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OF  
POMO INDIANS

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# Su' Nu' Nu' Shinal

## "Huckleberry Heights"



Greetings Everyone. My name is Vaughn Pena Sr. and I am the new Tribal Administrator for the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians. I have worked for Tribal Governments for the past 17 years in both Arizona and more recently in Mendocino County Ca. I am a tribal citizen of the Navajo Nation and grew up here locally in Sebastopol. After high school I attended Santa Rosa Junior College and participated on the varsity basketball team for 2 years and was able to serve as a co-captain and obtain 2nd team all league honors. I finished college at Arizona State University and now enjoy coaching youth sports, hanging out with my kids and trying new BBQ recipes from the food network channel. I am excited to be here and will do my best to support the Tribe and the members in achieving their goals. If you have any questions or would just like to sit and discuss the daily news please call or stop by the office.

Sincerely, Vaughn Pena Sr.



## CULTURAL RESOURCES DEPARTMENT

The Cultural Department has been very busy in this short year.

We have been on Cultural Site Surveys and Monitoring projects for Caltrans, Cal Fire, State Parks and Private Land Owners. I have participated in Kashia Youth Camp-outs with the Environmental Department.

I was a presenter at the Society of California Archaeology's Workshop in Yosemite with Caltrans Archaeologist Kathy Dowdall. There have been a few Kashia Cultural Artifacts returned to the Tribe this year.

Ongoing projects: Conferences, Workshops, Site Surveys and Monitoring for different agencies. Inventory of Cultural Resources on the Kashia Properties, If you know of any sacred or gathering areas on the **Kashia Properties** that need to be protected, please contact the Cultural Department.

Upcoming: Youth Camp-out in Fort Bragg in June, Free fishing days July 1, & September 2, both are on a Saturday.

I would like to Thank, Abreanna Gomes for all of her help.

**Lorin W. Smith, Jr.**

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**WATER IS LIFE" KASHIA YOUTH ART CONTEST**

The Kashia Department of Environmental Planning's "**Water Is Life**" Kashia Youth Art Contest is open to K - 12 students. Students are encouraged to submit a work of art that reveals the importance of water as a natural resource and/or highlights water conservation. Winners will be divided into three categories (K-4, 5-8, 9-12).

**Write** a sentence describing why water is important.

"Water is important because ... "

**Don't forget to write your name and grade.**

Winning artwork may appear in KDEP environmental newsletters, educational outreach materials and social media.



All artwork submissions can be mailed or hand delivered to:  
Kashia Department of Environmental Planning

1420 Guerneville Rd, Suite 1  
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

**Deadline for submissions extended: June 30, 2017**





## Our Reservation, Our Eclipse Our Launch Competition



# K-12 Kashia Students Apply Now

### Project

The Northwest Space and Earth Sciences Pipeline supported by Washington NASA Space Grant Consortium is planning on launching high altitude balloons during a total solar eclipse in August 21, 2017. The Kashia Department of Environmental Planning is looking for Kashia Students K-12 students to participate in a project team.



### Team Responsibilities

The project team will submit a one-page essay of the significance of the eclipse in their culture, and develop a small science payload (i.e. a temperature or pressure measurement tool or a student-built artifact (i.e. a bracelet or mascot) to be photo graphed against the background of the eclipse. Finalist teams will be selected in Spring 2017 and receive up to \$1,000 in travel support to attend the launch and community-led eclipse celebration on the Warm Springs Reservation.

If you have a middle or high school student that would like to be part of our payload team Contact Nate Rich, Water Quality Specialist at [nathan@stewartspoint.org](mailto:nathan@stewartspoint.org) or 707.591.0580 x 113

## 2017 NESSPECLIPSE Event Art Contest



## Calling Native America Student Artists K-12!

Use your imagination to  
create our regional  
launch logo!

For more information contact [nasa@uw.edu](mailto:nasa@uw.edu)

### ENTRIES

1. Complete the official Entry Form.
2. Create a logo design to represent the science and the beauty of a solar eclipse. Acceptable formats are *tiff*, *png*, or *jpeg*.
3. Send the entry form and your original design to [nasa@uw.edu](mailto:nasa@uw.edu)

**There is no entry fee.**

The grand-prize winner will receive a Camera and an Arduino kit!



## **KASHIA MEMBER SERVICES**

### **Save the Date**

**Sonoma County families please attend to sign-up for \$300.00 for each school age child for school clothes& supplies!**

**Thursday, May 18 from 5:00-8:00 pm at the Casino Ballroom, Graton Rancheria Summer Programs Fair. Applications to sign up for Summer Programs and Head Back in Style will be available starting this night. If you have questions, please call the Youth and Family Department at 586-6100 at Graton or myself at our SPR Tribal office**

**CITE Tobacco Education Presentation Workshop dates:**

**May 30, 4:00 pm, Tribal Office, Suite #3**

**May 31, , 4:00 pm, Stewart's Point Rancheria Community Center #3**

**Create a 28" x 22" Poster**

**—Snacks will be provided—Please join us**

### **Kashia Member Services**

**Naomi Atchley, Member Services Coordinator**

**707.591.0580 x 124, [naomi@stewartspoint.org](mailto:naomi@stewartspoint.org)**

**Available Monday—Friday, 9 am—2 pm**



## RENTAL ASSISTANCE UPDATES

At this time the Housing Department is not providing Rental Assistance for new applicants. However we are accepting applications to be placed on the waitlist. Below is a list that may be helpful to you:

**Community Action Partnership of Sonoma County** - call (707) 544-6911

**Season of Sharing through Salvation Army** - call (707) 542-0981

**Season of Sharing through Catholic Worker** - call (707) 575-8342

**Graton Tribal TANF** - call (707)586-6100.

**Council on Aging Services for Seniors** - rent and deposit assistance for seniors ages 60+ (except Petaluma & West County) call Rebecca Aliotti at (707)525-0143 ext. 102

**Section 8 - Community Development Commission** - to apply for the Sonoma County Housing Authority's Section 8 Waiting List, new applicants must now use a computer that has internet access to complete a Preliminary Application. We can assist you. Or call (707)565-7500.

**Section 8 - City of Santa Rosa Housing Authority** - the City of Santa Rosa Housing Authority Section 8 Waiting List is closed. If you are currently on the City Section 8 Waiting List be sure to keep your information updated to ensure you do not lose your place on the Wait List. Call (707)543-3300.

**Human Services Department** contact your local Human Services Department to ask about 'once in a lifetime emergency housing assistance.'

Or dial 2-1-1 from your phone to access hundreds of local community services. 2-1-1 provides free and confidential information 24 hours a day. You may also visit 2-1-1 online to search your area at [www.211search.org](http://www.211search.org)

### **Pathways Home, Homebuyer's Education Workshops**

The Housing Department is planning to offer Kashia Tribal Members an opportunity to attend Pathways Home Homebuyer's Education Workshops, which is designed to help educate prospective homebuyers on the steps to becoming a homeowner. Some of the topics covered through out the workshops will include budgeting for homeownership, credit reports, and 184 Home Loans. If you are interested in attending the upcoming Homebuyer's Education Workshops please call Norma Garcia, Housing Assistant at 707-591-0580 ext. 114 to sign up. Please note that you will be required to fulfill minimum of 8 hours of the workshop in order to receive a Pathways Home Certificate.

### **Housing's Computer Lab is open!**

We have computer stations available to Kashia Tribal Members in the Housing Department at 1420 Guerneville Rd, Suite 3, Santa Rosa as well as at Su' Nu' Nu' Shinal Community Center locate at the Kashia Reservation.

You can research, access internet job sites, work on your resume, or practice your computer skills.

We have resources to online learning and typing tutorial software on hand.

Hours of Operation are as follows: 9am-12pm and 1pm-4pm at the Housing Department

Mon, Thurs, and Fri 1pm-5:00pm at the Su' Nu' Nu' Shinal Community Center

### **Su' Nu' Nu' Shinal Community Center**

The Su' Nu' Nu' Shinal Community Center is available for use by Kashia Tribal Members and Tribally-related organizations, upon approval by the Community Center Official or Tribal Council designee for various functions such as birthday parties, wedding receptions, cultural classes, funeral/memorial services, and educational purposes. Community Center Use Applications are available at the Kashia Tribal Office and the Su' Nu' Nu' Shinal Community Center. Rental/security fees may apply. For more information contact Coleen McCloud at (707) 785-9150 or the Kashia Housing Department at (707) 591-0580.





## SUMMER PICNIC



~ SAVE THE DATE ~

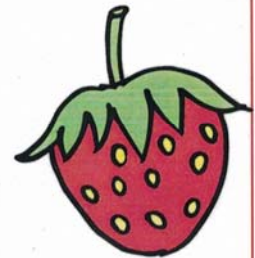


### 10th Annual Summer Picnic

For Kashia Members and  
their Families

Saturday, August 19, 2017  
12:00 PM-5:00 PM

Lake Sonoma  
Warm Springs Rec Area  
3333 Skaggs Springs Rd.



**Chili Bean Contest & Strawberry Dessert**  
Dessert will be judged on Presentation & Taste!

Water Jumpers/Bingo for the kids...  
...RAFFLES!.....And of course  
Adult Bingo!!!



Parents are responsible for the  
care of your own children on the  
jumps



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**PLEASE BRING A DISH TO SHARE!!!!**

**General Council Meeting**

**Saturday, May 13, 2017**

**Location:**

**Sonoma County Indian Health Project**

**144 Stony Point Rd. Santa Rosa CA**

**Time:**

**Potluck 12 Noon; Meeting at 1:00 p.m.**

**RAFFLE WILL BE HELD AT THE END OF MEETING**

**MUST BE PRESENT TO CLAIM PRIZE**



**Kashia Services**

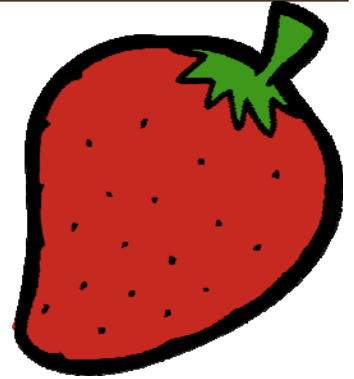
We have 3 positions available

for our Call Center

“Loan Representatives”

These positions need to be filled by May.

Apply **NOW!** at the Tribal Office.





## KASHIA IN THE NEWS

### **PRESIDENT ANNOUNCES APPOINTMENT OF ACHP MEMBER WASHINGTON, D.C.—**

Today President Barack Obama announced his intent to appoint a new Native American/Native Hawaiian member to the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation (ACHP). He intends to nominate Reno Keoni Franklin, Chairman of the Kashia Band of Pomo Indians in Sonoma County, California, to replace Leonard Forsman. Forsman was named vice chairman of the ACHP last month.

Read the White House's press release here: <https://www.whitehouse.gov/the-pressoffice/2016/12/21/president-obama-announces-more-key-administration-posts> "I have worked with Reno Franklin over many years on issues affecting Native Americans and know he is passionate about his work," said ACHP Chairman Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA.

"Reno has a universal approach to solving problems, and he will bring an important perspective to the ACHP." Franklin has been chairman of the Kashia Band since 2013. He was previously the Tribal Historic Preservation Officer for the Kashia Band from 2002 to 2009 and General Chairman of the National Association of Tribal Historic Preservation Officers from 2009 to 2011. He served as an observer on the ACHP in that capacity. Franklin was chairman of the National Indian Health Board from 2009 to 2011. From 2007 to 2011, he was chairman of the California Rural Indian Health Board.

"I am humbled to have been asked to serve our great nation in this capacity," Franklin said. "The protection of our historic resources is a responsibility that has been taught to me from my Kashaya elders since birth, and I am deeply appreciative of their guidance and teachings. I am excited to work with my fellow ACHP members to do our part in the efforts to protect America's most priceless resource, our history."



## FITNESS WITH FREDDIE



**"Strength is never a weakness" -  
Mark Bell**

Hello all,  
My name is Freddie Espinoza, grandson of Effie Antone , and I am a Certified Personal Trainer and Strength Coach. Besides working in my local gyms, I travel the country as a competitive amateur strongman and MAS wrestler. Strength training has been a mainstay in my life since starting in high school. I love the opportunities it has brought me to share my background and stories to all of the places I go.

Have you ever wanted to start a fitness and or strength journey but weren't exactly sure where to start or what to do? Well I'm here to offer you tips and advice to set you on your path. Here's a few things you can do to get started today:

**Fred Espinoza-NASM-CPT, Strength Coach**

### 1. Hydration

Drinking enough water keeps key functions going and organs working how they should. Try to aim for at least 2L a day.

### 2. Get moving

A quick 15 minute walk with the dog or around the block every other day will make a world of a difference if you're getting started. 3-4 days a week is doable for most.



**Next time we will go over some in the gym topics.**



## New Employees



My name is Abreanna Gomes. I am the new Water Resource Technician for the Kashia Department of Environmental Planning. I recently graduated from UC Davis where I received a B.S in Environmental Science and Management and a minor in Native American Studies. My area of focus is in Natural Resource Management. During my time at school I conducted restoration type work interning with the Jenner Headlands Preserve and NRCS's Plant Materials Center in Lockeford CA.

I'm very honored to receive the opportunity to work for my Tribe and will do my best to help protect and preserve our natural resources.



### NEW EMPLOYEE: HOUSING DIRECTOR

Aiy'-ye-kwee' (Hello), my name is Raymond McQuillen, the new Housing Director. I'm a Yurok tribal member and grew up in Crescent City. My family and I recently relocated to Ukiah. I graduated from Humboldt State University and have a CA Real Estate Broker's License. I previously worked for the Yurok Tribe's housing entity for approximately 12 years. I am married with 3 kids and enjoy spending my off time doing activities with my family.

I look forward to this opportunity with the Kashia people as we work towards providing more programs for safe, decent, and affordable housing. If you have any questions or comments that will help the Housing Department, I can be reached at

707-591-0580 ext. 106.

Wok-hlew (Thank You).





## May 2017 Calendar

| Sunday | 1 Monday<br>Gov. Meeting<br>5:30                                                          | 2 Tuesday<br>Finance Meeting<br>4:30<br>Housing Meeting<br>545 | 3 Wednesday<br>EDC<br>5:30 | 4 Thursday                                           | 5 Friday<br><br><b>Enrollment<br/>11:00 am</b>                                             | 6 Saturday                                                          |
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| 7      | 8                                                                                         | 9<br><b>Finance<br/>Meeting<br/>4:30</b>                       | 10                         | 11<br><b>Tribal<br/>Council<br/>Meeting<br/>6:00</b> | 12<br><b>National<br/>Indian<br/>Day<br/>Closed</b>                                        | 13<br><b>General<br/>Council<br/>Meeting<br/>@SCHIP<br/>1:00 pm</b> |
| 14     | 15                                                                                        | 16                                                             | 17                         | 18                                                   | 19<br> | 20                                                                  |
| 21     | 22                                                                                        | 23                                                             | 24                         | 25<br><b>Tribal<br/>Council<br/>Meeting</b>          | 26                                                                                         | 27                                                                  |
| 28     | 29<br> | 30                                                             | 31                         |                                                      |                                                                                            |                                                                     |



The newsletter will now be sent out electronically via email, Website, and face-book. Please call the office if you wish to receive the quarterly newsletter via email. There will be a handful of hard copies in the office each quarter. This will preserve our natural resources and help the environment.

**Please email the Receptionist at [reception@stewartspoint.org](mailto:reception@stewartspoint.org)**



**Reminder: The Tribal Office is closed from 12:00 pm to 1:00 Pm**

**M-F for Lunch, Please note when planning a visit.**

**PLEASE REMEMBER TO CHANGE YOUR ADDRESS/CONTACT  
INFO! IF WE RECEIVE MORE THAN 3 RETURNED MAIL  
ITEMS, WE WILL REMOVE YOUR ADDRESS UNTIL WE HEAR FROM  
YOU WITH A CORRECTED ADDRESS.**



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