

**STEWARTS POINT  
RANCHERIA  
KASHIA BAND  
OF  
POMO INDIANS**

# Su' Nu' Nu' Shinal

"Huckleberry Heights"

## Tribal Elections 2011

**Its Official, we have our new Council Members:**

Ralph Sepulveda



Chairman

Reno Franklin



Vice-Chairman

Glenda Jacob-McGill



Treasurer

Gina Perrine



Secretary

We want to congratulate our returning Council Members Ralph Sepulveda, Glenda Jacob-McGill and Sandy Pinola as well as

welcome our new Council Members, Reno Franklin, Leonard Sheard, Gina Perrine and Priscilla Muro-Southwick.

Sandy Pinola



Leonard Sheard



Priscilla Muro-Southwick



The Election was a success. The Election Committee experienced many new challenges that we can look to

avoid in our future elections. Our Election Committee did a great job! Thank you to Elvida Banuelos, Rose Uribe, Andrea Sanchez and Billyrene Pinola.

## Secretarial Election Results

On January 30, 2011 the Tribe held its first Secretarial Election with the Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) in regards to our Constitution. We had been governing our Tribe with a Constitution that dates back 30 years.

Many thanks to our dedicated Governance Committee members, Inez Adam, Freda Davis, Glenda Jacob-McGill, Priscilla Muro-Southwick, Gina Perrine, Emilio Valencia and Esperanza Valencia.

Carol Rogers-Davis, Tribal Operations Specialist from the Bureau of Indian Affairs

and her assistant Angela Pittman conducted the elections. Tribal Representatives Elvida Banuelos and Tara Candelaria were also a part of the Election Committee.

The Secretarial Election conducted was a Federal Election administered through the BIA, it only required 30 % of registered voters from our Tribe to be an official election. We had 110 registered voters.

The results were: 46 votes (yes) for the new constitution and 14 votes (no) against adopting a new constitution for the Tribe. We received our official letter

and certificate of approval on February 15, 2011, from the Regional Director at the BIA.

Our people have made a great step towards our future and the governing of our Tribe.

If you have further questions about the new Constitution, please call the Tribal Office at 707-591-0580.

If you would like a copy of the New Constitution Please stop by the Tribal Office or we can mail one to you.

**Special points of interest:**

- Election Results
- Secretarial Election Results
- New Employees
- Calendar of Events
- Past Events
- MLPA Update

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## Welcome Rosellen George to the Housing Department!



Housing Department. She also enjoys going to the beach and traveling.

Rosellen has been auditing files and getting all information current on each applicant. She has done a great job in getting up to speed with the program and is eager to do the best job she can.

We are glad to have Rosellen on board with us and look forward to great things from the Housing Department this year.

Rosellen George has joined the Tribal Office as our new Housing Assistant.

Rosellen George, new Housing Assistant, has 2 teenage kids, Tylor and Heather. She is an Alaskan Native, but has lived in California for the majority of her life.

Before joining Stewarts Point Rancheria, she worked in the mortgage lending field as well as Human Resources; this experience has been helpful in the

Housing Report by Rosellen George  
At present, the Housing Department provides monthly rental assistance to low income families in Lake, Sonoma, Mendocino, and Napa counties. We also are able to provide up to \$900 for security deposits for those who qualify. The assistance with a security deposit is allowed only once; when the family decides to move, they are able to take the security deposit with them for their new place. Those who are chosen to participate in the rental assistance program are selected by a "need" basis. "Need" is based on a point system:

Elders	4 points	Households w/ out housing	4 points
Near Elder	3 points	Facing Evictions	3 points
Disabled	2 points	Hazardous House	2 points
Single Parent	1 point	Displaced Home	1 point

The number of points a family has and what their annual income is determines who will qualify. Those who do qualify are selected from the waiting list around the middle of the month. If a family is not selected, they remain on the waiting list for the next month. Those selected will receive assistance for 6 months at which time they are required to recertify and provide updated income and household composition. If they still qualify they will receive additional 6 months assistance. The Housing Department is preparing for the Financial Literacy classes to begin. Those who agree to participate in the Rental Assistance Program will attend classes such as "Budget and Save," "Credit Review," and "Tenants' Rights and Responsibilities." Benefits will be suspended if participants do not participate in the classes once they are offered. The hold that was placed on housing has been lifted. We have 26 active participants at this time. The next review of applications will be mid-March.

## Cultural Resources Department

Emilio Valencia, former Vice-Chairman for the Tribe has been hired by the Tribe as our new Tribal Historic Preservation Officer (THPO). He was currently doing site monitoring for the Tribe and has been training with former THPO Reno Franklin and our Cultural Advisor Walter Antone.

Emilio served on our Tribal Council for 2 years as our Vice-Chairman along with many other accomplishments such as completion of the Electrician Apprenticeship Training along with receiving many certificates from the Emergency Management Institute, FEMA, for completion of Incident Command Systems, ICS for Single Resources and Initial Action Incidents, Center of Domestic Preparedness, FEMA, for completion of Emergency Management Institutes ICS-300 Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents in Hopland, CA., Certificate of Completion in the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers Local 551 for Photovoltaic Design and Installation and he successfully completed Wild land Fire Training held in Greenville, CA, April 14, 2010. We are glad to have him on board.



### **NOW HIRING**

The CRD is currently recruiting for tribal monitors for the coming season. Some of the requirements for tribal monitors are that you must be a Tribal member of Stewarts Point, have knowledge of Kashia traditions and customs and a willingness to learn. Duties of the Kashia monitors are overseeing work in the Kashia Aboriginal Territories, arrive on the job site on time daily, maintain a professional appearance and attitude and arrive on the job site with proper protective equipment. Reliable transportation and a current Driver License may be needed for specific jobs. If you are interested in applying for these positions please call Emilio at 707-591-0580 ext. 112.

## KASHAYA UTILITY DISTRICT by Nina Hapner Director of

This past Spring the Kashia Department of Environmental Planning began the process of seeking companies that were interested in installing a solar system on the Tribes Utility. Seven companies expressed their interest and submitted proposals. We hired a consultant, Tobias Schultz, to assist with choosing a design. His input was invaluable to the tribe in choosing a system that would meet our needs and perform as claimed by the company.

In September the Tribe signed an agreement with West Coast Solar to install solar panels on the Maintenance Building and the Treatment House. Together these two systems will nearly eliminate the electricity usage at the distribution building, the septic system and the treatment building where our microfiltration unit is housed. Unfortunately we were not able to place solar panels at our infiltration gallery (where we pump water from the river) because there is very little sun to power solar panels. We hope to apply earned credits from the panels connected to the meters located at the Treatment and Distribution Buildings to the meter at the well pumps by the river.

Installation and staff time for this project was funded by the Indian Development Community Block Grant and EPA General Assistance Program Grant. There are a total of 58 panels, 38 on the Maintenance Building and 12 on the Treatment House and each panel produces 245 watts of energy and has its own en-phase micro inverter. This set up allows for maximum production, low voltage DC and reduced fire risk. Additionally, we can change out individual panels instead of the entire string if one fails. Included in this project is a backup generator system for times when the utility loses power. The generator is a Cummins Onan propane generator that puts out less than 66dB(A) at 7m (its pretty darn quiet). This was included because in January 2010 the Rancheria experienced a 96-hour power outage that cost the Utility over \$5,000 in repairs. If there had been a back up system in place this could have been avoided.

It was decided the best location for the propane tanks and generator was behind the Treatment House in the fenced area. Piping would be ran along the outside of the building to a power box that will sit next to the PG&E meter. We worked with Charles Thompson at the Ukiah I.H.S. office and the Kashia THPO Department to ensure we wouldn't damage underground tanks or affect cultural resources.





## Enrollment Department Report

### **Tribal Membership Status**

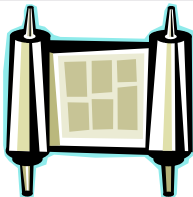
Total Membership: 831

Total 18 +: 545

**40 for a quorum (new constitution)**

Total Elders 55 +: 103

Total Minors: 286



I would like to thank the Enrollment Committee for their dedication and knowledge they bring to the Enrollment Committee and to our Tribe. If you have questions please call 707-591-0580.

According to the previous Constitution & Bylaws it states that the Business Committee will serve as the Enrollment Committee and select 2 alternates as necessary. The Enrollment Ordinance stated that the Enrollment Committee (Business Committee) approves or denies membership requests.

It has been precedence to read the names to the Community at a meeting in which a quorum was present and motions were made to accept the new membership. Our laws did not state that it was a necessary process in order to enroll new members to the Tribe and many times applicants had waited a year or more to receive a determination if the Tribe didn't meet the quorum requirements at a meeting. At a meeting held by our Tribal Council, formerly, Business Committee, on November 11, 2010, 51 new members were added to our Tribal Rolls and the process was done within our Constitution Guidelines.

### **Our Current Enrollment Committee:**

Priscilla Muro-Southwick, Committee Chairperson

Violet Chappell

Freda Davis

Vivian Wilder

Shawn Marrufo

Inez Adam

Esperanza Valencia

Eric Wilder

## CRIHB Honored Elder Award 2010

The California Rural Indian Health Board (CRIHB) has an Honored Elder Award Program and in 2010 two Kashia Members received this award.



Leslie Marrufo Sr.

The award is for their years of outstanding commitment and willingness to teach and share the values of traditional Indian Health to all Indians in California.

Leslie Marrufo Sr. is one of the 2nd eldest members of our Tribe.

Violet Chappell continues to be very active with Tribal Committees and boards.

We would like to congratulate both of our Tribal Elders for receiving this outstanding award.



Violet Chappell

## Welcome to our New Administrator Melinda Rivera



Melinda Rivera  
New Tribal Administrator





Melinda Rivera began serving Kashia Band of Pomo Indians as Tribal Administrator in late March 2011.

She has visited the reservation, and is working to support all services and programs that serve tribal members.



Ms. Rivera is a tribal member of Middletown Rancheria, and grew up in Santa Rosa. She graduated from Santa Rosa High School, U.C. Berkeley, and has a Master's degree from the University of Arizona.

She has previously worked for Middletown Rancheria and the Hopland Band of Pomo Indians. If you have any questions for Melinda you can reach her at 707-591-0580 ext. 103.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2011

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	1 Friday Personnel 4:30pm Tribal Council Meeting 6:00 PM	2 Saturday
3	4 Governance Com- mittee Mtg. 5:30 PM	5	6 Per Cap Commit- tee Mtg. 5:30 PM	7 Language Classes at Kashia Tribal Office 6-8 PM	8	9
10	11 Finance Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	12 Housing Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	13 EDC Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	14 Governance Committee Mtg 5:30 PM	15 Tribal Council Meeting 6:00 PM	16
17 Palm Sunday 	18	19	20	21 Language Classes at Kashia Tribal Office 6-8 PM	22 Good Friday Earth Day  Enrollment Com- mittee mtg. TBD	23 Ya-Ka-Ama Easter Egg Hunt 12:30 see pg. 13 
24 Easter Sunday 	25 Governance Com- mittee Mtg. 5:30 PM	26	27 EDC Committee Mtg. 5:30 PM	28	29 Tribal Council Meeting 6:00 PM	30

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR MAY 2011

1 Sunday	2 Monday	3 Tuesday	4 Wednesday	5 Thursday Language Classes at Kashia Tribal Office 6-8 PM	6 Friday Tribal Council Meeting 6:00 PM	7 Saturday
	9 Finance Committee 5:30 PM	10 Housing Committee 5:30 PM	11	12	13 National American Indian Day /Office Closed 	14 General Council Mtg SCIHP 12 noon
15	16	17	18	19 Language Classes at Kashia Tribal Office 6-8 PM	20 Tribal Council Meeting 6:00 PM	21
22	23	24	25	26	27 Good Friday Earth Day	28
29	30 Memorial Day Office Closed	31	Committee Meetings are not all open to the membership	If you would like to join a commit- tee Please call the office .	You can contact the Tribal Office at 707-591-0580	



## OROVILLE FISH HATCHERY

The Stewarts Point Tribal Office received a notification from the ENTERPRISE RANCHERIA that the Oroville Fish Hatchery was providing fresh salmon to eligible tribal members. The Enterprise office was contacted by Lenora Vigil-Moya and she collected a list of Tribal Members who would be interested in receiving Salmon.

In September of 2010, The Kashia Office made two trips to Oroville to pick up a bin of 100 salmon. They were distributed to at least 100 Tribal Members. The size of the salmon varied from five lbs. to twenty-five lbs. Some members received two or three, depending on the size.

Individuals wanting to pick up their own salmon may do so by calling Sherry at (530) 532-9214. They must have Tribal Documentation and take it to the Enterprise Rancheria 2133 Monte Vista Avenue, Oroville, CA 95966, Monday thru Friday, from the hours of 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. There they will receive a Salmon Card to show to the Hatchery. The salmon run usually starts in September. Call the Enterprise office for date and instructions. Pick up time for salmon is 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Tribal Member/Receptionist Lenora Vigil-Moya organized the fish runs and was assisted by Debbie James and Craig Marrufo



Former Tribal Chairman Severino Gomes also waited in line along with other council members and tribal members for Salmon.



Former Tribal Vice-Chairman Emilio Valencia holds up a large Salmon he received.

Also pictured: Debbie James, Craig Marrufo



Debbie James helps Tribal Member Ruben Lopez grab a large Salmon to take home.



Members getting fish



Loading fish on truck



Fish still in the hatchery







## Christmas Gift Giveaway



Tribal member and Receptionist Lenora Vigil-Moya wanted to be able to help struggling parents at Christmas time in 2010 so she did something about it.

Lenora called the Firefighters Local 1401 Toys for Kids program and submitted tribal children's names from the Sonoma County area.

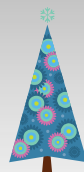
Toys for Kids is a not for profit organization that distributes from the donations received from the community . Toys for Kids cannot guarantee that every request submitted will be fulfilled; however Toys for Kids try to fulfill requests to the best of its ability.

We were very fortunate this year to have our request granted and at least 100 Tribal children in the Sonoma County area were able to receive a gift in time for Christmas.



Tribal Children were happy to receive a gift for the holiday.

We are so glad that Lenora has made it a priority to seek additional assistance for our Tribal Members and she is doing such a great job at it.



Former Council Member Robert Muro Sr. happily picked up gifts for Tribal Members who could not make it into the office and delivered them to their homes.



If you would like to sign your child up for a gift and you live in the Sonoma County area please call in October 2011 and we will get their name on the list. You can call Lenora at 707-591-0580 ext. 101.



## Marine Life Protection Act

The California Fish and Game Commission in Sacramento voted to allow our Tribe to continue to gather and do our ceremonies in a marine protected area at Stewarts Point, CA. The decision made permanent an emergency provision that the Commission approved last year to allow our Tribe to continue fishing and gathering off the site for one year.

“Our people believe we first walked onto the Earth right there at Stewarts Point, and a lot of our traditions are passed down along that coast,” Said Reno Franklin, Vice-Chairman of our Tribe when he spoke to a reporter from the Sacramento Bee.

Archeological evidence indicates our Tribe has used Stewarts Point and the surrounding shoreline for 12,000 years, according to Reno Franklin. It has been a source of food including mussels, abalone, seaweed and fish, as well as a place for ceremonies.

The Commission voted to create a “marine conservation area” ribbon near the shore, within the larger marine protected area, where limited gathering and fishing are permitted. Since the MLPA does not mention tribal gather, the exemption is for recreational purposes and applies not only to the Kashia Tribe, but to the public also.

Kashia Pomo Tribal elders, hosted by landowner Arch Richardson, conducted a historic blessing ceremony off Stewarts Point on April 30, 2010, the day prior to the closure of the sacred site by the Fish and Game Commission.

There were many of our people from Kashia, Point Arena Reservation and other Tribes, recreational fishermen, commercial fishermen, environmentalist and human rights activists to stand in unity against the unjust closure. This closure openly violated the American Religious Freedom Act and the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

“This food was created by our creator-we treated it with care and respect,” said Tribal Elder Violet Chappell at the blessing ceremony. “We are here to say respect us for our food-don’t close this area down because its part of our religion. I don’t think the Fish and Game Commission would be allowed to close down a Catholic Church, would they?”

Our Tribal Vice-Chairman Reno Franklin and the Tribe’s Lawyer gave an excellent presentation documenting the Tribe’s historic use of the area to the Fish and Game Commission on June 2010, putting the Commission in the situation where they really had no other choice than to allow our Tribe to continue gathering as we have done for thousands of years.

Many gather with cameras to capture the words of our elder Violet Chappell



Tribal members, other tribes and other supporters came to support the blessing ceremony.



Arch Richardson shares some words



Tribal Elders lead the way to the cliff for the blessing ceremony.



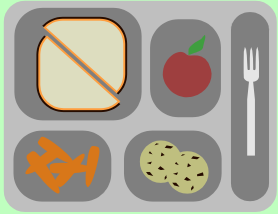
Tribal Elder Les Marrufo Sr. makes his way to the Blessing Ceremony with his children.



Many Tribal members shared in this memorable experience.



## Kashia School gets a hot lunch Program



The Kashia School on the reservation had their dream come true now that they have a school lunch program for the students.

The lunch program was an accomplishment for our people because the program is the result of a year worth of planning by the school district, Beverly Flynn of the Temporary Aid to Native Families (TANF), Diane Gubatayoa and former Tribal Administrator Trina Fitzgerald.

The School district remodeled the old teacherage building by removing a large wood stove and combining two rooms to make one, with all new flooring. The back splash behind the sink was replaced and a commercial refrigerator and freezer were moved in and the whole place was given a fresh coat of paint.

The roof, wallboard and part of the ceiling was repaired due to leaks that were found. The TANF program hired Latisha McCloud and Carmen Marrufo, reservation residents as the cooks for the program.

Both Latisha and Carmen were trained in food handling and will receive additional training in CPR and safety, which is required for school employees. A hot meal will be prepared for students, from scratch, once a week as part of their training.

The Tribal Administration is handling the food costs and will be financing the reroofing that needs to take place on the building. Santa Rosa City Schools will make most of the lunches and breakfast for the Kashia Students and freeze the entrees in order for them to be transported.

Our Environmental Director, Nina Hapner has been and will continue to bring the frozen food trays, salad, fruit, and milk to the reservation on Wednesdays.

A program called Pay 'n' Take in Gualala, CA helped by supplying the school with kitchen supplies which the school would not have obtained without the help from this organization.

At this time the teacher Jeff McFarland and his aid, Phil Newberry provide breakfast and a snack to student and that will continue but now the children can also look forward to a good lunch.



## California Indian Legal Services

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## LIHEAP Energy Assistance

LIHEAP funding is to provide assistance to low-income households in meeting their home energy costs, particularly those with the lowest incomes and highest energy needs. We identify and prioritize tribal members giving highest priority to elderly, disabled and families with young children. This year we were able to fund 23 families with their energy needs. The allocation is received in the Tribal office in January of every year and the funds usually go fast. Last year we received a larger amount of funds to help our members but this year it was substantially less than usual and it may continue to go down. We are adjusting the initial amount members can receive to ensure more people will get funded. The office also will assist members with the HEAP program administered through another organization in Ukiah. Please call the Tribal Office if you need assistance at 707-591-0580.

To Receive LIHEAP services households income may not exceed an amount equal to 150 percent of the poverty level as determined by the DHHS annually. In addition, households in which one or more individuals are receiving assistance under one or more of the following programs are also eligible for LIHEAP services:

- Assistance under the State program funded under part A of title IV of the Social Security Act-Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF)
- Supplemental Security income payments under title XVI of the Social Security Act;
- Food stamps under the Food Stamp Act of 1977; or
- Payments under section 415, 521, 541, or 542 of title 38, United States Code, or under section 306 of the Veteran's and Survivors Pension Improvement Act of 1978.

Energy Assistance payments will be made out to the energy vendor on behalf of the client household. No payments will be made to the LIHEAP client directly. NCIDC will be using a voucher system and direct intervention with the energy providers on behalf of the clients. The system of energy payments to the vendors will vary with the type of vendor and their location within the State. NCIDC will assure that the proper credits are applied to each clients' energy account, and that the credits are applied to the clients' account statement.

Wood and Propane services are also covered under LIHEAP as well as HEAP



## Kashia Youth Education Fund



In 2010 we had many Kashia children promote from one grade to the next, have GPA's of 3.0 or higher and graduate from High School.

These are just a few of the students who received rewards from the Kashia KYEF program.

If you have a child that has promoted, graduated or received a GPA of 3.0 or higher they too can be recipients of a KYEF Reward Card.



Abreanna Gomes  
4.2 GPA



Kaylee Pinola  
3.2 GPA

The KYEF provides rewards to Kashia Tribal youth who meet or exceed benchmarks set forth by the Kashia General Council. The program is designed to provide "Kashia Rewards Cards" to tribal youth who promote grades from K-5 (example-graduating 1<sup>st</sup> to 2<sup>nd</sup> grade), youth who maintain a 3.0 grade point average in Middle or High Schools (per semester), youth who promote from Elementary to Middle school or Middle school to High school and youth who graduate High School.



Lorina Medrano  
3.0 GPA



Zalina Medrano  
3.0 GPA

The intent of the program is to promote school and education to our youth and build support and trust between them and their tribal government.



Alex Garcia-Cezarez  
3.5 GPA

### Program Guidelines

The KYEF shall be made available to all enrolled Kashia tribal members in Kindergarten through grade 12.

The KYEF will provide rewards for students who promote to higher grade levels in Elementary School

and who are promoting from Elementary to Middle School or Middle to High School.



Brittnei Marrufo  
Promotion



Delmar LaRose  
Promotion



Julia Marrufo  
Promotion



Kuulani Franklin  
4.1 GPA



Leanna Cisneros  
3.8 GPA



Rayan Lyons  
3.3 GPA

The KYEF shall provide rewards for middle and high school students who can document a 3.0 GPA or higher.

The KYEF will provide extra rewards for students graduating high school. This will consist of an award up to \$200.00 based on funding availability.

The KYEF shall report to the tribe on an

annual basis the number of rewards issued. If you would like more information please call Lenora at 707-591-0580.



Erin Martinez  
3.8 GPA



Lamont Salgado  
3.25 GPA

**Pictures not available:** Kali-Ama Figueroa 3.8 GPA, Maiyu Smith-promotion, Dino Franklin Jr. 3.4 GPA



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## KASHIA'S 4TH ANNUAL SUMMER EVENT

The Tribe will be having the Annual Summer Picnic at the Warm Springs Dam Recreation site #1 in Healdsburg California. This will be the 4th year we have held this Tribal Event. We are expecting a great turn out of Tribal Members and many information booths, great food, contests and fun stuff for the kids.

There will be tables and picnic benches at the picnic area but you are also welcome to bring your own pop up tents/canopies and chairs. The Tribe will provide the meat and drinks and all the plates and utensils. **We are asking that members attending would come and share a favorite side dish with everyone.** Last year we had some cultural food and some great side dishes from the tribal members. We will be having our contests, which will be announced at a later time. Our best contest right now is our Chili Cook-Off and our Tribal Member Ferlun Scarioni has won 1st place 3 years in a row.



**The Picnic will take place on Saturday, August 6, 2011 from 12 Noon to 5:00 PM.**

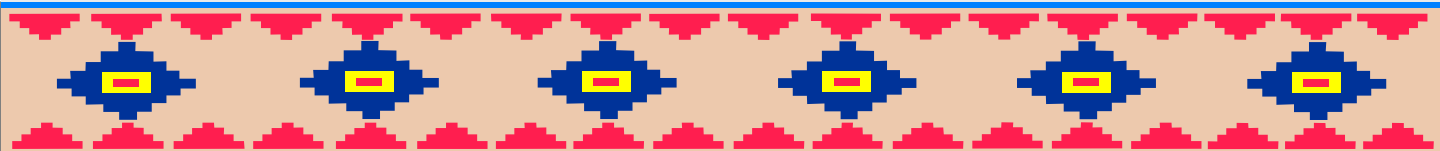
**Location: Warm Springs Dam by Lake Sonoma, Recreation site #1 (under the redwood trees where we have had it in years past) in Healdsburg, CA.**

**VOLUNTEERS!** Please call Tara at 707-591-0580 if you would like to volunteer to be on the Picnic Committee or to help on the day of the event. Thank you!  
Hope to see you there!

\*\*\*We will have a water jumper for kids so please  
don't forget to pack them some swim clothes and towels\*\*\*



## Vallejo Inter-Tribal Council 16th Anniversary



**The Vallejo Inter-Tribal Council is presenting their  
16th Anniversary Pow Wow.**

**The event will take place from July 23-24, 2011 at the Vallejo Waterfront  
Park, Mare Island, Vallejo, CA**

**If you would like to contact the Vallejo Inter-Tribal Council for more infor-  
mation they can be reached at 707-297-0580 and if you are a vendor inter-  
ested in participating in the Pow Wow you can call 707-226-1234.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Jobs/Programs/Events

**Manchester Band of Pomo Indians Tribal Gaming Commission has the following Tribal Employment Opportunities:**

Secretary/Receptionist: Full-Time or Part-Time \$10.50—\$12.50 per/hr

There is an immediate opening for the position of Secretary/Receptionist with the MPA Tribal Gaming Commission (TGC). The position will be initially assigned to the new TGC office located in Healdsburg, California. For more information please contact the MPA Tribal Office at 707-882-2788.

**Do you know any Native Americans suffering from the disease of addiction?**

If so, Skyway House is a CAIRS Provider.

Did you know that CAIRS is now up and running! All clients can be re-enrolled for another 30 days!

We currently have openings for Men and Women with AAIR funding in our Licensed & Certified Residential Treatment Facilities, as well as our Alcohol and Drug Free Housing.

For more information, please contact Brooke at Skyway House @ (530) 898-8326. You may also go to our website [www.skywayhouse.org](http://www.skywayhouse.org) for more information and to submit an application.



### YA-KA-AMA EASTER EGG HUNT AND POTLUCK

Saturday, April 23, 2011

7465 Steve Olson Lane, Forestville, CA

**Egg Hunt to start exactly at 11:00 AM**

4 separate age groups

1-4    5-7    8-12    12 & up

Arts & Craft Tables  
Sports Activities/  
Games  
Face Painting  
Potluck at 12:30 PM



Donations for the event appreciated: Plastic Eggs w/wrapped candy, Cup Cakes, Cakes and Cookies, side dish for potluck. Volunteers also needed: contact Laura at 707-696-4239 or Ya-Ka-Ama 707-887-1541

**If you have any birth announcements, weddings, special events you would like to see in the Newsletter please contact Tara Candelaria at the Tribal Office at 707-591-0580.**



## **Stewarts Point Rancheria Infrastructure Project Pathways, Lighting, Culverts and Driveways**

**Project funded by:  
Department of Energy  
HUD American Reinvestment Recovery Act**

In 2009 the Tribe received funding from the HUD American Reinvestment Recovery Act (ARRA) and the Department of Energy. These funds will be used to revamp some of the pathways, install streetlights on the Rancheria, replace culverts that are not functioning and repair the driveway approaches from the road.

Our goals for the pathways are to make them safer and easier to access. The existing paths being used will be widened and covered with a material that is water permeable (allow water to soak through). This will help keep standing water off the paths.

Our goal for the streetlights is to provide some light for the Community to increase safety, but not to light the area up like a beacon out in the ocean. Discussions held at previous meetings on the Rancheria determined that 6 to 7 lights would be ideal. There was concern on the cost of electricity to run the lights. The Environmental Department, with the assistance of Summit Electric, found a type of streetlight that does not require being connected to Pacific Gas and Electric. These are stand-alone LED (highly efficient) streetlights that are equipped with battery backup, solar panel, and wind generator. These lights will provide 8-9 hours of light at night. The only costs would be regular operation and maintenance or repairs due to vandalism.

Our goals for the culverts are to have them do their jobs – direct water off the road. At the moment, most of the culverts on the Rancheria do not work properly. They are either crushed or filled with debris. Replacing and repairing the culverts will remove most of the standing water on the road.

Our goals for the driveways are to improve their approaches to the roads that run through the Rancheria. Initially we hoped to redo driveways to the homes but with the proposed replacement of some homes we thought it would be better to wait. However, one problem we continually see is the mud holes at the points the dirt driveways meet the asphalt. We are going to reduce and hopefully eliminate this problem.

The Tribe hired Sean MacRae of Architerra Architects to manage this project and provide initial drawings and Green Valley Consulting Engineers and Summit Electric to develop the plans. These first set of plans were received in October and shared with the Community at the Rancheria in February and with the Tribal Council in March.

Our next steps are to put out bids for this project later this spring and begin construction by June. We will be incorporating tribal labor into components of this project. Notices will be sent out and posted in the near future.

If you have any questions on this project, please contact Nina Hapner at the Tribal Office at 707-591-0580.





## In Memory of Vana Lawson



1948 - 2011

### Rest in Peace -Vana Lawson (Obituary)

Born October 9, 1948 in Santa Rosa, CA, she passed away on March 7, 2011 at the age of 63. Loving wife of 42 years to Richard Lawson. She was preceded in death by her parents Sidney and Essie Parrish, brothers Clifford Scott Sr. and Warren Parrish, and sister Bernice Torres. She is survived by siblings Violet Chappell and Vivian Wilder of Kashia, Anita Silva of Santa Rosa, Otis Parrish of Windsor and Ronald Parrish of Renton, WA. Vana is also survived by her loving mother-in-law Helen Lawson. She is the sister-in-law to Mary Lawson, Janet Lopez, Howard Lawson, Robert Lawson and Claudia Hernandez, all of Santa Rosa. She is the niece to Regina Pinola and is also lovingly survived by many nephews, nieces and extended family members. Vana was the daughter of spiritual leader Essie Parrish. Her traditional upbringing prepared her for work in writing the Kashaya Pomo Plant Book. She worked with universities and other organizations educating students and professional educators on Kashia plant uses, language and traditional practices. In her spare time you would find her at home doing crafts, beadwork or making flower arrangements. She was very good with her hands and use of words. She will be missed.

## ★ Turn the Pages Night ★

Please come and join us for an evening to Celebrate the end of school and to welcome a Summer Reading Contest. All school age youth are welcome to participate and there will be prizes awarded at the end of summer where everyone will be winners. **Dinner and Incentives provided**

Date: May 5th 2011  
Chops-Teen Club  
509 Adams Street  
Santa Rosa, CA 95407

Space is limited for this event.  
You must RSVP the total number  
of family members attending.  
Eligible ages for contest K—12th



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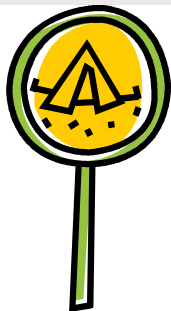
**707-586-6100**

**RSVP**

Tribal TANF will be offering its second annual Summer Camp se-

ries, offering three day camps

## Tribal TANF 2nd Annual Summer Youth Camp



and two overnight camps. Please call (707) 586-6100 to request an application for one of the summer programs. Space is limited and the deadline to turn in applications is May 5, 2011, or until all spots are filled.

Tribal TANF of Sonoma and Marin (TTSM) Summer Programs are focused on empowering Native Youth to become leaders and discovering their contributions to the greater Native and non-Native communities. These programs will use the natural environments of Sonoma and Marin Counties as an educational backdrop for children to learn how to navigate their lives in energizing and inspirational ways. The Summer Programs are available to all TTSM youth ages 5 to 17.

## TRIBAL MEMBER ADDRESS UPDATE NEEDED

Fernando Coba  
Michael Garcia  
William Hammock III  
Harold Marrufo III  
Roberta Martinez  
Chloe Trejo  
Roger Zast  
Charlotte LaRose



If these are family members of yours and you have a way of contacting them, please have them call Tara at the tribal office at 707-591-0580 and we will get all their information updated.

**Please remember to always update your address as soon as you move and include your children as well. Thank you.**



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