



The Mih:ila?k^hawna Minute

APRIL 2023

COVID is still around. If you feel sick, or suspect you might have COVID, for the safety of everyone around you, please self quarantine and stay home! Do NOT come to the Tribal office.

CHAIRMAN'S MESSAGE

Dear Tribal Members:

The in person **General Membership Meeting** will take place on **Saturday, April 29, 2023** (sign in at 9:00am) at the Doubletree Hotel in Rohnert Park. The Board is looking forward to seeing all of you. The agenda will be in your mail soon. We will update you on many projects including the Casino/hotel resort, financing, cannabis, wine, Ohosa and the Cloverdale project. David Fendrick will have an update on how we are doing at the Casino.

We will hold another **Open House at the Tribal Office on Saturday, April 15, 2023 from 10am to 2pm**. We hope you'll be able to attend and get information about all the Tribe's programs.

We're having an in person orientation meeting for the **rooftop solar installer apprenticeships on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 2pm**. (See page 6 and 7 for more information.)

If you're a Tribal Elder, you should make sure to get your new Tribal ID and carry it with you. The Casino staff will be asking to see your ID when you order food at the Casino.

There are many jobs available at River Rock Casino and the Tribal government. We have great career opportunities and offer one of the best benefits packages in Sonoma County! If you are employed at River Rock Casino we have an **Employee Referral Program**. Refer an employee and after 90 days you'll receive **\$250.00**.

We look forward to seeing you on April 29th.

Chris Wright, Chairman

Elder Brunch

The Elders are invited to a brunch on **Tuesday, April 18, 2023 from 11:00am to 12:30pm** in the Quail Run buffet at River Rock Casino. Please call Lori Leach at (707) 814-4149 to let her know if you will attend. Food will be served at 11am and gifts are available from 12:00pm to 12:30pm. **An RSVP and attendance is required** to receive gifts/raffle prizes.

Bookmark a new adventure in a California State Park. Free passes available now!

Check out a **free vehicle day-use pass** at the Tribal Office for 200+ California state parks.

A list of INELIGIBLE park units is available at [CheckOutCAStateParks.com](https://www.checkoutcaliforniaparks.com)

Park for free. The pass entitles the bearer to free vehicle day use for one passenger vehicle and its occupants at participating state parks. Show the pass to a uniformed state park employee, scan the barcode on front of the pass at a reader or display from your vehicle's rearview mirror. Return the pass to the Tribal office **by the due date** so other members can also use this free vehicle day use pass. **Report lost passes** to Lori Leach (707) 814-4149.

Getting into the outdoors is the perfect way to connect with nature, family and friends, but please recreate responsibly:

Plan Ahead: Learn about the park before heading out

Play it Safe: Find out precautions to take when visiting the outdoors.

Leave No Trace: Leave areas better than you found them; stay on trails, pack out trash.

For additional safety tips: www.parks.ca.gov/SafetyTips

Explore California State Parks





March 3rd through December 22nd, the SRJC Multicultural Museum is featuring the Elsie Allen Pomo Basket Collection; a remarkable group of over 130 baskets, photographs and stories born of the determination of Elsie Allen and her mother, Annie Burke to keep the legacy of Pomo Basketry alive.

RSVP for events at the museum website:

museum.santarosa.edu/breaking-traditions-saving-traditions



Tribal Announcements

To make an announcement in the Tribal newsletter, contact Lori Leach at (707) 814-4149. For a birth, please provide the month of your child's birth, and a name. (Include a picture if you'd like.) To announce your engagement, provide your name, your significant other's name and a picture, if you'd like. For notice of a death, provide an obituary and a picture. To advertise your Tribal business, provide any information to promote the business.

Bellacana Tasting Lounge is looking for handcrafted items to sell
Beadwork, jewelry, paintings, etc.

If you are interested in selling your wares please contact Tieraney Giron at TieraneyG@BellacanaVineyards.com

Fiscal Department News

Hans Winkler is currently preparing tax returns for Tribal members at no cost. **Send your paperwork via email** to HansW@drycreekrancheria.com (preferred method), **mail them** (P.O. Box 607, Geyserville, CA 95441) or **drop off your paperwork** at the Tribal office. Call Cristina Campbell at (707) 814-4150 to schedule an appointment. If you have any questions about tax requirements, please call Hans at (707) 814-4197. (See information below about scanning documents to your phone.)

Scanning Documents on the Phone

Your iPhone has a tool to help you scan documents!

Scan a document

1. Open **Notes** and select a note or create a new one.
 2. Tap the Camera button, then tap the Scan Documents button.
 3. Place your document in view of the camera. (In a well lit area with a flat surface is best.)
 4. If your device is in Auto mode, your document will automatically scan.
 5. Tap Save or add additional scans to the document.
- After you scan the document, you can make adjustments like defining the corners if the scan isn't quite right, change the color scheme, rotate the document or add more pages.

Tap on the document to open it, and you'll find all of the editing tools along the bottom of the screen.

Bellacana Tasting Lounge

Open
Thursday 11am-5pm
Friday & Sat 11am-7pm
Sunday 11am-5pm

9071 Windsor Rd.
Windsor CA 95492

If you are not able to go to the tasting lounge to order wine, please call Tieraney Giron at (707) 687-0956

Or email TieraneyG@BellacanaVineyards.com



Lead Cook Needed in Fortune Café



River Rock Casino is Looking for a Lead Cook in the Fortune Café
Team ROCK is a fun group of enthusiastic individuals

enriched by diverse backgrounds and talents. We have a great career opportunity here for you.

Please visit our website for more information or reach out to Megan Napoli, our Recruiting Specialist (707) 857-1228 : www.riverrockcasino.com Apply today!

This position comes with a \$2,000 hiring bonus and GREAT benefits!

Open Positions*: Casino , Gaming & Tribe

River Rock Casino:

Cook
Gaming Systems Technician
Heavy Duty Housekeeping Attendant
Housekeeping Attendant
Lead Cook
Player Development Host—Bilingual Preferred
Security Officer
Security Officer/EMT
Sous Chef
Table Games Dealer/Dealer School
TDR Lead Cook

Dry Creek Gaming Commission:

None at this time

Dry Creek Rancheria:

Care Coordinator
Intake Specialist
Manager of Plant Operations
Plant Operator II
Rehousing Specialist
Retail Clerk

The ones in red have a \$2000 Hiring Bonus.

*Current openings - please note that these change weekly.

Apply at:

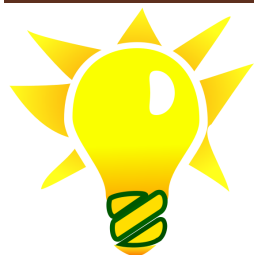
www.riverrockcasino.com

If you have any questions please call Megan Napoli at 707-857-1228.

Email Communication is Faster & Worth \$25

If you would like to receive this newsletter or other paper documents from the Tribe via email, please email Lynn Laub at LynnL@drycreekrancheria.com or call her at (707) 814-4166. By providing your email, you will get a **one time \$25 gift** added to your per cap distribution.

LIHEAP



There are currently funds available in the Low Income Housing Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP.) This program provides assistance to low-income households who cannot meet their home energy costs. To inquire about program

qualifications, call Lori Leach at (707) 814-4149.

If you think you may not qualify for LIHEAP, a good rule of thumb is that if you're getting TANF or any assistance except Medical, you could probably qualify for LIHEAP (if funds are available.) The Tribe's Housing Department also has limited funds for energy assistance. Contact Toni Giron at (707) 814-4128 for more information. If you don't qualify for LIHEAP, you may qualify for HEAP — contact the Sonoma County Social Services Department at (707) 849-2526 or go to their offices located at 1140 Wild Rose Drive, Santa Rosa, CA 95401 for more information. (HEAP is not a program that the Tribe can assist with.)



JOIN OUR TEAM

\$2000 HIRING BONUS!

- \$1 Health Benefits
- Flexible Hours



RIVER ROCK CASINO
ALEXANDER VALLEY

APPLY AT: RIVERROCKCASINO.COM

The new \$2,000 Hiring Bonus program for new hires will be structured and paid out as follows: **\$2,000 total:** \$500 paid at 3 months, \$500 paid at 6 months, \$500 paid at 9 months, \$500 paid at 1 year

For current job opportunities please visit: www.riverrockcasino.com

Careers link: <https://www.riverrockcasino.com/general/jobs/>
If you are employed at River Rock Casino we have an **Employee Referral Program**. Refer an employee and after 6 months you'll receive **\$500.00**. See HR for more details on how the program works. We have great career opportunities and offer one of the best benefits packages in Sonoma County!

TERO Department News

TERO has a Skills Bank Survey available to interested tribal members. Contact the TERO Officers at terodepartment@drycreekrancheria.com if you want to be added to our skills bank for upcoming projects and positions. Or if you have any questions, please call Krystal Amante at (707) 909-0936 or Annette Martinez at (707) 909-0214.

Environmental Department News



11th INTER-TRIBAL ENVIRONMENTAL YOUTH CAMPOUT

ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION
CULTURAL ACTIVITIES
RECREATIONAL GAMES
TRADITIONAL FOODS

FORT BRAGG, CA
JUNE 20-23, 2023
TUESDAY - FRIDAY

for information: Potter Valley Tribe 707.462.1213



Open Invitation to All Interested Lake, Mendocino and Sonoma Tribes

The 11th Inter-Tribal Environmental Youth Campout will be held **Tuesday through Friday**, June 20-23, 2023 at Noyo-bida Ranch in beautiful Fort Bragg, California. The event provides a safe atmosphere for native youth and is intended to be inclusive of the larger tribal community. All tribes are invited to sponsor native youth and/or families to participate and make the event a success!

Tribal youth will participate in a combination of workshops and presentations including topics on the environment, culture, health and wellness, and education. Fun team-building games and activities will be mixed in throughout the week and provide a great opportunity for native youth to make connections and build relationships.

Tribes interested in signing up for the event or for more information, please contact Potter Valley Tribe at 707-462-1213 or by email at waterresources@pottervalleytribe.com or pvtepadirector@pottervalleytribe.com. Tribal representatives who would like to participate, provide a workshop or coordinate an activity are invited to attend the planning meetings via Zoom, or at the Potter Valley Tribal Office located at 2251 South State Street, Ukiah CA (or other locations to be announced).

We appreciate your support and look forward to hearing from you.

Regards,

The MLSTEP Inter-Tribal Environmental Youth Campout Planning Team

SCIHP News



SONOMA COUNTY INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT, INC.

ADULT TALKING CIRCLE

EVERY 1ST & 3RD THURSDAY

3:00PM-4:00PM

ON ZOOM

BEGINNING JANUARY 5, 2023

This talking circle provides a space for community healing, peer support and self care strategies

To sign-up please contact the Aunties & Uncles Program:
Email: AUPEVENTS@SCIHP.ORG or call Carolyn at (707) 521-4559



SONOMA COUNTY INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT, INC.



FATHERHOOD IS SACRED AND MOTHERHOOD IS SACRED

12 - WEEK IN-PERSON SERIES
ON TUESDAYS STARTING
MARCH 7TH - MAY 23RD, 2023
5:30PM - 7:30PM

SCIHP Senior Site
144 Stony Point Road, Santa Rosa

The curriculum offers participants the opportunity to gain a deeper understanding of the importance of responsible fatherhood and motherhood as reflected in Native American values and beliefs.

To sign up please contact the Aunties & Uncles Program
AUPEVENTS@SCIHP.ORG or Shadee at (707) 521-4554

NATIVE YOUTH CRAFT GROUP

FOR AGES 12-24



LEARN HOW TO BEAD, MAKE DREAMCATCHERS, PAINT,
AND OTHER SKILLS

1ST AND 3RD WEDNESDAYS | 4:00PM-5:00PM
BEGINNING JANUARY 18TH 2023

COMMUNITY ROOM

To sign-up please contact the Auntie & Uncles Program
AUPEVENTS@SCIHP.ORG or Shadee at (707) 521-4554

SONOMA COUNTY INDIAN HEALTH PROJECT, INC.



VIRTUAL BINGO

EVERY 2ND & 4TH THURSDAY

10am-11am

VIA ZOOM

GREAT PRIZES!
SENIORS & ELDERLY
WELCOME!

TO SIGN UP, CONTACT:
Sophia (707) 521-4551
aupevents@scihip.org

Housing Department News

Rooftop Solar Installer Apprenticeships: The Bi'du Khaale Elder Village will have rooftop solar installed on every house and on the community center. The Tribe has funding through a Department of Energy grant to hire 4-6 apprentices to participate in this process. There will be both an online course of study and hands-on learning during installation. The Tribe is looking for Tribal members who are interested in being an apprentice. **An in-person orientation will be held at the Tribal office on Monday, April 10, 2023 at 2pm.** For members out of the area, contact David Smith-Ferri at (707) 814-4065 for more information regarding the orientation. See also opposite page for more information on the apprenticeship.



Free Financial Coaching Available to Tribal Citizens

Since June 2020, with grant support from the Wells Fargo Foundation, the Oklahoma Native Assets Coalition, Inc. (ONAC) has been offering three types of free financial coaching to tribal citizens across the United States:

- 1) credit counseling, 2) homebuyer education, and 3) financial management (i.e. budgeting).

Confidential sessions are offered one-on-one, by teleconference (Zoom) or phone call, with a certified credit counselor, homebuyer education provider, and financial educator, Felecia Freeman (Citizen Potawatomi). Typically, these sessions will last for an hour and are scheduled at a mutually agreeable time.

Thus far, ONAC has offered this free financial coaching to those participating in ONAC's other programming. Now, ONAC is offering these financial coaching services to a wider group of tribal constituents.

If you are a tribal citizen interested in free financial coaching, you are welcome to complete the following registration form:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ONACcounselingregistration>.

Once the form has been submitted to ONAC, our financial coach will work with you to schedule a remote session by phone or teleconference. This confidential financial coaching is available to any American Indian or Alaska Native in the United States, regardless of where you reside.

For any questions about these financial coaching services, contact Christy Finsel, ONAC Executive Director, at (405) 720-0770 or cfinsel@oknativeassets.org.

Open House Saturday, April 15, 2022 10am to 2pm

1450 Airport Boulevard
Santa Rosa, CA 95403
In the parking lot

This will be a family friendly event

- Housing staff will help members fill out **any Housing program application**. The First-Time Homebuyer's Assistance program helps income-eligible members buy their first homes.
- Gaming Commission staff will assist members in need of the new Tribal ID. For faster service, schedule an appointment prior to the event. (Please bring a state or federally issued ID)
- Tribal staff will help members complete applications & forms for Burial Assistance, Childcare, Enrollment, Education, LIHEAP, etc.
- Indian Child & Family Preservation Program (ICFPP) staff will answer questions on how to become a Tribal Foster Family
- DCR/RRC HR will talk about job opportunities, get resumés and assist with applications
- California Tribal College will be there to provide information about **Free College Courses** available to Tribal members
- Get information about Southern Pomo language with a coloring book for the kids
- EPA staff will be there with gifts for kids
- See the DCR Fire Engine
- And more.....

Hot dogs, pulled pork sandwiches, chips, potato salad & coleslaw, fresh fruit, cookies & drinks will be provided! This will be a family friendly event.

Call Lori Leach with questions: (707) 814-4149

Solar Industry Job Training



About GRID Alternatives

GRID Alternatives is a nonprofit organization that makes renewable energy technology and training accessible to underserved communities.

In 2014, the Willits office was formed to reach the North Coast region. Since then, GRID North Coast has worked with over 18 tribes, installed 400+ projects, and trained dozens of people.

Start Training for a Job in the Solar Industry

Beginning Tuesday February 21st 2023!

Distance Learning Installation Basics Training (IBT) Program: A free certificate program designed to help you develop the entry-level skills that solar industry employers are looking for. You'll get paid while gaining vital hands-on experience, participate in online classroom instruction, and access potential employment opportunities through GRID's job portal.

- Get access to online coursework using the Google Classroom platform, ex: video lectures, quizzes, and discussions boards
- Become eligible for hands-on training with real installs in your community, ex: solar for single-family homes, multifamily, or community centers
- Receive an online certificate for completion through quizzes
- Receive a stipend of up to \$600 for completion of your online course, and potentially more for hands-on accomplishments.
- Regular office hours available with course instructors, and instructors support for online content questions

Skills You'll Gain

- Job Site Safety
- Fall Protection
- Array Layout & Racking
- Modules & Microinverters
- Electrical Safety
- Electrical Layout and Mounting
- Conduit Bending
- Conduit Installation
- Electrical Wiring
- Monitoring and Communication

Learn More:

Join thousands of trainees who have gained skills in solar installation with GRID Alternatives. No prior experience is needed!

Contact: David Smith-Ferri, DCR Housing Dept.,
davids@drycreekrancheria.com, call 707-814-4065



Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians

Mailing Address:

P.O. Box 607
Geyserville, CA 95441

Tribal Government Offices:

1450 Airport Boulevard, Suite 200A
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Gaming Commission:

1450 Airport Boulevard, Suite 200B
Santa Rosa, CA 95403

Office Hours:

Monday to Friday

9:00am — 4:00pm

To avoid delays, please call
ahead for an appointment

Contacts

Board of Directors	707.814.4166
Support Services	707.814.4149
Education	707.814.4128
Housing	707.814.4038
Public Works Department	707.431.4067
Fiscal	707.814.4197
Environmental Protection	707.431.4071
Human Resources	707.857.1247
Gaming Commission	707.814.4246
Tribal Fire Department	707.814.4390
Bellacana wine	707.814-4195
Main number	707.814.4150

Westwater Financial, Inc.*
707.419.3070 office

*Westwater Financial is not affiliated with DCR

RIVER ROCK CASINO NEWS

\$125,000

LUCK OF THE DRAW GIVEAWAY



EARN
TICKETS
STARTING
FEBRUARY 1

UNBEATABLE HAND, UNBEATABLE WINNINGS!
MARCH 18 | APRIL 29 | MAY 20

\$125,000 Luck of the Draw Giveaway. Club members can earn tickets to the drawings. On Saturdays **April 29** and May 20 cash drawings at 7pm, 8pm, 9pm, 10pm and 11pm, winners will be drawn from the ticket drum following the schedule below.

Drawing Nights and Prize Structure:

Saturdays April 29 and May 20 are the promotion nights and the prize structure is as follows:

- 7:00pm: 2 guests win \$500
- 8:00pm: 2 guests win \$1,000
- 9:00pm: 5 play Royal Flush game:
4 win \$1,000 (or possible \$2,000)
1 wins \$10,000
- 10pm: 5 play Royal Flush game:
4 win \$1,000 (or possible \$2,000)
1 wins \$10,000
- 11pm: 10 Platinum members win \$500 each



50 OR BETTER

Every Monday in April

Members 50 years of age or better enjoy exclusive benefits! You'll receive \$10 in Free Play AND 50% off select breakfast menu EVERY Monday! We can't wait to see you!



QUAIL RUN CAFE



SEAFOOD BUFFET

Featuring All-You-Can-Eat Crab!
Fridays • 4pm-9pm

POTS & PANS SET GIVEAWAY

Thursday, April 20 2pm – 9pm
(Platinum Members Only)

Saturday, April 22, or Sunday, April 23
12pm – 8pm

Earn 1,000 Tier

Points before 8pm on Saturday April 22 or Sunday April 23 then redeem between 12p – 8p at the Platinum/Gold Service Desk. Earn 1,000 Tier Points for an additional gift. Available while supplies last. Must be present to redeem. Maximum 2 gifts per person.



\$2,500 HUMP DAY SLOT TOURNAMENT

Beginning April 5—June 28, 2023

5:30pm—8:30pm Last Registration 8:15pm

Happy Hump Day! Play for your chance to win your share of \$2,500 in free play prizes every week! Platinum and Gold members receive one free entry for each tournament. Receive one entry for every 100 tier points or buy in for \$10 in cash or comp dollars. Play up to 3 times each week.

1st \$500 Free Play

2nd \$300 Free Plan

3rd \$250 Free Plan

4th \$200 Free Play

5th—9th \$100 Free Play

10th—13th \$75 Free Play

14th—19th \$50 Free Play

20th—25th \$25 Free Play

