



Redding Rancheria's Newsletter
 (Sounds in the Wind)
Ki-Het-Ti-Na-Tay

CEO Message



We recently implemented our Redding Rancheria values for our workplace. The values were established at a series of meetings by our employees. The staff chose the word "Hestum" a Wintu greeting to encompass all of the values at our workplace: **Help Others; Empower for Solutions; Serve with a Smile; Treat with Respect; Understand Diversity; and Meet Customer Needs.** We believe it is important that values be established for the workplace just as each and every one of us has personal values for the way we choose to live our lives. We think that the Redding Rancheria is the best place to work. If you choose to come and work for the Redding Rancheria we want to ensure that you know you are valued and appreciated for the

work that you do.

We want to honor and recognize several long term employees who have recently chosen to retire: Ginger Murphy; Kathy Benner; Dave Truax; Dr. Momoo Kurosaka; and Debbie Roberson. These employees worked collectively for the Tribe for 59 years. We will miss them greatly, and we wish them luck in whatever endeavor they choose after working with us. We want them to know that the Tribe will always be indebted to them for the years of service and time they have spent making our Tribe a better place.



Member Recognitions

Honor roll students/students who have had a 3.0 or higher at least once this school year 05-06. Grade ranges from 4th and up:

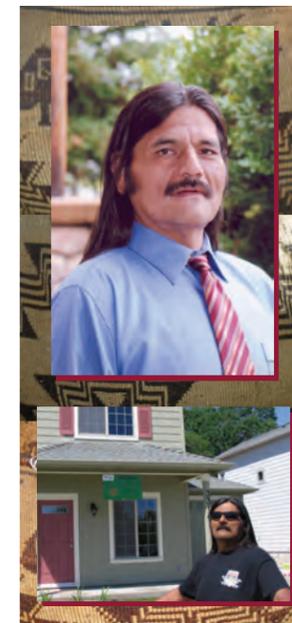
Britney DeRosia
 Cody DeRosia
 Miranda Edwards
 Savannah Edwards
 Tyler Edwards
 Dani Hayward
 Gary Hayward Jr.
 Malia Hayward
 Taylor Hayward
 Melvin "Mo" Hursey III
 Noah Hayward-Jordan
 Ashley Murphy
 Shelby Murphy-Harris
 Angel Pasillas
 Robert Pasillas
 Olivia Pizano
 Brianne Schlapia-Schumacher
 Destiny Schlapia-Schumacher
 Jeremiah Wilkes

"It's great to see that these kids are trying so hard in school and achieving greatly."

Education Department

Please let us know of your recognitions....send or mail to Maria Orozco-Cue at 2000 Redding Rancheria Rd. Redding, CA 96001 (530) 242-4516 or maria@win-river.com

In Memory of Virgil Baker Sr.



With regret and saddened hearts, the Redding Rancheria Tribal Council and staff will miss Councilman, Virgil Baker Sr., around the Council table. Your presence will be missed though your spirit and laughter will always be a part of the Council Chambers.

Barbra Murphy, Chair
 Jim Hayward Sr., Vice Chair
 Patricia Spaulding, Sec
 Leon Benner, Treasurer
 Jason Hayward, Council
 Hope Wilkes, Council
 Gary Hayward, Council
 Jack Potter Jr., Council
 Joann Turmel, Council

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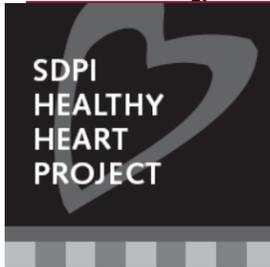
Hilary Clinton



On Friday, July 7, 2006, Tribal Council Member, Patty Spaulding, and Chief Executive Officer, Tracy Edwards, traveled to San Francisco for a meeting with Gubernatorial Candidate Phil Angelides. The event was a breakfast held at the St. Regis Hotel in San Francisco. Several politicians from the Bay Area spoke at the breakfast including San Francisco Mayor Gavin Newsom and Senator Barbara Boxer. The keynote speaker was Senator Hilary Rodham Clinton. Senator Clinton spoke about the challenges in the upcoming election for Governor for the State of California and offered advice for the Democratic Party on how they may work to put candidate Phil Angelides in office. Tracy and Patty presented the publication Proud Nations to both Phil Angelides and Senator Clinton.

Story by: Tracy Edwards

Healthy Heart News



For the past 8 years the Redding Rancheria has been working to improve the health of all their diabetics. We have been keeping statistics on how our patients are doing in certain areas such as blood sugar control, blood pressure control and cholesterol levels. Our diabetics have some of the best blood sugar control in the whole state. In 1997 about 30% of all the diabetics at the clinic had an average blood sugar at goal. This goal is measured by a blood test called a hemoglobin A1C test. A result of 7.0% or less represents an average blood sugar of 150 mg/dl or less. This year about 60% of all our diabetics are at goal. The increase is a result of a increase awareness of diabetes within the community, federal grant funding to provide the resources to improve the health of our diabetics, and a wonderful group of providers who provide the best diabetes care.

Two years ago the diabetes program applied for a competitive grant with the goal of decreasing the risk of heart disease among our diabetics. The tribe was chosen as one of 30 Healthy Heart Project grantees. We have been implementing an intensive clinic-based, case management approach to reducing cardiovascular disease among our participants. The first year of the grant was a collaborative planning year where the program staff from the clinic met in Denver 5 times with the 29 other grantees and planned how we were going to approach the project. We are currently in the second year of the project and have over 40 participants enrolled. Participants meet with the diabetes case manager Carrie McLaughlin once a month to review diabetes and heart disease reduction goals. They are also asked to exercise at least 30 minutes a day, five days a week, and follow a healthy diabetic meal plan. Many of them have lost weight and are getting closer to their weight loss goal. All the information from our participants (without any names or identifiers) is sent bi-weekly to a central coordinating center where it is combined with the information from the other clinics across the country. We hope that by the end of 2009 the Indian Health Service will have enough information to convince our Congress to fund the Indian Diabetes Programs for another 10 years.

Project staff includes Carrie McLaughlin, who serves as the Case Manager/Project Coordinator, Debbie Sarot, who serves as the Data Coordinator/Recruiter, and Monica Sulier, who serves as the Director/Dietitian. If you have diabetes and are interested in learning more about this project, call the Clinic. We will be starting a new group of participants in September.

And if you are in the pharmacy waiting room, please take a look at our Healthy Heart Display Board. It contains information about the project and has the many faces of the current participants. Please acknowledge these people if you see them and thank them for their participation! The information we get from their participation will help us all!

Story by: Monica Sulier, Director/Dietitian

Volunteer Spotlight

Amy Decker, Security
Northern California Dog Training Club

Bob Horner, Redding Rancheria Clinic
West Redding Little League Board of Directors

Christi Ross, CFO
Exchange Club of Redding, Blood Source North State, Marketfest Volunteer

Christopher Orozco, Executive Assistant to GM
Anderson Youth Basketball Coach, Relay for life

Diane Kinyon, Director of Human Resources
Shasta County Democratic Central Committee, Democratic Women's Club, Relay for Life, Marketfest Volunteer

Eileen Miller, Travel Coordinator
RRCF Dinner committee, Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board, Relay for life

Gary Hayward, General Manager
Redding Rancheria Tribal Council, Graduate Leadership Redding 2005, RREDCO Board Chairperson, Relay for Life

Genia Freeman, Security Manager
Make a Wish Foundation Board Member, Relay for life, Marketfest Volunteer, RRCF Dinner Committee

Gennie Pacheco, Redding Rancheria Clinic
Central Valley Falcon Youth Cheerleading Advisor, GRCC Business Expo Vice Chairperson

Janet Crouse, Promotions
Relay for Life, RRCF Dinner Committee

Jeanette Mc Cain, Director of Food and Beverage
California Restaurant Association Board Member, Relay for Life

Joyce Gooch, Transportation Manager
CA Assoc of School Transportation Officials, N California School Bus Advisory Committee, Redding Rodeo Association Auxiliary, Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board, RRCF Dinner Committee, Relay for Life

Maria Orozco-Cue, Public Relations
Rotary Club of Redding, Soroptimist Club of Redding, Anderson Explodes Committee, Leadership Redding Class of 2003, Relay for Life Committee, Shasta Co. Community Action Team, Redding Rancheria Community Fund Chairperson, RRCF Dinner Committee Chairperson,, American Red Cross Board Member, Think Pink Committee, CA. Nations Indian Gaming Assoc. Public Relations Committee, National Congress of American Indians Public Relations Committee, Anderson Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors, Pit River Tribe Vice Chairperson, Marketfest Volunteer

Molly Redmon, Legal Department
Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board

Kim Kinyon, Promotions Manager
RRCF Dinner Committee, Relay for Life

Martin Myers, Director of Marketing
Shasta College Board of Trustees, Relay for Life, Leadership Redding Class of 2007

Patti Stearns, Customer Service Manager
RACE, Relay for Life, Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board, RRCF Dinner Committee, HART Center

Marketfest Volunteer

Patricia Stoffers, Public Relations
American Heart Association Board Member, Relay for Life committee, Easter Seals, Stillwater Pow Wow Committee, Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board, RRCF Dinner Committee, Marketfest Volunteer

Paul McGram, Safety Officer
Emergency Services Foundation board member, Shasta County Fire Chiefs' Association member, Shasta Lake Fire Protection District volunteer, Instructor for the National Safety Council

Richard Blackford, EPA Technician
Shasta Co. Sheriff Search & Rescue mounted posse member, Bella Vista School, Shasta Co. Fire Department

Rick Crowley, RR Headstart
CA. Assoc. for the Education of Young Children, Redding Rancheria Policy Council, Shasta College Early Childhood Ed., Shasta College Lab Pre-School, St. Joseph's Pre School, Shady Oaks Montessori Pre-School, NVCSS, North State Fatherhood Task Force, Toastmasters International Club, CA. Cascades Assoc. for the Education of Young Children, National Assoc. for the Education of Small Children, National Headstart Assoc., National Indian Head Start Directors Assoc., National Indian Education Assoc.

Sherry Bates, Player Development Manager
Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board, RRCF Dinner Committee, Relay for life, Marketfest Volunteer

Steve Campos, Human Resources
Shasta College Sports program

Steve Hayward, Table Games Manager
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Soroptimist International of Redding, RRCF Dinner Committee, Relay for Life, Think Pink, RRCF Advisory Board

Tamra Olson, CFO
US Bank Board of Directors, Leadership Redding Class of 2007, Marketfest Volunteer

Thania Giwoff, Security
California State Horseman's Association Region 18 youth program

Tori Maxwell, Auditor
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Tracy Edwards, CEO
Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board, Mercy Advisory Board, Shasta Regional Community Foundation board, Relay for Life, Marketfest Volunteer

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Employee Comments

I'd like to give a big "Way To Go" to Marion Reinhart in payroll. She took and passed a difficult examination on June 9, 2006 to become an ADP Certified Payroll Specialist. Congratulations to her!

Connie Keffer, Finance

As of July 11th, the trail to Whiskeytown Falls opened to the public. The 1.7 mile hike is steep in places but hikers of all ages can make the trip if they take their time. Directions to the trail head should be available at the visitor center

Dr. Paul Davis, Clinic

Please put up with me bragging...but my daughter, Renee, did it again. She was recognized for outstanding graduate research and will receive an award this Friday. Renee will be completing her PHD in Physics in January, and has already been offered and accepted a position in Paris, working with the European Space Agency, studying Mars data.

Diane Coe, Headstart

1st Annual Golf the Stars Celebrity Golf



Win-River Casino held the 1st Annual Golf with the Stars Celebrity Golf Tournament on September 24th and 25th.



The golf tournament was a benefit for The Make-A-Wish Foundation. Golf with the Stars golfers got to rub elbows with 20 different celebrities, Bo Jackson, Roger Craig, and Ray "Boom Boom" Mancini, just to name a few. The event was a huge success and helped to raise over \$20,000 for The Make-A-Wish Foundation. We look forward to next year's event which is tentatively set for September 27th & 28th, 2007.



The Cultural Corner by James Hayward Sr.



Hestum- (greetings) everybody!

First of all, I want to say that I am honored to be able to help with revitalizing our culture here at the Redding Rancheria. It has been a long time in coming. I feel that our culture hasn't disappeared and left us but has only been asleep for awhile, and my project co-coordinator (Louis Davis) and I will help wake it up.

Some of the things we are working on right now are with new technology called the "phraselator" which is a device that stores thousands of words and phrases in its memory. We have made the proper contacts with Pit River and Wintu elders to record the languages with proper dialects. We also have some language teaching toys that we will integrate into Headstart for the children and have full assess ability for the adults with the phraselators when they are fully programmed.

I have embarked upon an agreement with the NEIC (Northeastern Information Center) to help record all the Sacred Sites in our ancestral lands to help better protect them. Lastly, I would like to let you know that I share a vision with other people to have a Cultural Center of our own and to help awaken the Roundhouse to come back to the people. My prayer today is to ask for your blessings Grandfather in my endeavors and the blessings all my ancestors and relatives that have passed this trail before me.

A-ho...James Sr.

Head Start Field Trip



The Redding Rancheria Head Start's first field trip of the school year was to Hawes Ranch and Feed where our children were invited to participate in the filming of a TV commercial.

We were greeted by Lori Hawes who took us directly to a wooden school house, where she read the children a story, *Spookley the Square Pumpkin*. There was a sand box filled with kernels of corn the kids played in, a maze made of bales of straw to navigate and of course you can't go to a pumpkin patch and not go through the very scary corn field maze. Thirty-four children, twenty-eight parents and eight staff members went on a hay ride around the farm to the pumpkin patch where each child chose a pumpkin to take home. On the ride back the children yelled out the song "Old MacDonald" and watched the cows grazing in the field. They climbed a 20 ft. pyramid made of bales of straw, went on a train ride in barrels that looked like cows, and had a fabulous time!

Lori Hawes very graciously donated another forty pumpkins for our own Head Start pumpkin patch and invited us to come back next year. A very fun time was had by all!

Jayme Stack
Program Assistant



Redding Rancheria presents Stillwater Pow Wow





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C.O.O. Message



November and December are always months for giving back and reflecting on the year that we are about to close. This year was no exception for Redding Rancheria. Our Employees at the clinic worked hard to ensure that many families received gift baskets for a Thanksgiving dinner and provided many children with gifts from the first Annual Giving Tree at the clinic. Patients and employees both contributed to bring a smile to young faces on Christmas. Our giving did not end there. Our Management Team served lunch at the Good News Rescue Mission while the Tribal Member Youth served dinner. Also, Head Start and child care children were visited by Santa, just to name a few.

The year was full of many accomplishments but I have a heavy heart when I think about the loss of our beloved Virgil Baker Sr. and Mickey Gemmill. They are truly missed.

Please read the article on page seven about our Guiding Values Recipients for 2006. These individuals demonstrated work that went above and beyond the normal call of duty.

Stacey Carman

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Members Conference 2007



NEWS RELEASE

REDDING RANCHERIA HOLDS TRIBAL COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Redding, CA, November 2006- The Redding Rancheria Tribal Government held its Annual Tribal Council Elections in October. The governing body of the

Redding Rancheria is the Tribal Council which is composed of seven Council members and three alternate Council members elected by its membership. The four candidates receiving the most votes are elected for a two-year term and the other three candidates are elected for a one-year term. The three alternate positions are elected for one-year terms. The current Council is: Barbara Murphy-Tribal Chairperson, James Hayward, Sr.-Vice Chair, Patty Spaulding- Secretary, Jason Hayward-Treasurer, Mike Hayward-Council, Hope Wilkes-Council, and Jack Potter, Jr-Council. Alternates elected are Jo Anna Turmel-1st Alternate, Leon Benner-2nd Alternate, and Michelle Hayward-3rd Alternate.

The Redding Rancheria Tribal Council has been delegated broad governing responsibilities and powers. Among these are the responsibilities to establish goals, make and enforce laws, and manage the economic affairs of the Tribe. The government of the Redding Rancheria exercises, protects and enhances the sovereign right of self-government while promoting a lasting cultural and community identity and traditions for all members of the Tribe.

“The Redding Rancheria is proud to have a respectful government-to-government relationship with Shasta County and the Cities surrounding the Tribe.” Tracy Edwards, CEO Redding Rancheria.

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Managers Meeting at the Mission



With the spirit of “giving” in mind, Redding Rancheria’s Management Support Team volunteered their services at the Good News Rescue Mission in November. Our team served lunch, conducted their meeting, and toured the facility. The mission was in need of socks and underwear so our team also brought them lots of socks and undies.

Stacey Carman



Kim Kingon, Promotions Manager

RRCF Dinner Committee, Relay for Life

Louis Gustafson,

Coach of the Anderson Wildcats

Maria Orozco-Cue, Public Director

Rotary club of Redding, Soroptimist Club of Redding, Anderson Explodes Committee, Leadership Redding Class of 2005, Relay for Life Committee, Shasta Co. Community Action Team, Redding Rancheria Community Fund Chairperson, RRCF Dinner Committee Chairperson, American Red Cross Board Member, Think Pink committee, CA Nations Indian Gaming Assoc., Public Relations Committee, National Congress of American Indians Public Relations Committee, Anderson Chamber of commerce Board of Directors, Pit River Tribe Vice Chairperson, Marketfest Volunteer

Molly Redmon, Executive Secretary

Redding Rancheria Advisory Board

Martin Meyers, Director of Marketing

Shasta College Board of Trustees, Relay for Life, Leadership Redding Class of 2007

Patti Blair, Customer Service Manager

Board Member of RRCF, Treasurer/secretary for HELP Inc, co-Director of Heels on Wheels, Marketfest Volunteer

Patricia Stoffers, Amin Assist, Clinic

American Heart Association Board Member, Relay for Life, Easter Seals, Stillwater Pow-Wow Committee, RRCF Dinner Committee, Marketfest Volunteer

Paul McGram, Safety Officer

Board Member Emergency Services Foundation, Member of Shasta County Fire Chief's Association, Shasta Lake Fire Protection District Volunteer, AAOS instructor of CPR, First Aid, and AED

Sherry Bates, Direct mail/Graphics Manager

Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board, RRCF Dinner Committee, Relay for Life, Marketfest Volunteer

Stacey Carman, COO

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Redding Rancheria Community Fund Advisory Board, Mercy Advisory Board, Shasta Regional Community Foundation Board, Relay for Life, Marketfest Volunteer

Richard Blackford, Security Director

Volunteer Fire Fighter in Jones Valley, member of the Shasta County Search and Rescue

Volunteer Spotlight

If you are interested in volunteering or you currently volunteer and you are not listed please call Maria Orozco-Cue at 530-242-4516 or e-mail at maria@win-river.com

Veteran's Day

Friday, November 10, 2006, was Veterans Day and the Redding Rancheria would like to take the opportunity to recognize our employees that have served in our countries Armed Forces.

Art Smithson, USN

Bob Horner, USN

Brandon Bethea, US Army

Chad Barlett, USMC

Chris DeCamp, USMC

David Christopherson

Dhabib Hendershot, USMC

Donald Sheats, Jr., US Army

Doug Dawson, US Army

Edward McCarthy, USN

Ena Myers, USN

Eric Underwood

Floyd Fugatt, US Army, Military Intelligence

Gary Delbridge

*Gary Hayward, USAF, US Army National Guard,
USAir Guard*

Gerald Miller

Gregory Parish

James Harris

Jim Harris, US Army Police Corps

Martin Myers, USMC

Merrie Johnson, USMC

Michael Brickwood, US Army, CA National Guard

Randy Sarot

Randy Teague, US Army

Richard Blackford, USMC

Robert "Bob" Horner

Robert DeAgüero, Air Force

Ronnie Sisson

Suntana Potter - RR Member*

Timothy Cooke, USMC

Timothy Rodriguez

Vernon Westrip

Will Hayward

Zee Colburn, USMC

Manager's Meeting



The Management Support Team ended their year of training and meetings on a fun note with a scavenger hunt around the Redding area. They had to descramble clues to find the next stop which eventually led them all back together. This team worked hard throughout the year beginning in January attending a variety of trainings and they were key in the development of our new Customer Service Plan-Hestum. Read more about Hestum on the bottom of page one.

Stacey Carman



The Cultural Corner



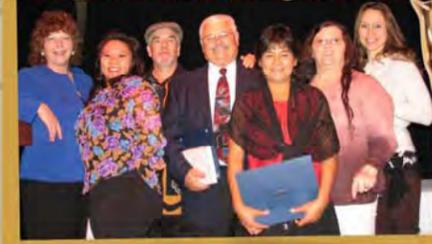
Hestum...May this letter greet everyone in good health, mind and spirit, and may Grandfather watch over our elders in their time of need. Although the Pow Wow has been over for a few months now, I want to say that it was a great success and can only get better. I also wanted to say what a wonderful sense of pride it was for me to watch some of our young members and non-members dancing in the arena and especially my nieces dancing their first year. It was great to see them proudly dancing their colors as well as the basket designs emblazoned upon their shawls representing the different tribal people of our Rancheria. My wife had her hands full holding back her granddaughter from trying to dance every set and she wanted a dance dress ("Will you make me one, Grandma?") This request coming from a four-year old exemplifies the duty and trust we have to our young ones to fulfill the traditional needs of their generation at a very young age. Many thanks go out to all the volunteers, especially Irma at L.I.F.E. Your experience is much appreciated and I hope that we can continue to work together each year to make Stillwater Pow Wow the best that we can for our youth and our community. To all my Relations...James Sr.

Redding Rancheria Youth



Hall of Excellence Awards Dinner 2006

Recognizing Outstanding Customer Service



Once a year, the Greater Redding Chamber of Commerce and the Redding community honor individuals and businesses, nominated by their customers, for the outstanding customer service they provide throughout the year. A nomination for the Hall of Excellence Award is a prestigious honor for any individual or business.

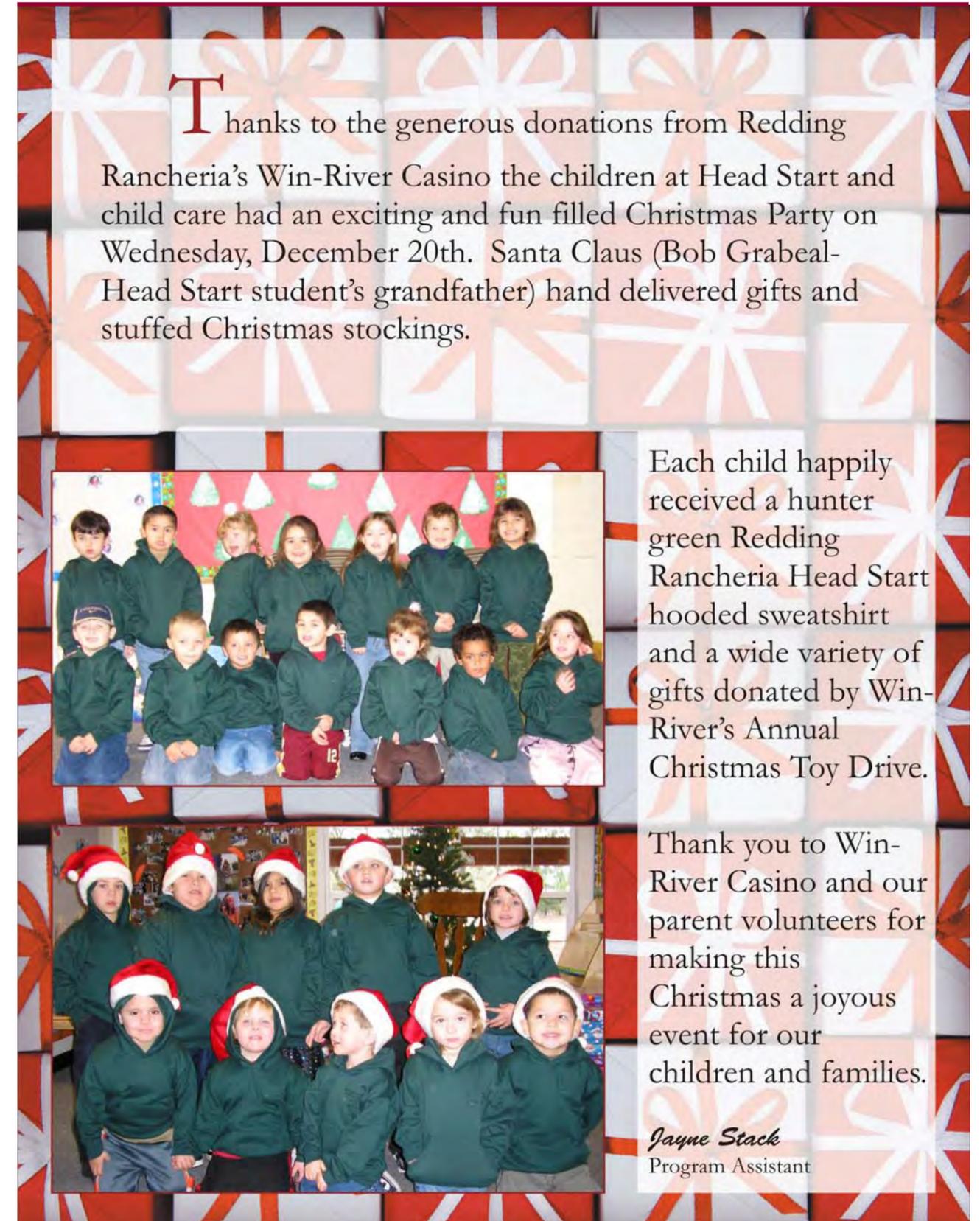
This past October the following employees of Redding Rancheria's Win-River Casino were nominated for the award:

Derral Campbell
Ben Kranig
Liz Juntado
Dawnay Neihoff
Mona Robinette
Jeanette Whitehead
Martha Yenny

A recognition and awards dinner was held in the Events Center on November 16, 2006.

Congratulations to everyone who was nominated! You all are committed to Redding Rancheria's Win-River Casino mission statement of providing premier gaming and entertainment with the **HIGHEST LEVEL OF CUSTOMER SERVICE** for our guest, employees, and tribal members.

The coveted hall of Excellence Award is a prestigious award for the business and individuals singled out for outstanding customer service in Shasta County



Thanks to the generous donations from Redding Rancheria's Win-River Casino the children at Head Start and child care had an exciting and fun filled Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 20th. Santa Claus (Bob Grabeal-Head Start student's grandfather) hand delivered gifts and stuffed Christmas stockings.



Each child happily received a hunter green Redding Rancheria Head Start hooded sweatshirt and a wide variety of gifts donated by Win-River's Annual Christmas Toy Drive.



Thank you to Win-River Casino and our parent volunteers for making this Christmas a joyous event for our children and families.

Jayne Stack
Program Assistant

Redding Rancheria Clinic Christmas Caroling



“Deck the halls with boughs of holly” song was the theme for staff members who went to visit patients at the Applewood Convalescent Hospital before the Christmas Holiday. The Redding Rancheria Indian Health Clinic staff practiced for patients while at the clinic, donned their Santa hats and off they went to spread Christmas cheer.



After leaving Applewood, the clever carolers arrived at the Redding Rancheria Community Center to sing for the Senior Nutrition Group. The staff was promptly joined with staff members from the Redding Rancheria.



The caroling is a yearly tradition which started with Dr. Kurosaka. It will remain a tradition with the RRIHC and RR staff as everyone loves to spread Christmas cheer during the holiday season to those who can't get out and enjoy the festivities. We all look forward to hearing from them again this Christmas.

Trish Stoffers.





NEWS RELEASE
December 19, 2006

Contact: Maria Orozco-Cue-Redding Rancheria PR Director-530-242-4516

Redding Rancheria Community Fund grants \$96,500 to local schools

Redding, CA December 19, 2006-The Redding Rancheria Community Fund (RRCF) a fund of the Shasta Regional Community Foundation announces grant funding to 18 local schools in Shasta and Trinity Counties for physical fitness and the arts in the amount of \$96,500. The RRCF has granted approximately \$900,000 since its inception in 2002. The organizations will be recognized at the RRCF Dinner being held on March 3, 2007. Two of the organizations will be chosen to receive additional \$5,000 gifts at the dinner. The following organizations received funds:

- Acorn to Oaks Charter School \$3,000 for Playground improvement
- Anderson Heights Elementary \$ 3,000 for fine arts department
- Anderson Middle School \$2,600 for performing arts equipment
- Burney Elementary School \$7,000 for Physical education classes
- Central Valley High School \$2650 for Wrestling program
- Chrysalis Charter School \$2,600 for improvements for SPARK program
- Columbia Elementary School \$6,000 for art supplies and band program
- Cox Bar School District \$10,000 for elementary field
- Grand Oaks Elementary School \$3,750 for performing arts program
- Mountain Lakes High School for Visual arts technology
- North Cottonwood School \$5,000 for exercise equipment
- North Woods Discovery School \$2,500for Orff-Schulwerk Music program
- Oak Run School \$5,000 for music program
- Parsons Junior High School \$10,000 for refurbishing basketball courts
- St. Joseph School \$1,400 for art supplies
- Trinity High School \$3,000 for performing and visual arts improvements
- Verde Vale Elementary \$13,000 for physical fitness equipment for playground
- West Valley High School \$6,000 for wrestling program

Please contact Beth Freeman of the Community Foundation at 244-1219 if you have any questions regarding the Redding Rancheria Community Fund.

2000 Redding Rancheria Rd. Redding, CA 96001

The Redding Rancheria is located in Northern California, just a few miles off of California Interstate 5 and directly off Highway 273. The Redding Rancheria is a federally recognized Tribe whose members are of the Pit River, Wintu and Yana decent. The Redding Rancheria operates Tribal administration offices, Win-River Casino, Redding Rancheria Indian Health, Redding Rancheria Headstart, Win-River Mini-Mart, and the Hilton Garden Inn.



Redding Rancheria Employee Christmas Party



The Pine Tree with Acorns

Paul Davis, D.O.

On upper Clear Creek, just down stream from the junction of a smaller creek, there is a rock formation that juts out into the creek. The Native people have used this site dating back 7,000 years. Inspection reveals these rocks were used as grind stones (its face dotted with mortars). From here, across the stream, stands a giant pine. This tree has been selected by a medicine woman and shall soon be a sacred site and the resting place for the piece of brain tissue removed from her son.

Sky is now 15 and has suffered from seizures since a young child. I have watched him grow these seven years and I have seen his complications from this disorder. Despite three concurrent seizure medication he continued to have several episodes a week. On July 5th the seizure loci was surgically removed from his brain after a painstaking medical work up. Sky, who is still on three antiepileptic drugs, has been seizure free and doing well ever since. The Family's story and the recent course at UCSF is being documented by the Discovery Channel. I have been waiting for the family and film crew here in the creek by the tree for two hours and it will be another 45 minutes before they arrive (Indian Time meets Film crew time). In my boredom I have hiked through the creek, reflected, communed with nature, called to the animals, prayed for Sky and his family, and of course located and inspected the tree.

From the rocks the tree is clearly spotted and you must cross the stream to reach it. The tree breaks the ground at the foot of a steep hill and my arms cannot reach halfway around it. This is clearly a mighty pine that reaches high into the sky, but all the under story branches are flushed with acorns; a surprise indeed. Examination shows there are two types of bark at the base of the tree. An Oak has conjoined with the Pine. The Oak itself is large but reaches only a third the height of the Pine.

Boredom is a trial for me. I dug a hole at the base of the tree for the brain tissue, frightened of some of Sky's family by doing yoga stretches in the creek, feasted on black berries. And worst of all, when climbing down from the top of the oak, the last branch broke, and I fell to the ground bruising my ribs with a solid thud. Lying on the ground unable to breath I thought; "I think I'm okay, nothing feels broken, didn't hit my head. I need to get my breath and tell the woman who saw me fall I'm okay. I bet I scared the hell out of her." The woman kept my secret until after the ceremony. The fallout of my miss step provided great entertainment value for Sky's family and most of the clinic staff.

Sky's family arrived with the piece of his brain incased in a small basket made from a fresh water clam shell and soap root. The ceremony was performed three times: once for real and two fakes for the camera. (I stayed off camera) The first fake take had no film in the camera. We were smudged with sunflower root, blessings were said, I inadvertently named the tree "the pine tree with acorns." Then Sky crossed the creek and buried the disease of his past, giving it to the tree, so he may be strong and mighty as the great Pine with acorns.



Shasta College

PRESS RELEASE

Date: December 14, 2006
 Contact: Gary Lewis, Supt./President, 530-242-7510 or glewis@shastacollege.edu
 Martin Myers, Board President, 530-243-3377
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NEW GOVERNING BOARD PRESIDENT IS SHASTA COLLEGE SUCCESS STORY

Former Shasta College Student Trustee and Student Body President, Martin Myers, was unanimously elected as President of the Governing Board of the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District on Wednesday, December 13, 2006.

Mr. Myers is one of Shasta College's many success stories! He served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1991-96 and after being honorably discharged as a Sergeant, he and his wife moved to Redding. Martin Myers finished his Shasta College AA in Business Administration - Information Systems in December, 1999 and continuing his studies in Spring 2000 to complete his term as the Associated Student Body President and Student Trustee for the 1999-2000 academic year. He received the Stormy Sebring Innovative Leadership Scholarship, the Outstanding Student Activities Scholarship, and the Distinguished Service as Student Trustee acknowledgement for 1999-2000. Mr. Myers was a Shasta College employee, 2000-2002, working in Student Development and Information Services. In 2001, he was the first recipient of the Shasta College Creative Genius Award.

Martin graduated from Simpson College in December, 2001, with a B.A. in Organizational Leadership. He received his M.A. in Organizational Management from the University of Phoenix in September, 2004. He is a member of the Leadership Redding Class of 2006.

He started working for Win-River in March 2002 as the Executive Assistant to the General Manager. He was appointed to the Shasta-Tehama-Trinity Joint Community College District Governing Board in September 2002. In September, 2003, he was hired as the Director of Marketing at Win-River.

Success stories run in the family: Martin's spouse, Ena, grew up in Redding and is a graduate of Shasta College as well. She also went on to earn her BA and MBA! Martin and Ena have an 11-year-old daughter, Rebecca, and a 10-year-old son, Brendon.

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Guiding Values Recipients 2006

IDA RIGGINGS Respecting Differences

This person has stepped into a new role this year and is a great asset for us. We are so blessed to have someone with her compassion and willingness to serve our community.

She knows her department and all the resources at hand and is always solution oriented for everyone that walks in. She always considers the circumstances and the needs of those she helps, without judgment. She treats everyone equally and never turns anyone away, even if they don't have an appointment.

She is a prime example of helping others with a caring attitude. She helps people in a way that is not demeaning and helps give them a hand up instead of a hand out.

She is wonderful in all of her roles-wife, mother of five, daughter, sister, member of the Pit River Tribe, good friend, and hard worker.

Tracy Edwards

DR. PAUL DAVIS Serving Others

This is a very caring and focused person with a great sense of humor!

He has been the Medical Director for over a year now and has had to balance the needs of his patients and scheduling with the new responsibilities of administration and management. People are always his priority and he is very dedicated to the care and health of his patients. In fact, if you want to hear a wonderful story, ask him about the Pine Tree with Acorns.

As if helping people throughout his career was not enough, he also devotes his personal time to making a positive impact in the community through the Friends of Whiskeytown and other efforts to preserve our ecosystem.

Don Benner

MARION REINHART Doing What's Right

This person considers everything she does with integrity and respect.

She works with each employee to make sure they are paid correctly, takes a great deal of pride in her work, and goes about it with a positive and pleasant attitude.

In June of this year she became an ADP Certified Payroll Specialist and has put a great deal of work into transitioning to an internet based payroll processing platform, all to enable her to better serve the Tribe, it's members and employees.

She has worked for the Redding Rancheria Tribe for 7 1/2 years. She is a devoted wife and mother and is also devoted to doing the very best she can in her role as payroll accountant.

Ron Sisson

MOLLY REDMON Balancing Life

This person recently took on the personal challenge of teaching a Jazzercise class and having her own franchise requiring a flexible schedule for work. She has managed her flexible schedule to not only make her health and the class a priority, but to maintain balance by ensuring that her work with us continues to meet her high expectations.

During the last work year, she carried two jobs as the executive assistant and continued to be the legal secretary to the Tribal Attorney. And for all of you who may not realize, while she was doing all of this, she was instrumental in establishing our Tribal Court. She went on to obtain the certification to be a court clerk and she continues to act as the court clerk for the Redding Rancheria Tribal Court.

In addition to all of these great accomplishments, she also does a tremendous job as a devoted mother for her daughter.

Stacey Carman

TRISH STOFFERS Working Together

This person is a real go-getter and is always first to volunteer to help with just about anything you might need. It doesn't matter what the task is-simple or complex, she is always willing to step up to the plate.

She has always been very good at handling multiple responsibilities on a fast paced environment. In addition to meeting the many demands of her new job as the health director's secretary, she is also on the board of the American Heart Association and has been instrumental in the success of many projects and events. For example last year's Relay for Life Event would not have reached near the level of success it did if not for her dedication.

As a single mom, she worked hard to raise her three children and is very proud of them and the fact that they have grown up with her strong values. Her values are certainly apparent and appreciated by us as well!

David Christopherson

GORDON NIELSEN Embracing Change

This person constantly deals with change in his department. With pressures from rising costs and the Medicare Part D program, he has still managed to turn the Pharmacy around in a way that allows us to continue to provide medications to families in an economical and efficient way.

He has implemented and suggested hard changes such as charging co-pays. Although some of the changes may not be popular to everybody, he has embraced them knowing that if we don't make them, we won't be able to provide benefits for all.

He consistently has an open mind, listens to other points of view, willingly supports decisions that are made, and does all of this with a great attitude.

And if there is anyone out there who would like to help him with some personal change, he's looking to get rid of a pool table so he can bring in an arcade game!

Tanna Olson

Redding Rancheria Member Christmas Party

