Nii~-li~ Me'-ne' is located in the Lucky 7 Casino at 350 N Indian Rd in Smith River, CA 95567
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SUMMER YOUTH EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM SUPERVISORS NEEDED

Dv-laa-ha' (Hello),

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation TERO Department is seeking Supervisors for the Tolowa Tribal Youth Employment Program. Are you in college and seeking a summer position? Do you have leadership skills? Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation needs you.

Position Summary:

Under the Supervision of the TERO Director, the Tribal Summer Youth Employment Program will assist various departments along with community partners throughout the summer. Youth will work in a professional manner with businesses and education facilities throughout the 9-week program. The program teaches skills building, training for future positions, mock interviews and basic job skills.

The Program Supervisor must be reliable, have a positive attitude, and be willing to work outdoors as well as indoors. This position is a lead role that will make sure all program youth are accounted for and following direction during every project. The Supervisors will follow a coordinated schedule developed by the TERO Director.

For job description and more information, contact Zack Chapman at 707-487-9255 ext. 1165, or email zackary.chapman@tolowa.com



REMINDER FROM THE VOTER REGISTRAR/ELECTION BOARD

The General Membership Meeting will be held Saturday, March 21. The General Election is scheduled for Saturday, May 16. For more information, contact Theresa Ferrer, Voter Registrar, at (707) 487-9255 ext. 1120

ARTICLE III - QUALIFICATION OF VOTERS AND TRIBAL COUNCIL

Section 1 – Eligibility to Vote

All enrolled members of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation, who are eighteen (18) years of age or older and registered in accordance with Article IV of this Ordinance shall be eligible to sign petitions and vote in all elections as provided for in this Ordinance and the Constitution of the Tolowa Dee -ni' Nation.

Section 2 - Eligibility to Hold Tribal Council Office

Any enrolled member that is twenty-one (21) years of age or older at the time of nomination, who has never been convicted of a felony or a crime of moral turpitude in any jurisdiction, and has continuously resided within Del Norte, Humboldt, Curry, Josephine or Coos counties for a period of one (1) year immediately prior to being nominated as a candidate for the Council that has been nominated in accordance with the Constitution and this Ordinance shall be eligible to seek and hold Tribal Council office.

ARTICLE V - NOMINATIONS OF CANDIDATES

Section 1 – Qualifications

Any enrolled member who is eighteen (18) years of age or older is qualified to nominate a candidate for election to Tribal Council.

Section 2 – Nominations

Nominations for the Tribal Council will be made during the General Membership meeting in accordance with the Constitution of the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation. Nominations will be accepted from the General Membership present. Written nominations received at the Tribal Office by the close of business on the last business day prior to the General Membership meeting will also be accepted and presented to the General Membership. Nominees shall decline or confirm their acceptance for candidacy in writing to the Tribal Office within seven (7) business days after the General Council meeting. Nominees shall declare, under penalty of perjury, that they meet the qualifications to be a candidate for Tribal Council. At the time of nomination acceptance, candidates will be issued and Election Packet that will include the Voter Registration List. Candidates shall agree to use the Voter Registration List only for legitimate campaign purposes.

ARTICLE VII – ABSENTEE VOTING

Section 1 - Requirements

A provision for absentee voting is required for all elections. Absentee ballots must be mailed or hand delivered to the Election Board before the close of the polls. Any ballots received after the close of the polls shall not be counted. Two or more members of the Election Board shall be present when retrieving absentee ballots from the post office. The Election Board may retrieve absentee ballots from the post office weekly in order to compare signatures and correct any possible errors

in voter processing. The last attempt to retrieve absentee ballots from the post office will be made prior to the closing of the polls on the day of the election. All keys necessary to access the post office and absentee ballot box shall be located at the tribal office and be only accessible by the Election Board.

Section 2 - Applications

Each person applying for an absentee ballot must fill out and sign an Application for an absentee ballot. Registered voters that intend to vote by mail must prepare and submit their Application for an absentee ballot to the Registrar of Voters at least fifteen (15) days prior to the election; however, Applications for absentee ballots may be submitted to the Registrar of Voters at the Tribal Office during regular business hours until the close of business on the day prior to the election.

Section 3 – Absentee Ballots

The absentee ballot shall consist of a paper ballot, which meets the requirement of this Ordinance. The Election Board shall compare the signature on the return envelope to the signature on file with the Registrar of Voters. If the signatures match, the return envelope shall be deposited into the locked ballot box, unopened. The locked ballot box shall be kept secured at all times and accessible only by the Election Board. In the event the ballot is rejected because of an improper signature, the ballot shall be kept in a separate secure location until it can be reviewed by the entire Election Board. (~~Excerpts from the Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Code: Title 5-Election Ordinance)

ATTENTION REGISTERED VOTERS

RE: SIGNATURE VOTER FORM

A reminder to citizens that received a <u>Voter Signature Form</u> in the mail. Please complete the form and return to the Voter Registrar.

Signatures must be updated every three (3) years. This is to verify signatures on requests for absentee ballots, and official ballots, for tribal elections.

The Election Board has the right to void ballots if signatures on the ballots do not match signatures on the Voter Signature Form.

It is important to keep the Voter Registrar/Election Board updated on any changes including legal name changes and address changes.

Shu' shaa nin-la,

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Election Board

Voter Registrar: Theresa Ferrer 707-487-9255 ext. 1120



TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL YOUTH ACTIVITY REIMBURSEMENT PROGRAM



Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation

140 Rowdy Creek Road Smith River, CA 95567 Tel: (707) 487-9255 Fax: (707) 487-0930

TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TRIBAL 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:				
The Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation (TDN) will reimburse the cost (Costs for equipment, uniforms, other supplies will not be or pay the parent or youth directly.				
TDN enrolled Tribal Citizens eighteen (18) years-of-age a	nd under, or still in high school, qualify f	or this program.		
Events may include, but are not limited to, sports activities	s, conferences, and educational activitie	S.		
This form must be submitted with supporting docume name, address, type of activity, cost for the activity, e		organization's		
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. 2, 2017		

REMINDER: This program reimburses the participation/ registration fees only.

Items not reimbursed include (but are not limited to) special uniforms, clothing, shoes, equipment, books, volunteer fees and travel costs.

Processing of reimbursements take a minimum of 2-weeks.

Please fill out a separate form for each child and for each activity.

Don't forget to attach a copy of your receipt.

Each enrolled youth 18 and under, or still in high school, qualify for up to \$250 per year.

Reimbursements for the previous year will not be made after January 15th of each year.









EDUCATION DEPARTMENT NEWS

Higher Education:

The Higher Education funding program is now processing winter quarter and spring semester funding checks. As of the date of this article submission, there are 40 full-time applications and 7 part-time applications. By early February, most higher education funding applications will be complete.

Many of our Tribal students attend the summer term. If you or a family member are intending to attend summer school, please let me. Attending summer term allows a student to take enrichment classes or catch up on some required classes that somehow was missed during the regular academic year. If you are interested in attending college, contact me. There is a process to follow in order to obtain higher education funding.

<u>Howonquet Early Learning Program:</u>
The Early Learning Program (ELP) has completely full enrollment at this time. Teachers Ms. Sara and Ms. Marjorie are constantly busy teaching the students transitional skills and all things preschool. For example, every day the children learn about weather patterns and calendar days. The ages of the children enrolled in our ELP is 2.9 to 5 years old.

The Early Learning Program received a new social emotional curriculum that will be implemented in the next month or two. This curriculum teaches very young children how to get along with each other and how to deal with their emotions. This curriculum has a lot of manipulative and includes puppetry.

The Head Start classrooms will be visited by the Office of Head Start out of Washington, DC. The OHS will be conducting "Class" observations in both K'wee-lhin' chu (frog) and Dan' dee-ni' (spring salmon.) What this means is that OHS wants to view all the teaching staff in action and to see that Head Start standards are being followed.

The Head Start manager, Tarra Kleiser, and I will start the 5-year grant cycle this month. We are excited about all the grant parts that need to be researched. This is the time to dream and think about what types of program, facilities, and curriculum we would like to have in our Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Head Start school. Soon, we'll be asking our community, parents, and Tribal Council their opinions.

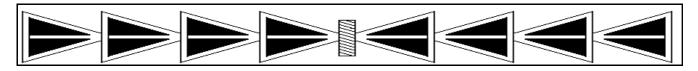
Tolowa Language Program:

Dv-laa-ha~. The Wee-ya' (*language*) program has continued its evening community classes once more for 2020, which take place on Thursdays, in 6-week sessions. Any one is welcome and you do not need to know Tolowa Dee-ni' Wee-ya' beforehand. We meet at the Xaa-wan'-k'wyt (Howonquet) Community Center classroom from 4:30 to 5:30.

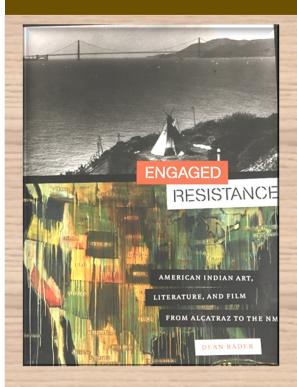
Also, for the Head Start program, weekly staff classes are held. We practice kid songs for the classroom, like K'wee-t'a'sr 'Aa-'ii~sdvm (Itsy Bitsy Spider), the alphabet, and common nouns used at school. Some nouns include Chis-chu (*elk*), K'wee-lhin'-chu (*frog*), Dan'-dee-ni' (*spring salmon*), Ta'-k'wis-chu (*pelican*), & Ch'vs-k'i (*butterfly*). If ever you have a request for translations, learning material, or whatnot, please contact the Education dept. at (707) 487-9255 ext. 1173, or email kyle.hinshaw@tolowa.cóm. Shu' shaa nin-la.

<u>Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Library:</u> Cut out the following survey and return to me to get your name in a \$20 Walmart or Fred Meyer gift card raffle. Must be 18+ years old, Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizen, and live in either Del Norte or Curry County. All materials are Native themed. Name will be drawn March 15, 2020.

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Would you like to check out books?	Yes	No	Maybe	
2. Would you like to check out DVDs?	Yes	No	Maybe	
3. Would you like to check out Magazines?	Yes	No	Maybe	
Magazine suggestions:				
4. Would you like to attend NDNtivity classes?	Yes N	o Mayl	oe	
If so, what are you interested in:				
Name		Phoi	ne #	
Lenora Hall, Education Director	lenora.hall@to	olowa.com		
Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation 140 Rowdy Creek Road Smith River, CA 95567	Fax # 707-48	7-0930		



BOOK OF THE MONTH



Engaged Resistance: American Indian Art, Literature, and Film from Alcatraz to the Nmai

By Dean Rader

Native American movies, literature, and art have become increasingly influential, garnering critical praise and enjoying mainstream popularity. Recognizing that the time has come for a critical assessment of this exceptional artistic output and its significance to American Indian and American issues, Dean Rader offers the first interdisciplinary examination of how American Indian artists, filmmakers, and writers tell their own stories.

If you would like to borrow this book from the Tolowa library, please contact the Education Department at (707)487-9255 ext. 1190.

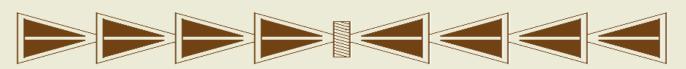
STUDENT OF THE MONTH



Hello, I am Siobhan Lopez. This is my last semester at College of the Redwoods in Crescent City. I am studying for my associate's degree in Early Childhood Education. I have lived in the crescent city / smith river area my whole life, all 19 years. I attended Del Norte high school and graduated from there June 2018.

If I was asked what had motivated me to attend college and go for my AA I would say my family. My family has always pushed me and my siblings to do the best for ourselves, no matter what it is, school, sports, everything. I am excited to be getting my degree in Early Childhood Education. It's going to be so fun working with children and teaching them everything I can.

Once I graduate I plan on continuing my education in the future but also getting a job with children to essentially start my career. The advice I would give to anyone trying to go to school or even attending school is it goes by quicker than you think so enjoy it and stop worrying about the midterms. Take breaks in between studying or you're going to go crazy, and ALWAYS eat breakfast.



SAVE THE DATE

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Presents:

Scan & Share Digital Preservation

Thursday, February 27th 1 pm - 4 pm

&

Saturday, February 29th 10 am - 2 pm

Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Hall Community Center Smith River, CA

Do you have family photos, flyers, documents, certificates, or other memorabilia you would like to digitally preserve?

Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation invites Tribal citizen's and their households to join us for a digital preservation activity.

- Staff will scan items on site and place the digitized collection on a thumb drive for each participant to take home (thumb drives will be provided).
- Participants will also have the opportunity to share their digitized items for Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation archive (voluntary, not required).
- Appointments can be made with staff at a later date, to digitize large collections of 20 items or more.

For more information please contact Kara or Shelly at (707) 487-9255

2019 TRIBAL CHILDREN'S WINTER CARNIVAL

On December 14th, a total of 176 guests joined us at the Xaa-wan'-k'wvt Hall Community Center for the first ever Winter Carnival! Carnival games included spin to win, disk drop, penguin pop-up, snow shovel race, frosty snowball toss, knockdown, and a snowflake ornament bead station. Shu' shaa nin-la to those who attended the carnival and look forward to seeing everyone at the next gathering.





















TRIBAL YOUTH WINTER ACTIVITIES

The Community and Family Services (CFS) Department Youth Prevention Services, a collaboration of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and Child Care & Development Funds (CCDF) hosted a Tribal Youth Winter Activity on January 2nd and 3rd.

With the help of the Education Department, the youth participated in wee-ya bingo and other language activities. The boys worked on traditional gambling drums and the girls learned how to bead necklaces and make shell dice for gambling.

The event was a success and CFS is planning for more events like this. Be on the look out for our Spring event coming soon. We encourage all Tribal Youth within the appropriate age groups and service areas to participate in these prevention activities. They are a great outlet and way to keep our culture and heritage alive.















Submitted by Garrett Campbell

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (IT) SPECIAL REPORT SERIES

Protecting Against Ransomware – Part 2

What can I do to prevent ransomware infections?

Number 1: Update and patch your computer.
 Ensure your applications and operating systems
 (OSs) have been updated with the latest patches.
 Vulnerable applications and OSs are the target of most ransom ware attacks.



- Number 2: Use caution with links and when entering website addresses. Be careful when
 clicking directly on links in emails, even if the sender appears to be someone you know.
 Malicious, dangerous website addresses often appear almost identical to legitimate sites, often
 using a slight variation in spelling or a different domain (e.g., .com instead of .net).
- Number 3: Open email attachments with caution. Be wary of opening email attachments, even from senders you think you know, particularly when attachments are compressed files or ZIP files.
- Keep your personal information safe. Check a website's security to ensure the information you
 submit is encrypted before you provide it.
- Verify email senders. If you are unsure whether or not an email is legitimate, try to verify the
 email's legitimacy by contacting the sender directly. Do not click on any links in the email if
 unsure.
- Use and maintain preventative software programs. Install antivirus software, firewalls, and email filters—and keep them updated—to reduce malicious network traffic.

How do I respond to a ransomware infection?

- Isolate the infected system. Remove the infected system from all WiFi networks, and disable the computer's wireless, Bluetooth, and any other potential networking capabilities.
- Turn off other computers and devices. Power-off and segregate (i.e., remove from the network)
 the infected computer(s). The goal is to keep the Ransomware from spreading if possible. WiFi
 networks are the perfect way for the Malware to spread. Power-off and segregate any
 computer(s) that have not been fully encrypted by ransomware.
- Secure your backups. Ensure that your backup data is offline, as on a portable USB hard drive
 that is not connected to your infected computer. If possible, scan your backup data with an
 antivirus program to check that it is free of malware. Restore your PC with a new (clean)
 installation of the Operating System and applications, then restore your data from backups.

What do I do if my computer is infected with ransomware?

- Home users: immediately contact your local FBI office or local U.S. Secret Service office to request assistance.
- Change all system passwords once the ransomware has been removed.

How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

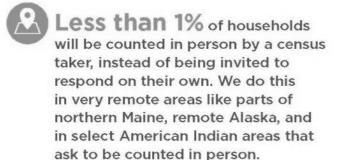
Nearly every household will receive an invitation to participate in the 2020 Census from either a postal worker or a census worker.



95% of households will receive their census invitation in the mail.



Almost 5% of households will receive their census invitation when a census taker drops it off. In these areas, the majority of households may not receive mail at their home's physical location (like households that use PO boxes or areas recently affected by natural disasters).



Note: We have special procedures to count people who don't live in households, such as students living in university housing or people experiencing homelessness.



How the 2020 Census will invite everyone to respond



What to Expect in the Mail

When it's time to respond, most households will receive an invitation in the mail.

Every household will have the option of responding online, by mail, or by phone.

Depending on how likely your area is to respond online, you'll receive either an invitation encouraging you to respond online or an invitation along with a paper questionnaire.

Letter Invitation

- Most areas of the country are likely to respond online, so most households will receive a letter asking you to go online to complete the census questionnaire.
- We plan on working with the U.S. Postal Service to stagger the delivery of these invitations over several days. This way we can spread out the number of users responding online, and we'll be able to serve you better if you need help over the phone.

Letter Invitation and Paper Questionnaire

 Areas that are less likely to respond online will receive a paper questionnaire along with their invitation. The invitation will also include information about how to respond online or by phone.

WHAT WE WILL SEND IN THE MAIL				
On or between	You'll receive:			
March 12-20	An invitation to respond online to the 2020 Census. (Some households will also receive paper questionnaires.)			
March 16-24	A reminder letter.			
	If you haven't responded yet:			
March 26-April 3	A reminder postcard.			
April 8-16	A reminder letter and paper questionnaire.			
April 20-27	A final reminder postcard before we follow up in person.			

We understand you might miss our initial letter in the mail.

- Every household that hasn't already responded will receive reminders and will eventually receive a paper questionnaire.
- It doesn't matter which initial invitation you get or how you get it—we will follow up in person with all households that don't respond.



COMMUNITY AND FAMILY SERVICES

CFS Staff Locations:

110 W First Street
Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program
Substance Abuse Counseling (located in modular)

16299 US HWY 101 N

Family Services TANF

Tribal Services – burial, elder emergency assistance, general assistance, medical assistance

It's a new year, which means it's time for application updates. If you are in need of assistance please, make sure you have an updated application on file at Community & Family Services. You may be eligible for some of the following programs:

 Enrolled Citizens of Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation may choose to use their medical assistance on behalf of their legal spouse, but the allowance will not exceed the payment standard in any applicable category.

Burial Assistance:

Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Nation Tribal Citizens

- Obtain and complete an application for assistance, along with all information needed for assistance: name of funeral home, etc.
- CFS staff will contact the funeral home and request the following: death certificate, and burial bill.
- There is a max allowance of \$3,500 for assistance. **IF,** there are funds left over, the remaining balance may be awarded to an heir, or next of kin to the deceased.

General Assistance:

Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in our 5 county service area ONLY (Coos, Curry, Josephine, Del Norte and Humboldt)

- Provides financial assistance to eligible Tribal Citizens with a goal to increase self-sufficiency. This is accomplished through specific steps an individual will take to increase independence as outlined in his/her Individual Self-Sufficiency Plan (ISP)
- Obtain and complete an application for general assistance.
 Applicants MUST submit all information required, in order for an application to be complete.
- Applicants with children must apply for Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), and submit an approval or denial letter.
- Applicants who are disabled and unable to work must apply for other financial assistance, such as State Disability, SSI/SSP, SSD, Workers compensation, etc.
- Applicants who are able to work, must apply with TDN TERO dept., and your local workforce center.
- Applicants also must apply for food stamps in your county, and submit approval or denial letter.
- Applicants must pass a drug test.

Medical Assistance: Available to all Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens

- This program was established to benefit and enrich the lives of our Tribal Citizens by providing transportation/lodging reimbursements for medical care not available in their community.
- Medical Assistance Grant Awards, annual maximum allowance shall not exceed \$750. \$75 for trips one-way from 50 - 199 miles, or \$150 for trips one-way from 200 + miles, from a Tribal Citizens home.
- Payments are not made retro actively; Tribal Citizens have the responsibility to request assistance prior to appointment date, or in the case of an emergency, ten (10) business days of the appointment.

Hospitalization Assistance:

- Available for members or their spouse who are hospitalized.
 Members or their spouses are eligible for \$100 a day after a verified hospitalization of three (3) consecutive days; up to, and not to exceed, \$1,000 for inpatient treatment.
- Limited to one per calendar year per member.

Consecutive Treatment/Long Term Therapy:

- Long term therapy or consecutive treatment is available for certain life threatening conditions including, but not limited to, cancer, renal failure, neurological disorders and coronary heart disease.
- Is intended to help offset the cost of extended and/or repeated treatments such as chemotherapy, radiation therapy, and kidney dialysis.
- Limited to one per calendar year per member.

NCIDC LIHEAP- Energy Assistance: Contact Monica Calvillo Available to Tolowa Dee-ni' Tribal Citizens who reside in Del Norte or Humboldt County ONLY

Tribal Citizen must complete an NCIDC LIHEAP application and submit information specified on application; along with energy bill. NCIDC will verify information, approve or deny request.



Community and Family Services

Tolowa Dee'ni Nation

TOLOWA DEE-NI' NATION TANF PROGRAM

DIVERSION SERVICES

This program is for families that are experiencing a crisis situation, or episode of need that would cause the loss of regular full time employment. Families must be within 200% of the poverty guidelines for their household size. The goal of this program is to assist the family with a temporary need to keep them from being on regular TANF cash assistance. Families can't exceed the resource limitation of \$10,000 (savings,401K, etc.). Families can apply for assistance once per year, the maximum amount that can be received is \$5,000 (maximum life time amount). Contact Community & Family Services for program eligibility requirements and available services.

Example of Income Eligibility

Household Size	Maximum Annual Income*	Maximum Monthly Income
2	\$33,820	\$2,818
3	\$42, 660	\$3,555
4	\$51,500	\$4,291

^{*}Based on 2019 Federal Poverty Guidelines

For more information or to apply for TANF Diversion services, please contact our office at (707) 487-9255 extension 1131 for an application or visit us at Sri'-srwvlh Mee-ne', 16299 Hwy 101 North, Smith River, CA.

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A REMINDER FROM NATURAL RESOURCES

Should you see an Elk that has been killed or hit on the highway or a roadway in Del Norte County, please call the following members of the Tribe's Natural Resources & Harvesting Committee/Natural Resources staff. Names are listed in order of preference, should you not reach the first name, please go on to the next.

⇒ Jaytuk Steinruck (707) 951-1188

⇒Kurt Miller (707) 218-6140

⇒Cynthia Ford (707) 951-9695

⇒ Troy Travis (707) 954-2441

⇒Eric Brundin (707) 951-9148

Note: The elk meat is processed and distributed to Elders and used for Tribal events.

Submitted by the Natural Resources Department/Natural Resources & Harvesting Committee

XAA-WAN'-K'WVT (HOWONQUET) ELDER NUTRITION CENTER

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
3 Chili Relleno Bake	4 Spaghetti	5 Navy Bean Soup	6 Elk Gravy over Mashed Potatoes	7 Breakfast
10 Fettucine Alfredo	11 Chicken Fiesta	12 Clam Chowder	13 Teriyaki Chicken	14 Salisbury Steak (alenine)
17 Soup and 1/2 Egg Salad Sandwich	18 Chicken Divan	19 Chili	20 Fish and Chips	21 Stuffed Cabbage
24 Cream of Broccoli Soup	25 Pork Chop	26 Beef Stew	27 Beans w/Bacon	28 Hamburger w/Bun
		\$2500 SQ		

Lunch served @ 12:00 pm Reserve Lunch @ <u>707-487-0215 press option 3</u> 101 Indian Court in Smith River BP/BS Checks—call CHR @ 487-0215, 464-2919, or 482-2181 Suggested donations:

Elders 55+, \$2 (some are free)

Under 55, \$7

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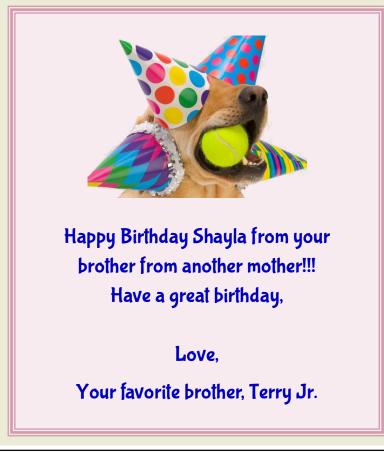
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