



# BEAR RIVER BULLETIN

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## THE LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS OF HUMBOLDT COUNTY

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### BEAR RIVER BAND OF THE ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA REGULAR TRIBAL ELECTION MARCH 26, 2016 PRELIMINARY RESULTS:

**These PRELIMINARY Election Results were signed by the Election Board and posted at the Tish Non Community Center after the election on March 29, 2014. FINAL results will be certified after the 14 day challenge period has passed.**

Total number of mail-in (absentee) ballots cast	49
Total number of ballots cast in person on March 26, 2016	100
Number of invalid ballots eliminated	(1) (1 no signature, incorrect signatures)
Total number of valid ballots cast	140
Total number of eligible voters	<del>268</del> 268
Percentage of eligible voters participating in this election	55.22%

A. CHAIRPERSON:	CANDIDATES' NAMES	NUMBER OF VOTES
(4 year term to March 2018)	Dakota McGinnis, Jr.	45
	Barry Brenard	52
	Edwin Smith	28
	Elijah Hawkman Thomas	6
	Steven Lauvell Martinez	14

Elected CHAIRPERSON is Barry Brenard

MEMBER-AT-LARGE:	CANDIDATES' NAMES	NUMBER OF VOTES
(4 year term to March 2018)	Margaret Thomas	12
	Sheila Annette Moon-Weist	9
	Josefina Marisela Rivera	23
	Jesse Nathaniel Orr	20
	Delmer Keisner	46
	Niekoma Cantrell	37

Elected MEMBER-AT-LARGE is Delmer Keisner

TREASURER:	CANDIDATES' NAMES	NUMBER OF VOTES
(4 year term to March 2018)	Gary Lee Robinson	29
	Wendell Freeman, Jr.	85
	Brenda Sue Bowic	31
	Write-In Arlys Keisner	2

Elected TREASURER is Wendell Freeman, Jr.

#### COMMUNITY BASED DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION (CBDO) - 2 year terms to March 2018.

Elected CBDO MEMBERS are	Trista Clark	71	and	Tiffany Strohbin
	Tiffany L. Strohbin	72		

#### Part II. PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

a. Shall the Constitution be amended to allow currently enrolled adopted members the right to vote and hold office?

YES votes 54 NO votes 88

Constitutional Amendment 1 IS (IS NOT) approved.

2. Shall the Constitution be amended to place a permanent enrollment moratorium, only to individuals that are 18 and older that apply for membership? Minors that are 17 years of age and younger and newborns will still be able to enroll in Bear River should enrollment criteria be met.

YES votes 103 NO votes 42

Constitutional Amendment 2 IS IS NOT approved.

Dottie Riffenberg, Election Board member     Nancy Nieboer, Election Board member     Deborah Hutton, Election Board member     Byrd A. Lochte, Election Board Chair

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## Chairman's Corner

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Well it has been an exciting month now and things are progressing along nicely, I met with the state franchise tax board on getting a form for tribal members to only file once to have them be tax exempt if they work for the tribe and live on the Rancheria that I have been working on for a while now. I brought up the fact because of the TANF service area the tribal members that work here on the trust land need to be included, David Montoya the Director of Operations has been very instrumental in this endeavor. The tax board is investigating that possibility. The form will not be ready for about 6 months or so depending on their investigation and the legalities of it all. Let's have an optimistic outlook on it and think positively.

Also I have been to several educational and ICWA meetings on behalf of the tribal youth, still doing the Friday night bingo for the elders but they haven't seen very much of me since I have been on emergency medical transportation for two elders, but I pop in when I am around. We are lucky to have an intern that takes care of them when I am not around who is now a part time employee and I went to their graduation to speak on their behalf for being at Bear River. I have begun with the assistance of the rest of Tribal Council to revamp the Social Service Department to better handle the services that we provide our citizens with a continuity of care that will be more efficient.

I have also involved myself more in working with our General Manager of The Casino property, John McGinnis and Director of Operations, Joe Claus on what is happening with the property, although John and Joe are doing just great with the property as it is, with record revenue and being voted BEST CASINO on the north coast!

As Chairman I even have been to, accepting an award from Humboldt County Fair Board for being one of the best donors to their cause and to St. Bernard's catholic school fundraiser, League of Women's Voters luncheon, and am currently in Yreka attending Northern Inter-Tribal Wellness conference discussing getting a treatment center here in northern California for alcohol and drugs.

Until next time, Ya' Gowya' Nitsin' Creator thank you for all you do.

*Barry Brenard, Chairman*

## Human Resources Director

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself! My name is Teresa Ballew, Bear River Casino Hotel and Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria's new Human Resources Director. I first would like to express how honored I am to be accepted into this position and the opportunity to work with my People. I knew with time that I would eventually be here and look forward to retiring here.

As I stated at the last quarterly meeting a lot of you may know me as "Gusto's sister", however like I said, I do have an identity beyond that. I am a proud member of the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria. I am married with four beautiful children: one son 17/yr old, and three daughters 11, 5, 2/yr old.

I was born in Hupa to Duane James Bowie, Sr. and Paulette Bowie (Masten). My Grandparents from my fathers side are Margaret Bowie (Moon) and Joseph Bowie and from my mothers side Paloma Masten (Parks) and Paul Masten. I had the opportunity to grow up in Loleta with my Step fathers (Melvin James, Jr.- aka: Yo-Yo) family at the Table Bluff Rancheria (the old Rez). I went to Loleta Elementary and then to Fortuna Union High School, after high school I moved to Los Angeles for business school.

When I came home from Los Angeles I went to work for the Yurok Tribe in Eureka and had my first taste of Human Resources...and I loved it! In 2000 United Indian Health Services created their Human Resources Department and I had the opportunity to work at the inception of it. My experience with Human Resources is expansive but more importantly my experience with HR in Indian Country I hold valuable. I started at UIHS as the HR Technician primarily focused in recruiting, I eventually took on more tasks that resulted in being selected as the HR Coordinator and then eventually the HR Manager. I left UIHS in 2014 and went to work for the Humboldt Senior Resource Center as the Director of Human Resources, although I loved that position I had another opportunity that I could not pass up at the Arcata School District as the Personnel Manager. In all that time I knew the skills and various experience I was receiving was to prepare me for my final destination home, here at Bear River.

I look forward to working with all of you! And if I haven't met you yet, please stop by my office to say hi!

With Respect,

*Teresa Ballew, Human Resource Director*

## Enrollment Committee

There are now two empty seats on the Enrollment Committee.

Are you interested in being on the Enrollment Committee?

The Committee consists of seven (7) Tribal Members, they review Tribal Enrollment Applications and meet once a quarter to review applications.

If you are interested please email [jimmcginnis@brbnsn.gov](mailto:jimmcginnis@brbnsn.gov) and your name will be added to the list of interested persons.

### Submission deadline

June 10 at 4:00 pm.

## Employment

### Bear River Band

- Recreation Center Manager
- Social Services Director
- Substitute Daycare Teacher
- Tribal Youth Service Coordinator

### Gaming Agency

- Surveillance Officer

### Casino

- Bear River Express Cashier
- Bonus Pit Dealer
- Busser
- Cocktail Server
- Dishwasher
- Experienced Table Games Dealer
- Food & Beverage Runner
- General Ledger Accountant
- Guest Room Attendant
- Line Cook
- Outside Maintenance
- Porter
- Pump & Play Cashier
- Security Officer
- Server
- Transportation Driver

In addition to fun and challenging work in a fast-paced atmosphere, Bear River Casino Hotel offers full-time team members a generous benefits package including medical, dental, vision, 401(k) and PTO.

Our online application process works best with an active email address.

Employment requires passing a pre-employment drug screen and a gaming background check. Some positions have additional pre-employment requirements.

For more information contact Human Resources Department.



## Executive Director of Tribal Operations

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Dear Tribal Members-

First, it has been an exciting three months serving your community. I have been overwhelmed by your support and have enjoyed meeting each of you.

As time has passed and tribal members learn who I am, I have received more requests for legal help. Unfortunately, my schedule is now so busy that I cannot simply take phone calls. Moving forward, I will give advice only during scheduled meetings. Please feel free to contact me at (707)733- 1900 x156 or contact

Executive Secretary Cindi Petrusha at [cindipetrusha@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:cindipetrusha@brb-nsn.gov) to set up an appointment. As a reminder, I cannot serve as anyone's attorney; I can only give marginal advice on how to approach situations. These meetings will also ensure that I can give you my undivided attention.

This does not affect tribal members' questions about internal policies. I will take those questions or any other questions regarding internal Bear River matters at any time.

Thank you. As always, I have an open door policy and welcome all tribal members to come in and speak with me. I cannot do my job without tribal member feedback.

Best,

*David J. Montoya III, Esq.*

*Executive Director of Tribal Operations, Attorney*

# Treasurer's Report

Dear Tribal Members,

I would like to first start off by saying "Thank You" for electing me as your Treasurer. I am honored to represent you on our Tribal Council.

I have been on council for a little over a month. In that time we have handled financial, personal tribal member, policy, employment, housing and other issues that come to the council table. Although we don't always agree with each other, we work together to make the best decisions we can with each of our perspectives included.

Over the last month I have met with casino finance, tribal finance and gaming to establish a working relationship so that, as Treasurer, I am able to be informed and keep others informed of the financial status of the tribe. All departments above have been completely cooperative and provided guidance and access to the information I need to do my job as your Treasurer.

Currently, as I write this newsletter article, I am preparing to go to the second day of a meeting to collaborate with other tribes in the area to focus on identifying, securing and putting to use funding to provide alcohol and drug treatment facilities close to home that are designed to meet the health, safety and cultural needs of some of our most vulnerable tribal families. We are in the early stages and I will keep our community posted on the progress as we move forward.

In June I will be attending a Tribal Budget Seminar. I look forward to combining my previous experience with new knowledge that will help me to better serve you as Treasurer.

My first newsletter article as Treasurer is just a brief update on how things have gone over the first month of my term. Future newsletter articles will be much more informative.

Sincerely,

*Wendell Freeman, Jr.*

*Treasurer*

## Finance Department

The following is an update with regard to Finance staff functions:

- Frances- Accounts Payable
- Stephanie- Payroll
- Elizabeth- Misc Accounting (Credit Cards, Debit Cards, Travel Recons, Fixed assets)
- Alicia- Accounts Receivable (Loans, Wusa, Homeowner Fees, Basayo, Little Bears Daycare, Misc AR)

Please direct your accounting issue to the appropriate finance person. If you have an information request, please do so by way of email and give us a 24 hour turnaround period to get you the information. This will help to minimize the amount of foot traffic in the Finance office and better manage our work load.

Reminder-

New schedule for Per Capita distribution is June 1, September 1, December 1 and March 1. Quarterly payments of \$2,800 will be made in June, September and December are based on projected 2016 Casino net income. The 2016 4th quarter payment made in March, 2017 will be adjusted to reflect actual 2016 Casino net income. **Please contact me if you are on SSI and need to have updated tax letter sent to the agency.** Please be sure to sign up to receive your per capita distribution via direct deposit (see enclosed form).

Thanks for your help and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

## Tribal Member Picnic

The Tribal Member picnic will be held July 30, 2016 at the completed Tish Non Recreation Center.

General Council meeting will be in the morning and in the afternoon the picnic will begin with lunch at 12:30.

If you want to volunteer to help with the picnic please let me know.

*Brenda Bowie*

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## Job Search Workshop

May 12 and May 26

1-4 PM Elders Hall

Contact Brenda Bowie

(707) 382-0931



## Receptionist

I want to grab your attention if I might.



I have witnessed the community center to very busy and very robust, and I have been busy and that is what I like to do when working.

I guess you all know that I have to asked everyone to sign in at the reception desk and let office workers know ahead of time that you would like to meet with them if they are available.

I have noticed that people that we need to see are in a confidential meeting, or emergency meeting or with clients whether professional or business.

Sometimes travel is priority if the tribe has federal or state grants that require the tribe's attention.

It would not hurt to make a appointment with the individual that you would like to see and it would make it much easier for you.

Thank You



*Margaret Thomas*



*Receptionist*



# Economic Development Report

## Loleta Cheese

Bear River, along the other creditors, await a ruling from the Bankruptcy Court on whether or not the financial disclosure is satisfactory.

## Tribal Loans

There are ninety five (95) active loans at this time. Seventeen (17) loans are in default. The Tribe has collected \$84,445 in interest and fees through March 2016. Reminder loans will not be processed in months that per-capita is distributed.

## UltraGreen

Ultra-Green continues to increase sales as they work through financial issues related to the closing of Devil's Lake, repayment of grant monies, and sale of assets related to fiber production that they now import.

## 20/20 Genesystems

The Company itself continues to operate with strong management and the product continues to be received well with modest sales growth over the past three months.

## Billboard

January rental income	\$5,000
February rental income	\$5,000
March rental income	\$4,350

There continues to be strong interest in billboard advertising from the business community and Bear River expects to continue to fill the advertising spots on a month to month basis.

## 611 I street

This property continues to perform well with long term tenants Humboldt County Association of Governments and Manhard Consulting and Engineering as tenants on long term leases. We will continue to explore opportunities to keep our tenants long term and are exploring the possibility of acquiring additional commercial real estate to accommodate the growth needs and demands of Manhard Consulting. This property has earned us \$11,645 for this 1st quarter.

## Tobacco Traders

The Bear River Tobacco Traders business continues to improve from month to month. Net sales have continued to be steady with net sales average for the first quarter of 2016 coming in at \$120,737 a month with an average of \$3988 gross sales per day. The business, in addition to contributing indirect costs and covering depreciation and providing tribal member employment, is turning a profit on a monthly basis net of expenses. Nicole and the rest of her staff have done a great job down there and our gross daily sales are proof of that. This property has earned us \$45,873 for this 1st quarter.

# Economic Development Asset Allocation Plan

- ◆ Estimated 2015 Carry over to allocate \$8,000,000.00
- ◆ Estimated 2016 to allocate \$6,000,000.00
- ◆ Real Estate Humboldt County  
Percent Allocation 35.00%  
Total to allocate \$4,900,000.00
- ◆ Real Estate (outside) Humboldt County  
Percent Allocation 35.00%  
Total to allocate \$4,900,000.00
- ◆ Tribal Member Small Business Development  
Percent Allocation 5.00%  
Total to allocate \$700,000.00
- ◆ Cash on hand  
Percent Allocation 25.00%  
Total to allocate \$3,500,000.00

Tribal Economic Development:		Thru Q1	Budget
2016			
Beginning Balance		7,745,204.00	7,745,204.00
RAP Distribution		1,876,865.00	1,435,500.00
Department Expenses		-45,831.00	-53,819.00
611 I St Income		11,465.00	-7,399.00
20/20		0.00	0.00
Ultra Green		12,500.00	12,500.00
Smoke Shop Operations		45,873.00	28,055.00
TNCC Events Leasing		1,007.00	1,848.00
Billboard Income		3,445.00	2,068.00
<b>Transfer from Unrestricted</b>			
Ending Balance		9,650,528.00	9,163,957.00

## QTR1/2016 Financials

# Economic Development Report

## Economic Development Meeting

I held a meeting on April 20, 2016. We discussed the 1st quarter of 2016 financials as well as updates on current investments. The turnout for this meeting was very poor. I hope to see more of you at the next meeting. It is very important to attend these meetings not only for you to be informed about current and future developments. But to exchange information on how we want our funds to be invested for our future. The next quarterly meeting will be held on Wednesday July 27, 2016 at 5pm in Tish-non Community Center. Hope to see you all there. I have also included with my report a draft of an Economic Development Asset Allocation Plan. I would like you all to review it and give me some feedback on this plan. The Tribe will have close to \$14,000,000 available to look for investment opportunities. I urge you to come forward and help the Tribe make sound decisions with these funds.

Thank you

*Dakota McGinnis*

*Economic Development Director*

# TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT UPDATE

## CONTACT INFORMATION

266 Keisner Road Loleta CA 95551 \* 707-733-1900 ext. 293 \* [wendelfreeman@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:wendelfreeman@brb-nsn.gov)

Please feel free to contact the department with any questions or concerns.

## TISH NON TRANSIT SERVICE

July 2016 will mark the one year anniversary for our service line. The Tish Non Transit services is not sustainable unless approximately 50 riders per day are using the service. We are not meeting the required ridership to sustain the service. If the route is not meeting ridership standards by July 2018 the service will end. Please contact the Transportation Department to see how you can help build ridership to keep your service up and running!

## BUS PASS PROGRAM

Bus passes are available for qualified tribal members through the Transportation Department. Please contact the department to see how you can get connected!

## TRANSPORTATION SERVICES/SCHEDULING

The primary role of the Transportation Department is to transport tribal members to and from medical appointments. Our services prioritize elders first, children (with parent or guardian) second and all others third.

In addition to providing transportation to medical related appointments the department assists tribal members with other important appointments such as behavior health, social services and AOD.

**It is important that tribal members attempting to schedule rides understand that it is their responsibility to contact the department 48 hours in advance of any appointments to check for availability. Last minute requests for transportation may be denied based on availability of drivers and the current schedule.**

**At the time appointments are scheduled we block out the anticipated time on our schedule to accommodate each appointment. Tribal members that have appointments scheduled with us for a ride must understand that we are only transporting for the appointment you have prearranged. Adding additional stops to a scheduled appointment at the time of the appointment may be denied based on driver availability and the current schedule.**

**We operate with limited staff and a high demand of priority appointments. Please understand that it is each tribal member's responsibility to plan ahead and that our services are not on demand shuttle service, we are appointment based.**



**MEDI-CAL PATIENTS**

United Indian Health Services Medi-Cal patients that schedule a ride with the transportation department will now be asked to fill out a patient Release of Information form between Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria and UIHS. The Transportation Department will be requesting 3 specific pieces of information in regard to patients.

1. Request for your medical record number from the clinic
2. Confirmation that you are a Medi-Cal covered patient
3. Confirmation that each appointment we take you to is covered under Medi-Cal

We will never receive information about your appointments or you personally except what is covered in 1-3 above. Your treatment will never be divulged to the tribe.

The purpose of our request is so that the tribe can be reimbursed for our mileage and time to transport you to a Medi-Cal covered appointment. In doing so, we are able to put money back in our pockets for services we are already providing to you.

If you have any questions or concerns about the new Medi-Cal program the tribe is participating in please feel free to contact the Transportation Department.



**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT TEAM**

**Our Team!**

**Wendell Freeman - Transportation Director**

**Sheila Moon-Weist - Van Driver**

**Lisa McGinnis - Van Driver**

Impervious surfaces such as pavement and rooftops increase storm water runoff because the water cannot soak into the soil. Oil, grease and other chemicals build up on these surfaces and are washed into the storm drains which then filter through the wetlands. Fertilizers and pet waste from lawns can also be washed into the storm drains which then filter through the wetlands. Reducing this non-point source pollution from running into storm drains is a priority of the Environmental and Natural Resources Department. With the help of residents and the community we can reduce the amount of runoff that finds its way into our wetlands.



Figure 1: Storm water runoff on the Rancheria

By testing the water quality of the wetlands we can monitor when non-point source pollution is entering the wetlands, where it is occurring and the amount of pollution and contaminants that are present. We continue to develop ways to prevent non-point source pollution from running off into our surface water and one way we are doing that is by creating a Tribal Watershed Based Plan. This plan helps maintain the water quality on the Rancheria, as well as, protects our entire watershed as a whole. By identifying areas to implement Best Management Practices (BMP's) we can slow runoff, reduce pollution and sediment loads in the waterways, and return water to the soil instead of the storm drains. Some of these BMP's include creating Rain Gardens, using permeable pavers and concrete, expanding riparian zones and filter strips along water ways, and digging swales to slow down run off.

### What is a Rain Garden?

Nature's Water Filter: Rain gardens are shallow landscaped depressions that capture, clean and absorb stormwater runoff from roofs, parking lots and roads.



Figure 2: Example of a BMP (Source: The Nature Conservancy)

## Environmental Natural Resources Department

The Environmental and Natural Resources Department still offers free Electronic Waste recycling. Feel free to drop off your e-waste at the ENR department on the pallets next to the big storage containers, if you would like your e-waste picked up you may call Kayla San Filippo (707) 733-1900 x119 or Delanie Farnham (707) 733-1900 x165. Please no refrigerators unless the Freon has been removed. If you have any questions about what exactly qualifies as e-waste, please call!

To properly dispose of Household Hazardous Waste: Please visit Humboldt Waste Management Authority in Eureka. Call them at 441-2005 for an appointment or visit them on the first Saturday of every month between 9am-2pm at 1059 West Hawthorne St. Eureka. There is a \$5 fee to dispose of 15 gallons or 125 pounds. City of Fortuna residents pay \$5/gallon or \$7/lb. Household hazardous wastes include: paints, varnish, oil cans, pressurized tanks, pest poisons, aerosols, solvents, batteries, lawn and garden products, etc.

Pet vouchers for vaccination and spay & neuter are still available as well. These vouchers can be used at Riverwalk Veterinary or Ferndale & Fortuna Veterinary. Please call Kayla San Filippo at the above listed number for questions or stop by the ENR office to pick one up.



Tish Non Village Parking Lot, Loleta, CA

## Housing Department

**Tish Non Multi-Family Element:** Tribal Council and Housing Department has accepted DANCO Tribal Affordable Housing Project. The proposed financing strategy is through the use of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (TCAC). The planned project is to begin development Tish Non Village Apartments on existing infrastructure development (end of Bowie Road) that was funded principally by HUD Rural Innovation Fund grant of \$300,000. These 16 units; 4 buildings will be located at the end of Bowie Road. They will be, 2 bedroom, 1 bath, low income, and energy efficient units complete with all appliances.

Housing Department has received NOFA for the ICDBG FY16. The planned project is to construct 3-4 single family homes located on Carroll Road in the year 2017. This project will be carried out and administered through the Bear River Development Commission, a Community Based Development Organization (CBDO). The proposed project has been identified by CBDO, the Tribal Community and Tribal Leaders to be a priority with the aim of reducing the number of families that are access impaired, homeless, overcrowded, and that have multiple families sharing a single home

**Basayo Village Court:** Vacant units are available and Tribal members are encouraged to apply. Over income families can now apply. Remember we are also accepting Priority 2 applicants (non-Tribal parents of Tribal children), Priority 3 applicants (other Native American Indian), and Priority 4 all others, but these will only be served after all Priority 1 (Tribal head of household) applications are placed in units.

*Charmin Bailey, Housing Director*



Bear River Garden

## THPO/Garden Department

### Native Food Garden

The installation of the Native Food Garden is about to begin! The garden will be located between the wetlands and the green fence, just uphill from the corner of Brenard & Keisner. The garden will include edible native plants, plus plants traditionally used for a wide variety of uses such as basket making materials, dyes, soap, medicinal plants, etc. We will be scheduling volunteer days for planting soon, so keep an eye out for more information to be posted in the monthly Cultural Calendar (posted at the community center, in the library, and on the Cultural Department Facebook page). And feel free to contact Murina (733-1900 x414) or Erika (733-1900 x233) if you'd like any more information or have questions.

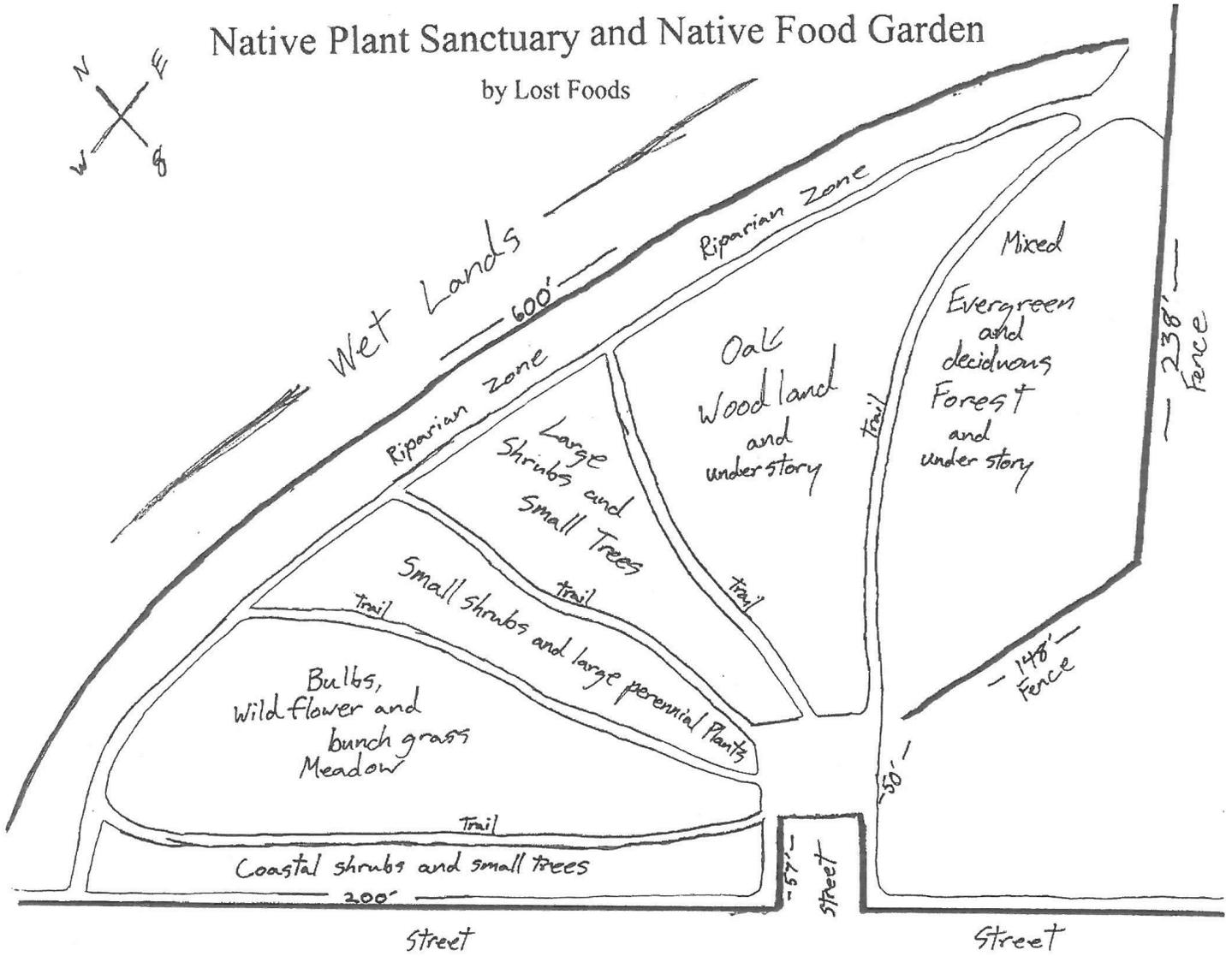
### Farmers Market

The new farmer's market will be starting in June. The market will be held at the 'dead end' of Keisner Rd. on Thursdays from 3:00 pm - 5:00 pm. There are many ways to be a part of the market. Contact Murina (733-1900 x414) or Erika (733-1900 x233) for more about:

- Vendor Opportunities
- How to sign up for a "Market Share" to get a discount on tribally grown produce
- How to volunteer in the tribal gardens to earn a \$10.00/hour credit toward tribally grown produce

# Native Plant Sanctuary and Native Food Garden

by Lost Foods





## 2016 Tribal Farmer's Market *VENDOR INFORMATION*

We are excited to offer an opportunity for you to sell your home made and home grown products at our new Farmers Market. Please read over the information carefully, fill out the form and drop it off or mail it back to 266 Keisner Rd Loleta, CA 95551 attention Erika Cooper.

### Farmers Market Information

- Dates:** Thursday at 3pm - 5pm from June – September
- Location:** East Keisner Rd (the dead end street) off of Brenard Rd. Across from Bear River Tobacco Traders and Coffee Shop
- Fees:** **\$50.00 for all of the 2016 season or \$5.00 per week.** If you are a member of Bear River Tribal Market Share, your vendor fee is waived.
- Payment:** You can make weekly payments at the Tribal Farmers Market prior to setting up your booth. The Tribal Farmers Market Coordinator can provide you with a receipt as long as an agreement is signed on the Vendor Commitment Form.

**Vendor Products:**

1. **Grower/Agricultural Products** (fruits & vegetables, eggs, honey, plants)
2. **Processed Food /Concessionaire** (Indian Tacos, Lemonade, Hotdog stand, etc.)
3. **Arts and Crafts** (all items must be handmade no replications or resale items allowed)
4. **Other** (....)

All materials and products you sell **must be homegrown, homemade or handmade** to sell at the Farmers Market. If you are making a food product, you need to have a **sign posted** as to the place you made the product, whether it is a **licensed or un-licensed kitchen**. You must also have an **ingredient list** for all of your baked goods or other food items (jams, jellies, pickles, canned goods...). The ingredient list does NOT have to be ON each item, but they must be visible to the consumers. **This is mostly to alert folks of potential allergies to eggs, nuts, flour etc...**

**Market Policies:**

1. Each vendor is expected to be **set up and ready to go by 3:00 pm** each Thursday and we ask that all vendors stay at the market until 5:00 pm unless

you are sold out or the weather is threatening. You may stay longer if you choose.

2. The Market area will be closed to vehicles from 3pm to 5pm. **Local produce and handmade items only** – NO yard sale items.
3. **NO smoking** in the Market area.
4. **NO vendor pets allowed.** Selling animals at the Market is prohibited.
5. Bear River Band will not be held responsible for any losses or injuries incurred at the Farmers' Market.
6. Vendor tent/canopy must not be larger than 10x10.
7. Vendors are responsible for cleaning up their own area before they leave.
8. Bear River Band reserves the right to refuse vendor space to anyone at any time.

If inclement weather should cause the Farmer's Market to be cancelled, the Tribal Farmers Market Coordinator will try to contact each vendor with that information this is why an email address and cell phone numbers are crucial for the Tribal Farmers Market Coordinator to have on file for each vendor.

**Marketing:**

The Bear River Band Tribal Farm brochure will list each vendor participating in the Farmers Market. This brochure will be available at local businesses and in the Bear River May Newsletter. Additional publicity will be done through work with local media and through press releases, posters and more. All fees collected from vendors will go towards marketing the Farmer's Market.

**Form Due:**

The 2016 Bear River Farmer's Market Vendor Commitment Form must be returned to 266 Keisner Rd Loleta, CA 95551 attention Erika Cooper by April 1 in order to be listed in the promotional brochure. Vendors submitting their commitment form after that date can still participate in the Farmer's Market, but will not be listed in the brochure.

**Questions:**

Please contact Bear River Tribal Farm at Erika Cooper at (707)733-1900 ext 233 or Murina Pepetone at (707)733-1900 ext 414 or [murinapepetone@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:murinapepetone@brb-nsn.gov)

*Please Keep for your Records.*



**2016 Tribal Farmer's Market**  
***VENDOR COMMITMENT FORM***

*(Please fill out completely and return it to 266 Keisner Rd Loleta, CA 95551 Attention: Erika Cooper)*

**Name of Business:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Contact Name(s):** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Street:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor Products:**

- Grower/Agricultural Products:** (produce, eggs, honey, plants)  
How grown:     Certified Organic     Conventional     Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Food Processor/Concessionaire:** (list items you are selling below)
- Arts and Crafts:** (all items must be handmade no replications or resale items allowed)
- Other:** (list items you are selling below)

**Description of items to be sold:**

\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Vendor Fees:**

Space fee is \$5 per week, per vendor. Fee is due before setting up, and must be DELIVERED to the Farmers Market Coordinator. Full season fee of \$50 must be paid the 1<sup>st</sup> week of June. Vendors are responsible for keeping a copy of their receipt as proof of payment. *No refund of pre-paid fees.*

- Full Season (\$50.00)       I will pay \$5.00 per week       \$\_\_\_\_\_ Payment enclosed

**Tribal Farmers Market Pledge: *(Please read and sign below)***

I have read the 2016 Guidelines and understand my responsibilities as a vendor for the Bear River Farmers Market. I understand my booth is to be set up by 3:00 pm and remain staffed until at least 5:00 pm unless I have sold out of products or there are no more customers. I understand that all items sold at the Farmer's Market must be locally grown, homemade or hand made products. I will have an ingredient list for each homemade item sold at my booth. I will notify the Bear River Tribal Farmers Market Coordinator if I am not able to attend the Farmer's Market that I initially planned on being at.

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**



Tribal Policy No:  
Amended and Approved:

## **Farmers Market Policies and Operations**

### **1.0 Mission Statement**

The Bear River Farmers Market creates a community by providing a market venue to encourage self-sufficiency and the development of local small-scale agriculture, and to provide and administer a seasonal market place for local producers of agricultural and handmade arts and craft product.

We will:

1. Provide a venue for the market that functions as a local attraction, is accessible by transit and is served by non-motorized trails from area neighborhood.
2. Meet Bear River's need to make fresh produce accessible to Tribal Members and residents who may have limited access.
3. Allow residents and the surrounding community to experience the rich cultural diversity of Bear River Band through the sale of locally made goods.
4. Provide an opportunity for an educational venue for Bear River. Hold classes to educate people on the importance of fresh ingredients for good nutrition and health.
5. Provide entrepreneurial opportunities for emerging food and homemade based businesses.

### **2.0 Time and Place**

The market operates every Thursday at 3pm- 5pm from June through September. Specific dates and times will be announced each year. The Farmers Market is located at East Keisner Rd, Loleta, Ca 95551 across from Tobacco Traders and Coffee Co.

### **3.0 Market Guidelines**

1. Each vendor is expected to be **set up and ready to go by 3:00 pm** each Thursday and we ask that all vendors stay at the market until 5:00 pm unless you are sold out or the weather is threatening. You may stay longer if you bring your own table.
2. The Market area will be closed to vehicles from 3pm to 5pm. **Local produce and handmade items only** – NO yard sale items.

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3. **NO smoking** in the Market area.
4. **NO vendor pets allowed.** Selling animals at the Market is prohibited.
5. Bear River Band will not be held responsible for any losses or injuries incurred at the Farmers' Market.
6. Vendor tent/canopy must not be larger than 10x10.
7. Vendors are responsible for cleaning up their own area before they leave.
8. Bear River Band reserves the right to refuse vendor space to anyone at any time.
9. No "hawking" of products, distraction of customers from another vendor's booth, or disparaging remarks about another vendor's goods will be tolerated.
10. Vendors shall not participate in arguments or make threatening remarks toward other vendors or customers.
11. Vendors shall not interfere with communication between other vendors and their customers; example-singing or loud music.

If inclement weather should cause the Farmer's Market to be cancelled, the Tribal Farmers Market Coordinator will try to contact each vendor with that information this is why an email address and cell phone numbers are crucial for the Tribal Farmers Market Coordinator to have on file for each vendor.

### **4.0 Vendors**

Shall be local farmers or gardeners, processors of agricultural commodities, artists, or Hand crafters who have produced the items for sale. All vendors must reside and produce items they sell in this county. Those selling must be the original producers, family members of producers, or employees of producers of all items being sold. Food Processors are responsible for meeting any and all county, state and federal requirements. Recognized civic groups are welcome to participate and may resell items for fund raising purposes.

### **What can be sold at the market?**

- A. Raw Agricultural Products: Includes fruits, vegetables, grains, herbs flowers, bedding plants and potted plants. Nurseries must grow plants from seed, plugs, cuttings, bulbs,



and bare-root. All vendors selling plants must obtain a Nursery Stock License from the California Department of Food and Agriculture if sales are greater than \$1000.00 a year. If sales are less than \$1000.00 a year you must obtain a Fee Exempt License. For more information go to <http://humboldt.gov/623/Agricultural-Commissioner>.

- B. Value added Agricultural Products: This category includes products made of raw agricultural commodities that have been processed. Examples are jams, jellies, sauces, oils, vinegars, baked goods, molasses, cider, wool products and picked-out nuts. Sellers must abide by all applicable federal, state, and local health regulations. In addition vendors must adhere to federal guidelines on all labels.
  
- C. Arts and Crafts and Non-agricultural Products: Includes approved arts and crafts, handmade soap, handcrafted furniture, pottery, quilted products, paintings, and jewelry. Vendors selling non-agricultural Products must have created them. These items must be handcrafted, original, and exhibit a high level of quality and design.
  
- D. Meat and Other Animal Products: Includes meats, poultry, milk, cheese, eggs, honey, wool leather and other products derived from animals. Vendors must abide by all applicable federal, state and local regulations and inspection regimes. In addition, they must adhere to federal or state guidelines on all labels.

This is to certify that the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria Tribal Council adopted the forgoing Resolution on Month day, Year by a vote of \_\_\_\_ IN FAVOR, \_\_\_\_ OPPOSED, \_\_\_\_ ABSTAINING, and \_\_\_\_ ABSENT.

Attested by: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN, William Sand  
Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
SECRETARY, Aileen Meyer  
Date



Bear River Recreation Center, Loleta, CA

## Bear River Bulletin

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## Thank You Bear River

We would like to thank Bear River Tribe for making it possible for Andrew and Nate to attain Black Belts in Tae Kwan Do. Without the Tribes assistance and due to the high cost they were both able to test for their black belts. Andrew is 16 and a 2nd degree and Nate is 12 and testing for 1st degree black belt.

Many Thanks from  
Andrew Stedman & Nate Mc Nertney

### Direct Deposit Agreement Form

#### Authorization Agreement

I hereby authorize **Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria** to initiate automatic deposits for my quarterly Per Capita payments to my account at the financial institution named below. I also authorize **Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria** to make withdrawals from this account in the event that a credit entry is made in error.

Further, I agree not to hold **Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria** responsible for any delay or loss of funds due to incorrect or incomplete information supplied by me or by my financial institution or due to an error on the part of my financial institution in depositing funds to my account.

This agreement will remain in effect until **Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria** receives a written notice of cancellation from me or my financial institution, or until I submit a new direct deposit form to Accounts Payable. **Please attach a voided check or deposit slip and return this form to Accounts Payable**

#### Account Information

Name of Financial Institution: \_\_\_\_\_

Routing Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Account Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Checking

Savings

#### Signature

Authorized Name (Print) \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (Primary): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Authorized Signature (Joint): \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# Tribal Member Articles

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Save Our Sweatlodges!!

To any tribal member who live in the Sacramento/Folsom area, or who know someone in that area willing to donate time and effort.

The Native American men of California State Prison - Sacramento, or "New Folsom", are in need of donations of willow branches. To harvest them and transport them to the facility, so that they might rebuild their Inipi's. "A" and "C" yards lodges are over 3 years old and "B" yard has been without a lodge since 2014.

To be of help you can contact: Torres Guanelli, the prisons "Community Resource Manager". Her contact info can be obtained by via internet @ [www.CDCR.com](http://www.CDCR.com) and entering C.S.P. Sacramento in the appropriate location.

This would be a great service done for these brothers who are doing their best to walk the Red Road. They've had no spiritual advisor since 2014. Again your help in any form will be greatly appreciated. May you forever walk in Beauty. Nikki Metcalf #7-39359, Wiyet tribal member and resident at C.S.P. Sac. from 2012-16.

"God is Great. In his sight we are all worthy of Mercy. Ben Abram (Islamic Surgeon)

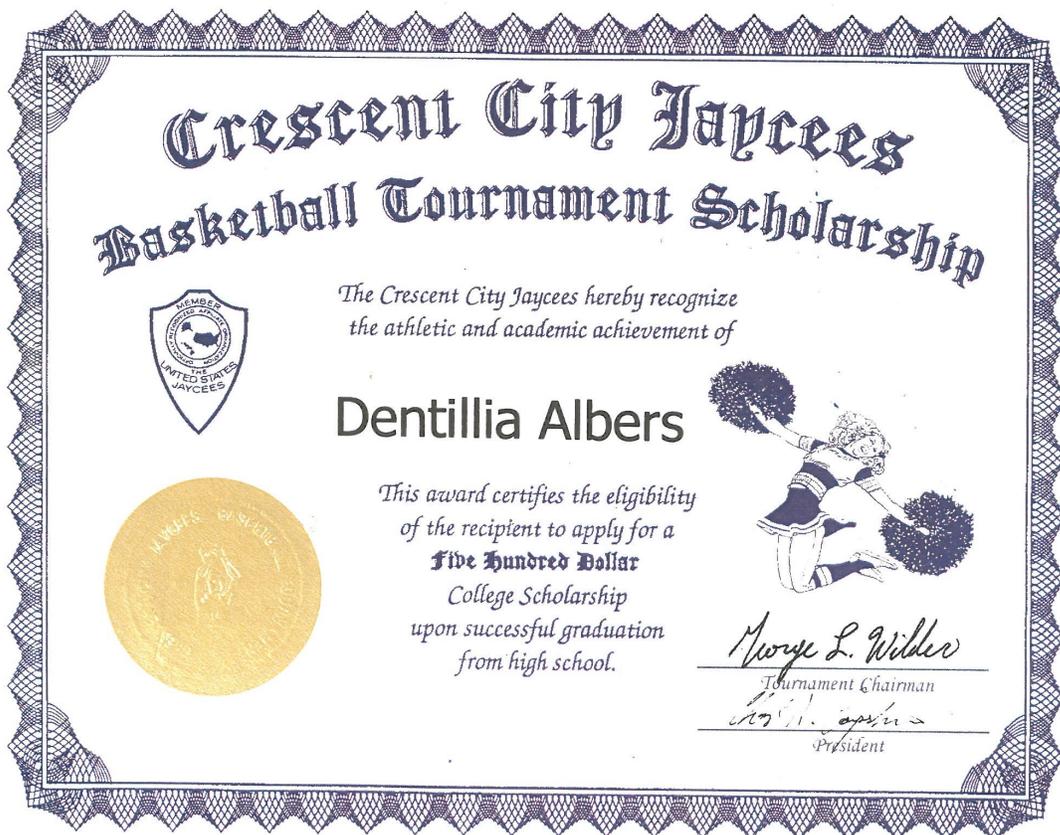
March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016

To whom it concerns

Can you please have this ad placed in our next newsletter, it is a last resort effort in our search for assistance so we may continue our spiritual journey. Thank you and may many prayers of good health and high spirit, be blessed upon you and all your loved ones.

Walk in Beauty,

N. Metcalf



## Good Job Youth

MaTaya Amen-Sherman received **A Honor Roll** at Toddy Thomas School.



# Community News

<p><b>TREATMENT &amp; INFORMATION</b></p> <p>Were you treated with respect and dignity?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Were you satisfied with the care you received from:</p> <p>Providers, Nurses, MAs?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Front Desk?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Registration?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Billing?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Would you want to see this provider again?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Were things explained in a way that was easy to understand?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Always</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Sometimes</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Usually</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Never</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/>	<p><b>TREATMENT &amp; INFORMATION continued</b></p> <p>Were you notified of your lab/test results and offered appropriate follow-up?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Were you given enough information about your:</p> <p>Medical condition?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Medications?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Treatment and procedures?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Eligibility for other programs?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Did you observe healthcare staff clean their hands during your visit?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Have you received information about the UIHS Patient Portal?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <hr/> <p>Have you log on to and used the UIHS Patient Portal?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <hr/> <p>If eligible, do you know how to access Purchased &amp; Referred Care (PRC, formerly CHS – Contract Health Services)?   <input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p>	<h2>Client Experience Survey</h2> <p>Please help us to serve you better</p>  <p><b>Completion Instructions:</b></p> <p>Thank You for taking the time to complete this survey.</p> <p>After completing the questionnaire, please Place in the drop box as you leave today.</p>
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<p><b>Visit Details:</b></p> <p>From 0 to 10, where 0 is the worst and 10 is the best, please circle the number that you would use to rate your visit?</p> <p style="text-align: center;">0   1   2   3   4   5   6   7   8   9   10</p> <p>Did your provider spend enough time with you?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Which UIHS clinic did you visit today?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Arcata</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Fortuna</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Crescent City</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Klamath</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Weitchpec</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Elk Valley</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Smith River</p> <hr/> <p>Which service did you receive during your visit?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Medical</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Dental</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Behavioral Health</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Vision</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Community Services</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> Pharmacy</p> <hr/> <p>On what date and time was your visit</p> <p>Date: _____ Time: _____</p>	<p><b>YOUR VISIT</b></p> <p>Was the staff friendly, courteous, and professional?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Were you seen within 15 minutes of your appointment time?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Over-all, were your wait times excessive:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>If there was a delay in being seen, were you kept informed?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Was your exam room and the reception area clean and comfortable?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/>	<p><b>SCHEDULING &amp; REGISTRATION</b></p> <p>Did you have an easy time scheduling an appointment?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Were your phone calls to the clinic handled in a prompt, courteous manner?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>Was your privacy respected?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/> <p>If a referral was made, was it done in a timely manner?</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> YES   <input type="checkbox"/> NO</p> <p>Comments: _____</p> <hr/>
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## Change of Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature (Required)                      Date

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name as it appears on the Tribal Roll    Roll Number                      Phone Number

I request that my address be changed to the following:

C/O \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_

I request that my minor child's address be changed to the following:

Child's name \_\_\_\_\_ Roll # \_\_\_\_\_ C/O \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Member Signature Required \_\_\_\_\_

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