

# BEAR RIVER BULLETIN

Bear River Bulletin

July/August 2016

## General Council Meeting

July 30, 2016

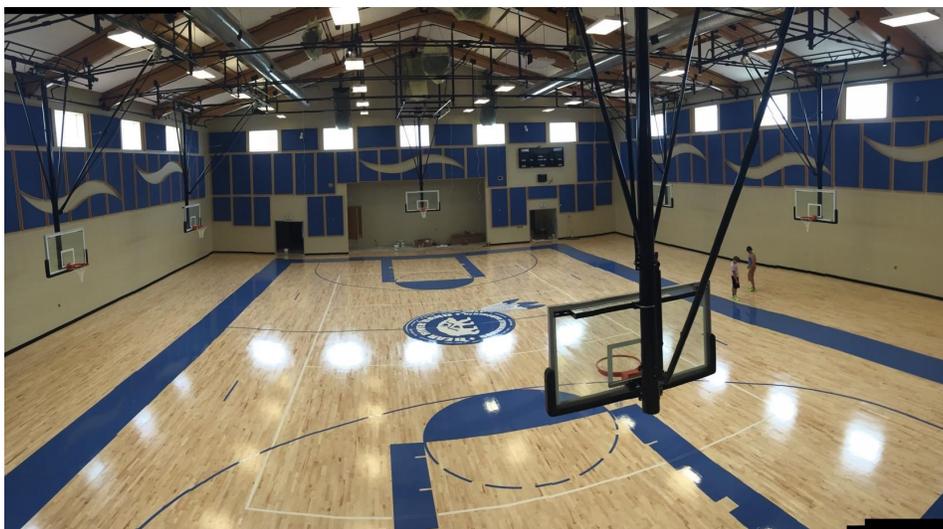
9:00 am to 12:00 Noon

## Tribal Members Picnic

July 30, 2016

12:00 Noon to 5:00 pm

Tish Non Community Center



Bear River Recreation Center Basketball Courts & Venue

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## Chairman's Corner

Negotiations on the Compact with the State are taking precedence in the scheduling of my time and energy at this moment of my being Chairman and we are at a very intense position in getting the Compact so all the Tribes involved are satisfied with the outcome and position of the agreement. My negotiations with the Franchise Tax Board are still in the process of establishing the form that will be agreed upon when completed will benefit the tribal members that work here at Bear River.

On another note of tribal members we have recently had an opening in our Human Resources Department in which many qualified applicants did apply and we chose to go with

one of our very own tribal members to become Director of Human Resources, Teresa Ballew. She has been working with UIHS for over two decades before coming to us this May and has a family of five including her mother. We are very glad to have her on our team. Also the Casino is training 4 tribal members for employment in gaming here at Bear River.

It is with a heavy heart that we lost one of our elders since I have become Chairman, we must remember that our elders grew up during the Depression Era where they had to ration everything they got and now that we have the resources of today's world and the quality of life that we experience is different, we must provide for our Elders and respect what they had been through and treat them with dignity and compassion that is deserving of someone who has suffered their whole life without the essentials that they are due.

Also we are closing the day care center on August 11th, 2016, this is due to cost constraints and qualified staffing needs, however we are looking into other avenues to keep the children of Bear River involved in educational and healthy day care purposes, again it is with a heavy heart that we need to do this at this time, and hopefully we will have an operating system soon. As always these measures are for the positive outcome of the Bear River Tribal members.

Your Chairman, Barry Brenard

## Employment

### ***Bear River Band***

Recreation Center Manager  
Recreation Center Guest Services,  
Front Desk  
Social Services Director  
Tribal Case Manager/Elder Coordinator  
Tribal Social Worker  
Tribal Youth Service Coordinator

### ***Bear River Casino Hotel***

Bear River Express Cashier  
Bear River Express Supervisor  
Bonus Pit Dealer  
Casino Services Representative  
Cocktail Server  
Craps Dealer Class  
Dishwasher  
Experienced Table Games Dealer  
Front Desk Agent  
Guest Room Attendant  
Line Cook  
Player Development Host  
Porter  
Pump & Play Cashier  
Security Officer  
Sous Chef  
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.



## Finance Department

### **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 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.

Sincerely,

Allen H. Rode  
Finance Director

## Bear River Library

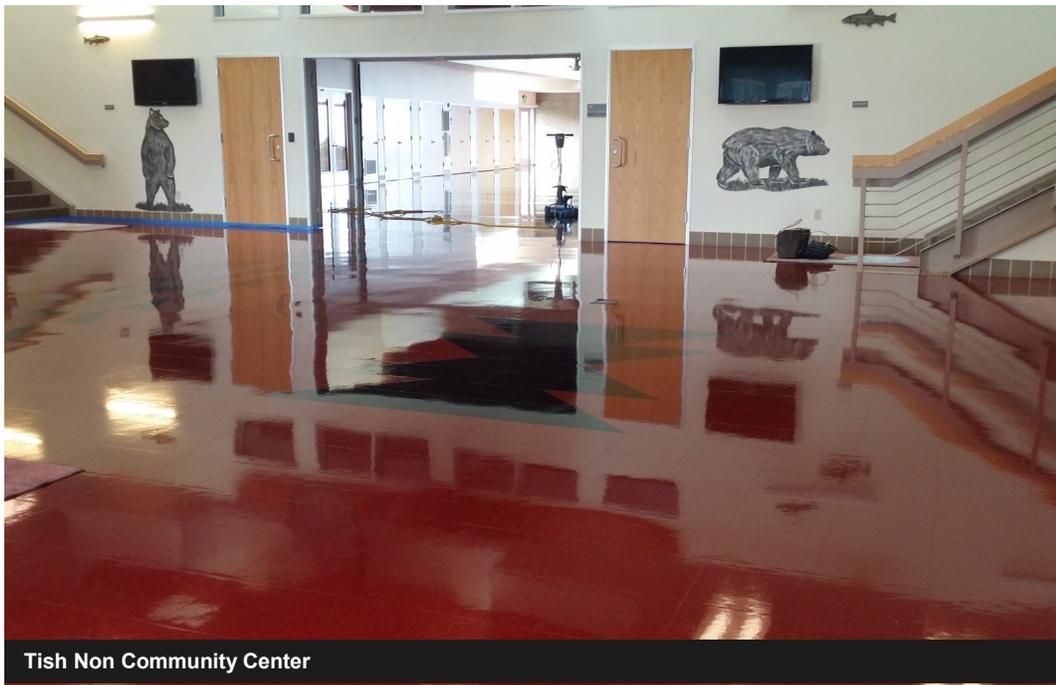
The summer reading program is in full swing in the library. The county library has challenged the county to read 20,000 books this summer.

Bear River Band Library's challenge is 100 books before summer ends. We are already half way to this goal at 50 books!

We are also doing Foods from Around the World every Thursday after Cultural Class. The garden has graciously offered to provide fresh produce for the program.

We still have the Wiyot Storybooks to distribute. So if you haven't gotten a copy for your children swing by the library and pick up a copy. If you can't stop in give the librarian a call at (707) 733-1900 ext. 234 and we can mail them out. Have a great summer!

Jessica Cantrell



Tish Non Community Center

## ENR Department

Are you prepared for an Emergency or Natural Disaster? Are you interested in helping your community after one strikes? Call or email Kayla San Filippo if you would like to be involved! [kaylasanfilippo@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:kaylasanfilippo@brb-nsn.gov) (707) 733-1900 ext. 119

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, located down the long driveway off Singley Hill Rd. 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! We accept paint and oil, but other household hazardous wastes such as freon, anti-freeze, and transmission fluid are not accepted. You may call Humboldt Waste Management Authority (707) 441-2005 for instructions on how you may dispose of these other types of household hazardous wastes.

Pet vouchers for vaccination and spay & neuter are still available as well. These vouchers can be used at Riverwalk Veterinary, Ferndale Veterinary, or Fortuna Veterinary. Please call Kayla San Filippo at (707) 733-1900 ext 119 for questions or stop by the ENR office to pick one up.

Kayla San Filippo

## Reception Corner

To Everyone that might be interested to know what's going on your community Center. 

Well for one, Josefina's wedding event was held on the 25th and my congratulations to the newly-weds. 

Maintenance Dept. will be waxing the floors and will prep before the end of the week so this is the reason why there are no lobby furniture to sit on. We apologize for any inconvenience. 

Don't forget the children's lunch program at 11:00 am weekdays and at 12:00 noon, adult tribal members eat free and you can also offer a donation to the food program if you would like. 

I would like to thank Nicole Wortman and the kids that were with her on Friday 24th when they picked up slew of garbage around the Rancheria by using their wagon and for a ice cream cone. Great job kids.  

Until next time: I shall update any new things that happen in the future.

Thank You 

Margaret Thomas

# Eldercare Department

Boat Dance at Stone Lagoon  
for Cha-Pekw Jump Dance

July 19, 2016

Leave 7:00 am

Transportation provided for  
Elders

Please contact Nancy at (707)  
733-1900 ext. 332 or Barry to  
have a spot reserved.



## EPA Department

The EPA provides financial assistance in the form of water pollution control (Section 106) grants. Section 106 grants provide funding to build and sustain effective water quality programs that ensure the health of our nation's water bodies. Increasingly, EPA, states, tribes, and interstate agencies are working together to develop basin-wide approaches to water quality management. The Section 106 program fosters a watershed protection approach at the state level by looking broadly at states' water quality problems, and targeting the use of limited finances available for effective program management. We are able to conduct weekly monitoring of the wetlands on the Rancheria with the CWA 106 grant. The current conditions of our wetlands are mainly dry, there is one site out of six that still has water flowing. Despite the wetlands being dry during these summer months the vegetation appears to be thriving.

The EPA also offers grants and technical assistance to support tribal environmental programs in assessing and managing their nonpoint source pollution problems and threats with CWA 319. Nonpoint source (NPS) pollution, unlike pollution from industrial and sewage treatment plants, comes from many diffuse sources. NPS pollution is caused by rainfall or snowmelt moving over and through the ground. As the runoff moves, it picks up and carries away natural and human-made pollutants, finally depositing them into lakes, rivers, wetlands, coastal waters and ground waters. Rain water carries sediment and deposits them into lakes, streams, and wetlands. When there is too much sediment it can cloud the water which reduces the amount of sunlight the reaches aquatic plants. This can also impact aquatic creatures like fish by clogging their gills and smothering larvae. When other pollutants like pesticides, fertilizers and heavy metals are attached to soil particles it can cause algal blooms and deplete available oxygen to aquatic dwelling plants and animals.

Delaine Farnham

# Community Clean Up Day

**Tuesday, July 26, 2016**

**9:15 am – 11:00 am**

**Meet in front of the playground by the Rec Center**

**\*Come volunteer and get a chance to win a gift card in a raffle drawing**



*Come and support Bear River's  
Farmers Market, become a  
vendor and shop locally.  
Will see you there!*

# Farmers Market

*Locally grown Vegetables  
Cheryl Karnes Baked Goods  
Tribal Handmade Jewelry  
Indian Tacos  
and  
more coming soon!  
(Accepting Vendor Applications)*



## **Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria**

Bear River Tobacco Traders & Coffee Co.  
260 Keisner Rd  
Loloita, Ca 95551  
We will be set up outside the building.



**Farmers Market Hours:**  
Every Thursday 3pm - 5pm  
June - September  
Call (707)733-1900 x 233 or 414



# VEGETABLE GARDEN

## *Services available for Tribal Families*

We can rototill an area so you can plant a vegetable garden - no it's not too late!

Provide Starts and Seeds

We can provide assistance planning your garden  
Garden tools are available to use on a daily basis  
but must be returned each day.

Sorry we cannot lend out weed eaters!

Compost available upon request

and

If you have other gardening request not listed please contact us.



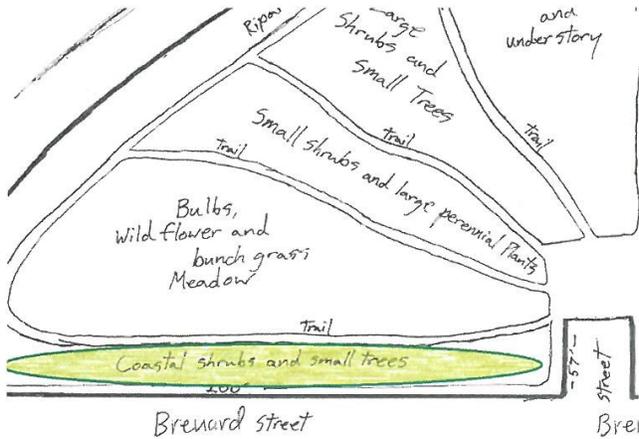
**Bear River Band of the Rohnerville Rancheria**



**Please call:**

Erika Cooper at (707)733-1900 x 233 or

Leave a message for Murina Pepetone at (707)733-1900 x 414



# Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria Native Garden Planting Event



**Keisner Rd (by the dead end, across from Tobacco Traders)**

**Monday July 18th @ 11am - 3pm**

You and your family are invited to help us plant native plants. This is the third planting events this year, we will be working in the Coastal Shrubs and small tree area its next to the sidewalk. This area will act as a wind break for more delicate plants.

Dont forget you can earn \$10/hr vege bucks to use at the Farmers Market.

(707) 733-1900 ext 233 Erika Cooper  
 (707) 733-1900 ext 414 Murina Pepetone



Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

## Fruit Tree Order Form

For the Year of 2016, I (a Bear River Tribal Member) can order up to \$100.00 of Perennial (*plant that lives for more than 2 years*) Fruit Trees, Fruit Bushes, Native Plants and Vegetables. One order form per household.

Plants must be picked up at the THPO/ENR office. If you have any questions call Erika Cooper at (707)733-1900 ext 233 or leave a message for Murina Pepetone at ext 414.

## Plant List for my Ideal Garden

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Fruit Trees / Bushes</u></b> | <input type="checkbox"/> Woodland Strawberry   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 Gal Meyer Lemon Tree           | <input type="checkbox"/> Beach Strawberry  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> 3-5 Gal Blueberry Bush             | <input type="checkbox"/> Salal   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Native Plants</u></b>        | <input type="checkbox"/> California Hazel Nut  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Huckleberry                        | <input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Vegetables</u></b>                                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Elder Berry                        | <input type="checkbox"/> Artichokes  |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pacific Black Berry                | <input type="checkbox"/> Rhubarb   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Black Cap Raspberries              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b><u>Other</u></b> (we may not be able to find at this time) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Thimble Berry                      | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Salmon Berry                       | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Currants                           | <input type="checkbox"/>   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Gooseberry                         | <input type="checkbox"/>   |



**BEAR RIVER BAND of ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA**

266 Keisner Road, Loleta, CA 95551, 707-733-1900, FAX 707-733-1723

**Department of Social Services**

June 15, 2016

Dear Tribal Members and Families,

I would like to remind all that **Bear River Social Services Request Applications** need to be fully completed to process the application in a timely manner. Please read the following required information/documents needed at the time a Service Request Application is submitted to Social Services for assistance.

Per policy applications will be considered incomplete and will ***not*** be processed if all the information required is not attached and provided at the time the service request application is submitted to the Bear River Social Services Department.

If you need your child/s enrollment number and/or enrollment verification print out please contact Jim McGinnis, Enrollment Director at the Enrollment Department at Ext.223

All of the following documents are required each time there is a request for assistance and must be completed and submitted to the Social Services Program Coordinator for review and consideration:

- **Bear River Band Service Request Form Application (fully completed)**
- **Proof of Enrollment or Participation in the Activity or Program**
- **Proof of Enrollment in the Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria (all beneficiaries receiving benefits must provide)**
- **Invoice from Vendor on a monthly basis (all information must be detailed in the invoice submitted to Bear River for payment)**
- **Original receipts are required before 30 days of the date of expense if reimbursement is being requested.**

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give me a call.

Thank you,

Elizabeth Varelas  
Social Services Program Coordinator  
Bear River Band of Rohnerville Rancheria  
(707) 733-1900 ext. 209  
[elizabethvarelas@brb-nsn.gov](mailto:elizabethvarelas@brb-nsn.gov)

# Bear River School Backpacks



**Pick up Date: August 15<sup>th</sup> to August 19<sup>th</sup> 2016**

**Time: 9:00 am-12:00 pm**

**@ Tish Non Community Center**

**266 Keisner Road, Loleta CA. 95551**

**\*\*Service Request Form required- Please include child's grade level\*\***

**Are you are interested in receiving a back to school backpack this 2016/2017 FY?**

- Make sure you complete a Bear River Service Request application to guarantee to be placed on the list. **Application deadline July 31, 2016**

**Is your child starting Kindergarten this 2016/2017 "FY"?** Enclose Kindergarten verification with the Service Request Form.

**The Bear River Service Request application must be filled out completely**

If you have any questions please contact Social Services Dept.

**For School Age Children ONLY\*\*\*\*\*Kindergarten thru 12<sup>th</sup> Grade**

**Serving Humboldt County members--We do not mail Backpacks or supplies!**

CA  
2016

# INDIAN DAYS

*Gathering*

Saturday

September 17th

Loleta, CA

11 AM to 6 PM



3 on 3 Youth  
Basketball  
Tournament

Traditional Salmon Dinner

Indian Tacos

Native American Vendors

Educational Vendors

Cultural Dance Demonstrations

Traditional Gambling Game

Tournament & more

Sponsored by

**BEAR RIVER**  
CASINO & HOTEL

Details to be announced

For more information contact Teresa McGinnis

BEAR RIVER BAND OF ROHNERVILLE RANCHERIA PRESENTS

# California Indian Days

*Gathering*

3RD ANNUAL

3  N 3

OUTDOOR

BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

Boys & Girls- Youth grades 3-12

Must have one Native American on the team

*September 17th 2016*

*Loleta California*

FREE YOUTH TOURNAMENT



3 POINT SHOOT OUT CONTEST

For More information or to register contact  
Teresa McGinnis  
(707) 733-1900 ext. 154  
teresamcginnis@brb-nsn.gov

*"We will have fun and recognize the importance of our people coming together to participate in a friendly competition and have respect for each other."*

4 players max, Double Elimination

Alcohol, Tobacco & Drug Free Event



# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT MEETING

WEDNESDAY July 20, 2016

TISHNON COMMUNITY CENTER

5:00 - 6:00 PM

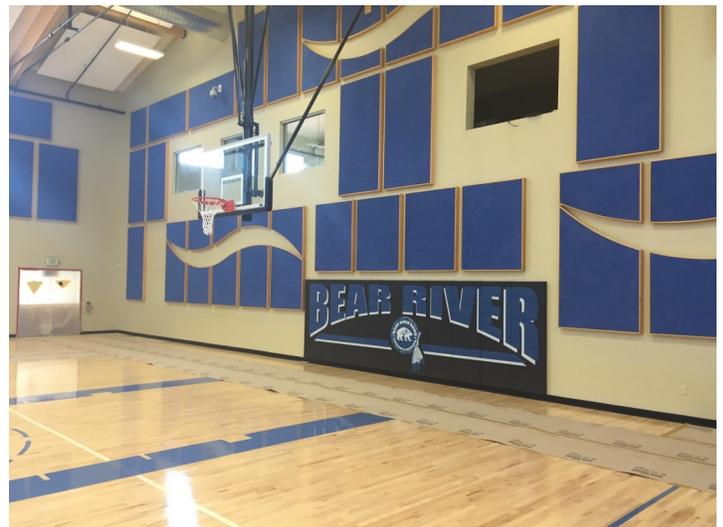
## Agenda

- 1) Economic Development Report for 2nd QTR 2016
- 2) Update ON Current Investments
- 3) Open Session

- ADJOURN

Dakota McGinnis Jr.

Economic Development Director





Photos Submitted by Jesse Sherman

Big Time 2016 at Ya-Ka-Ama Jesse Sherman with his daughter MaTaya and Macy

QPR training at Sumeg Village preparing the houses for the brush Dance with Damon Johnson



Tribal Youth selling jewelry at the Farmers Market on Thursday's. For more information contact the THPO Department.

(Left) Bear River Recreation Center Basketball courts, under construction.



## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

## Contact Us

**Teresa McGinnis**  
Communication  
Director

266 Keisner Road  
Loleta, CA 95551  
Ph. (707) 733-1900

Fax (707) 733-1723

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