



Yurok Today

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Tribe loses longtime leader

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By Brittany Vigl-Burbank - Yurok Language Specialist



Ley-mo-luue'-mo-nee - Eelers

Conversation Idea:

Question:

Kel' hes kee nue ley-mo-loom'?
Are you going eeling?

Answers:

'Eee, to' wee' shon'.
Yes, that's the way it is.

OR

Paa', mos kee nue ley-mo-look'.
No, I'm not going eeling.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 6 - Council (Action) 10am - Klamath

April 11 - EDU - Community Meeting - 11am - Weitchpec

April 15 Klamath River Clean Up - Klamath & Weitchpec

April 18 - Council (Finance) 1pm - Klamath

April 19 - Council (Planning) 10am Klamath

April 20 - Council (Action) 10am - Weitchpec

May 10- Council (Planning) 10am Klamath

May 11 - Council (Action) 10am - Klamath

May 16 - UIHS Diabetes Clinic - 2pm-3:30pm - Klamath

May 23 - Council (Finance) 1pm - Klamath

May 24- Council (Planning) 10am Klamath

May 25 - Council (Action) 10am - Weitchpec

May 29 - Memorial Day - Offices Closed

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On The Cover

Aawok Marjorie "Margie" Buckskin served on the Tribal Council, as the North District Representative and Vice Chairperson, for more than a decade. She will forever be a part of the Tribe's history and will be dearly missed by the many who were touched by her smile and grace.

Aawok Buckskin leaves inspiring legacy

Former Vice Chairperson an integral figure in Tribe's history

The Yurok Tribe is saddened by the passing of Hon. Marjorie "Margie" Buckskin, a former Vice Chairperson and longtime Tribal leader. We send our sincere condolences and prayers to the entire Buckskin family and the community.

Margie's smile and laughter, honorable service as a tribal leader and commitment to bettering the lives of Yurok families will be her legacy. She was first elected as the Yurok Tribal Council's North District position in 1999 and was re-elected three times to the North district seat, where she served tirelessly for nine years. Margie was elected as Vice Chairperson in 2009. For more than a decade on the Tribal Council, she fiercely advocated for Yurok communities, youth, healthcare and Tribal elders. As a strong leader with humble beginnings, she wanted Yurok youth to have a brighter future and went to the highest levels of government to provide more for the Yurok people. She fought hard for new economic initiatives, the reacquisition of the Tribe's ancestral territory and the protection of the Klamath River. While on the Tribal Council, Margie also participated in the signing of the first Klamath dam removal agreement. She also helped the Tribe reacquire more than 20,000 acres within Yurok ancestral territory and achieved many more significant accomplishments.

Margie always put the Tribal membership first. From day one, she had an open door policy for the Tribal members and staff. She treated everyone as equals and with dignity. For example, she always said, "I believe in two age-old truths: What's good for one is good for all and you have to show respect to get respect." This sentiment shows the kind of dedicated leader she was and serves as an example for future generations. It is also why she received so much respect from everyone she encountered.

When she was not working, Margie's life revolved around her family. It would be hard to find a person more closely connected to her relations. This was reflected in the way she lived her life and supported all those around her.

In addition to her role on the Tribal Council, Margie served on many other boards and committees, all of which were committed to bettering the lives of all Native Americans in Indian Country.

We will never forget Marjorie's magnificent smile and remarkable service to the Yurok people. Wok-hlew' ✨




(bottom left) Aawok Marjorie Buckskin stands in front of the Oregon State Capitol building after the signing of the original Klamath Basin Restoration Agreement.

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Community event biggest of all time

More participate in YTEP scrap metal event than ever before

At the recent free appliance and scrap metal disposal events, the Yurok Tribe Environmental Program experienced a higher turnout than ever before. From February 27 to March 1, community members dropped off numerous old washers and dryers, refrigerators, hot water heaters and other metal items at three separate locations on the Yurok Reservation. For elders, YTEP picked up the used appliances at no charge.

Starting on the 27th, the YTEP crew, working in the Weitchpec area, filled the bed of a full-size truck and a 20-foot trailer with these items. On Tuesday, YTEP, at the Roy Rook Boat Ramp in Klamath Glen, packed the same trailer four times and the truck twice. The materials were taken to a local scrap metal recycler named Gabe Pamplona, whose contribution was a huge asset to the event. On Wednesday, YTEP was operated out of the Klamath town site, where more metal materials poured in.



(Left to Right) YTEP's Emery Mattz and Merle Stevenson, both YTEP Technicians load a refrigerator.



(Left to Right) YTEP Assistant Director Koiya Tuttle, Merle Stevenson, a YTEP Environmental Technician and Emery Mattz, an Environmental Specialist, worked on the Klamath events.

All in all, more than 40,000 pounds of appliances, refrigerators and other scrap metal were removed at no charge to local residents.

"This is great. We are happy to help people out and especially our elders," said YTEP Assistant Director Koiya Tuttle. "I was really glad to see so many people participate."

The primary purpose of the appliance and scrap metal disposal events was to provide a public service to the community. The undertaking also seeks to reduce the amount of illegal dumping on the reservation, where almost every square inch of land is connected to the Klamath River. More importantly, the events serve as a way to empower local residents to beautify the reservation by permanently removing unsightly debris, which will no longer tarnish the environment

"WE ARE HAPPY TO HELP PEOPLE OUT AND ESPECIALLY OUR ELDERS."

- YTEP ASSISTANT DIRECTOR KOIYA TUTTLE



This is just a small portion of the 40,000 pounds of metal removed from the Klamath and Weitchpec events.

and the view-shed.

“We hope that the reduction in blight will in some small way contribute to the improvement of the overall morale of the community,” Tuttle said.

Tuttle attributed the increase in participation to local residents. He said many community members helped each other load items and deposit them at the drop-off locations. Bringing cumbersome appliances, such as broken refrigerators, is time consuming and expensive. It costs about \$40 to dispose of a fridge at a local waste transfer station. For this reason, YTEP believes many of these appliances are commonly deposited at illegal dump sites.

“I see those a lot when we are on our way out to remediate illegal dumps,” said YTEP’s Emery Mattz.

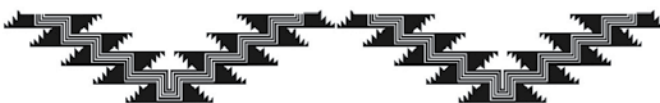
Oftentimes, when Mattz finds the cold storage devices in the woods, they are still full of Freon, a potent greenhouse gas and destroyer of the ozone. Freon is banned in the United States.

In between now and the end of summer, YTEP will be holding free e-waste disposal, tire disposal and hazardous material disposal events on the reservation. Please look for flyers around the community and on the Tribe’s social media pages.

The highly talented YTEP staff working the metal disposal events included: Richard Myers, Merle Stevenson, Emery Mattz and Koiya Tuttle (all are Tribal members). ✨

The Yurok Tribe Environmental Program (YTEP) and the Watershed Stewards Program (WSP) cordially invite you to participate in the 16th annual:

Klamath River Clean Up

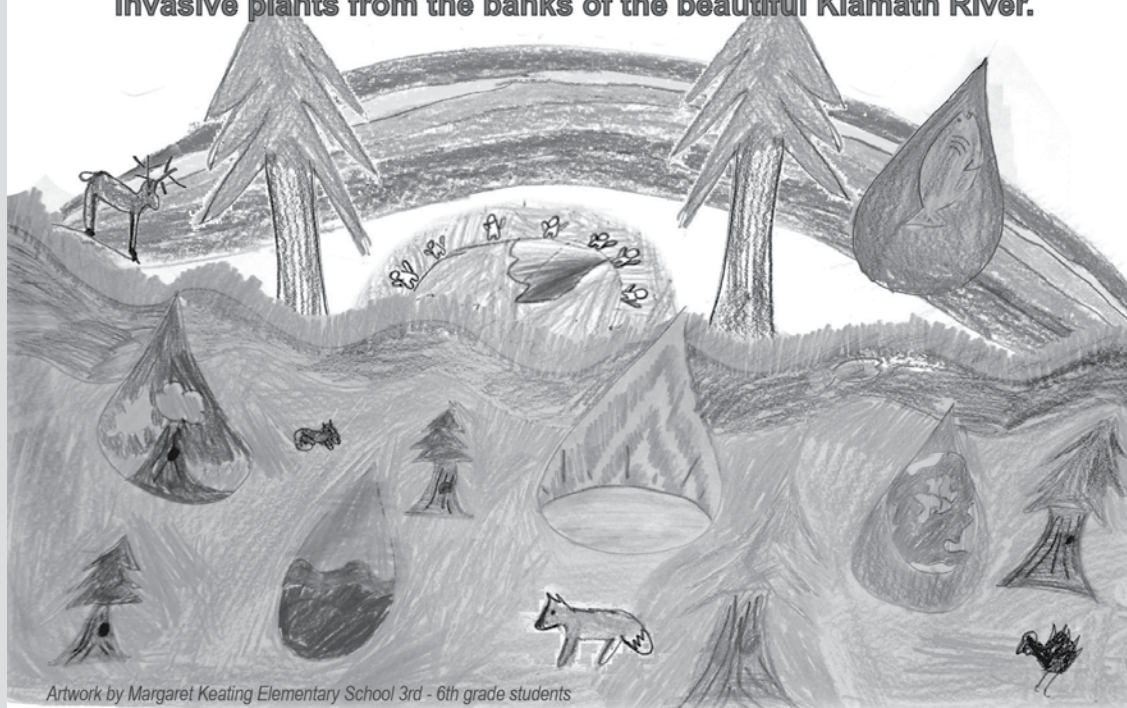


Saturday
April 15, 2017
9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Yurok Tribe Main Office
190 Klamath Blvd.
Klamath, CA

Yurok Tribe Weitchpec Office
Hwy 96 Weitchpec, CA

Volunteers will come together as a community to remove litter and invasive plants from the banks of the beautiful Klamath River.



Artwork by Margaret Keating Elementary School 3rd - 6th grade students

Bring work boots and work clothes. Water, snacks, lunch, gloves and t-shirt will be provided!

For down river (Klamath) information contact:
Koiya Tuttle - ktuttle@yuroktribe.nsn.us or (707) 954-1865
For up river (Weitchpec) information contact:
Richard Myers - rmyers@yuroktribe.nsn.us or (707) 572-0526



The Watershed Steward Program's (WSP) mission is to conserve, restore, and enhance anadromous watersheds for future generations by linking education with high quality scientific practices.

SAVE THE DATE
KLAMATH SALMON FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017



Bald Hills with a Blanket of Snow





Yuroks stand out at Jaycees Tourney



Hobbes Howard drains a free throw at the Jaycees Tournament.



Jack George earned All Tourney honors at the 2017 Crescent City Jaycees Tournament.

A Yurok father and son played on the only two Azalea Middle School Bruins basketball teams, in the school's history, to win the highly competitive Crescent City Jaycees Basketball Tournament.

Wayne Glen Howard, born Wallace Dwayne Kingsley, was the first to take home the championship 33 years ago. His son, Hobbes helped his team win a first place trophy at the tourney this year. They both played in the AAA division, the bracket comprised of the best ballers. Hobbes older brother Miles, also a Yurok Tribal member, played on the only Bruins team to take second in the tournament.

The Crescent City tournament is the biggest basketball event in the region. This year, fifty teams from all over the states of California and Oregon signed up to compete. Many of the schools are significantly larger than Azalea Middle School, making the wins an even more impressive accomplishment.

Hobbes, a guard, is easily the best defensive player on his team. In the game before the finals, the tall, slender boy snagged five steals in the first five minutes of the game.

Since the boys could dribble a ball, the father and his two sons have been practicing hoops together, which is no doubt why the Yurok teens are such stellar players.

In addition to his accolades on the hardwood, Hobbes is also a straight A student and a standout soccer player. The boy's mother, Janell Howard, plays an equal role in Hobbes's success in school and on the basketball court.

Hobbes was one of several Yuroks to do well in the Jaycees Tournament. Jack "Little Jack" George, the son of Jack George and Jack George, earned a second place trophy in the AA Division. The Pacific Union School team from Arcata lost the championship game by one point. Despite the loss, Jack had a great game. He scored five three-point shots in the first half and about 25 points overall. For his effort, Jack earned all-tourney honors.

Little Jack, a lightning fast guard, learned his basketball skills from his dad and mom. Antoinette was stellar high school and junior college basketball player and still loves the sport. "Jack's dad taught him everything from the basics to ball handling skills and strategy," Antoinette said.

The Yurok teen plays basketball all year long. When he's not playing for Pacific Union, Jack plays on a travelling team coached by his dad. The team plays other squads from Southern California to Oregon and everywhere in between. **Congratulations Jack and Hobbes!** ✨

Yurok overcomes immense adversity

College grad Matilda Brooks is literally reaching for the stars

Nothing in Matilda Brooks' life has ever come easy. As a child in Crescent City, she endured overt racism in her grammar and middle schools.

In high school the blatant discrimination was so bad that the Yurok Tribal member decided to drop out at age 15. The 2016 college graduate and student athlete, who values education above almost everything else, believed that she deserved a safe learning environment, so she hitched a ride to Portland in hopes of finishing her high school years in peace.

"The only way I could do that was to leave," said Brooks, who just graduated with a Bachelor's of Science in Native Environmental Science from Northwest Indian College. "I didn't feel welcome in Del Norte. At that time in my life, I felt like the system left me behind."

In addition to earning a university diploma, Brooks was recently selected as a semifinalist in The Search for Hidden Figures contest, which drew 7,000 applications. The competition was created to give \$50,000 scholarships to one high school student and one college student, studying in a Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) field. Twenty-five semifinalists received a one-year pass to the New York Academy of Sciences. The competition was inspired by the new Hidden Figures film, which featured the three African American women who were part of the 1960 NASA team that sent astronaut John Glenn to space. The purpose of the 21st Century Fox/PepsiCo-sponsored scholarship was to "find the next generation of women who will lead the way in STEM" and Brooks is surely one of them.

For the Hidden Figures contest submission, Brooks drafted an essay about the technology she used to create a therapeutic device for a friend. A 3-D printer and a specialized program were employed to build a holistic knee-brace for an injured basketball teammate. She learned how to use the highly sophisticated printing device while interning at NASA's prestigious Ames Research Center in 2014. She incorporated acupuncture into the design of the first-of-its-kind invention. Unlike a standard brace, which only immobilizes the joint, Brooks' brace simultaneously relieves pain and heals damaged tissue through the use of a time-honored acupuncture technique.

"A download of the blueprint of the brace will be available online, free and open to the public," she said.

Brooks hopes the brace will help meet "under-funded medical needs of the Indigenous American community."

Of the 7,000 Hidden Figures participants, only 25 semifinalists were selected and each will receive a year-pass to the New York Academy of Arts and Sciences, a place Brooks will have time to visit now that she graduated from college.

Brooks, 28, has a bright future ahead of her and talks about her previous life as a homeless teen in Portland, OR from the perspective of a person who has overcome incredible adversity, because that is precisely what she did. The Yurok woman bounced between foster homes, where she experienced extreme abuse, and juvenile detention centers, but she firmly held onto her dream to finish school and continue her basketball career. Day after day, she made herself go to school, no matter what, until she graduated high school.

"I didn't give up because I wanted to play basketball and go to college," Brooks said.

Before attending the Northwest Indian College, the largest Native American university in the United States, Brooks spent a few semesters at the Haskell Indian Nations University in Kansas City, Oklahoma. There, she drew inspiration from the story of former Haskell student, Jim Thorpe, a Native American athlete and recipient of two Olympic gold medals in the pentathlon and decathlon. Possibly one of the best athletes of all time, the member of the Sac and Fox Nation went on to play in both the National Football League and Major League Baseball.

"Jim Thorpe is one of the greatest athletes the world has ever known," Brooks explained. "Haskell's athletic program is top notch for Tribal schools."

After her time at Haskell, Brooks returned to the Pacific Northwest to attend Northwest Indian College, located in Washington State. She decided to pursue a science degree because of her deep interest in Traditional Ecological Knowledge.

"All of the work that I do is rooted in my cultural identity," Brooks said. "Getting a degree in a STEM field is enabling me to prove my people's traditional knowledge to the world."

Even before she graduated college, Brooks had accumulated a

long list accomplishments that were either centered in the sciences or based on helping others — oftentimes both. For example, she travelled to Washington DC to advocate for homeless Native American teens, whose voices are often muted in their hometowns, let alone in the country's Capitol.

"30 percent of Native American kids are in foster care right now. Their childhood is being stripped away," Brooks said. "These kids need our time, energy and resources if they are going to succeed."

In her spare time, the tenacious Tribal member talks to local youth living in group homes. The fact that she is 5'0 immediately disarms the struggling teens, who immediately become comfortable conversating about the abuse they've encountered and other weighty topics. Brooks teaches the kids about the legal protections that are afforded to them and where to get assistance. She also shares a message of hope and encourages them to find a way to finish their education.

"Education should be common for all Native kids," she said. "Far too few Native Americans youth obtain a college degree. We need to get that number up."

Brooks is just as passionate about technology as she is about helping foster kids overcome seemingly impossible situations. She was part of the Northwest Indian College Space Center team, which developed a rocket that travelled more than 767 miles per hour, breaking the sound barrier. The NWIC Space Center regularly participates in rocket competitions against universities that have more than quadruple the budget of the Native college. Even so, the students from NWIC, in every competition, give the wealthy schools a run from their money and sometimes even beat them. In addition to rockets, the all Native team is building self-flying rotor vehicles and was recently awarded a trip to the NASA's Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida.

With a degree in hand, Brooks' future plans are to follow her passion for the STEM-related fields of study. The two years she spent on Space Center team sparked an interest to be the first person from a federally recognized tribe to go to space.

"For me it's more of a statement to our people than it is my career. It would mean a lot to a lot of foster kids and a lot of Native Americans. To say, 'yeah, there is no limit to what you can do,'" Brooks said in a recent interview with the Bellingham Herald. ✨

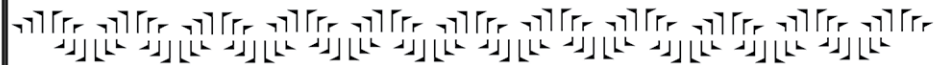
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TO: Unknown Tribal Member

A Complaint of a Violation of the Fishing Rights Ordinance (unmarked net) has been filed by:

Office of Tribal Attorney, in the Yurok Tribal Court.

The hearing will be held in the court as follows:

Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 10:00 a.m.

Court Address: 230 Klamath Boulevard, Klamath, CA 95548

If you object to the forfeiture of this net, you should appear at the hearing and state your objections. Your appearance must be in person.

You may receive a copy of the Complaint. To do so, please contact the Office of Tribal Attorney whose address is listed below.

Attorney for the Petitioner:

Office of Tribal Attorney

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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

February 15, 2017

TO:
All Tribal Citizens of the Yurok Indian Tribe

REGARDING:
Disclosure of Interest in Receiving Housing Assistance

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 1000.30c and OMB Subpart B-200.12 the Yurok Indian Housing Authority is making full public disclosure in regard to Melissa Myers. Let it be known that Melissa Myers is a relative of Richard Myers Sr. that is a Board of Commissioner of the Yurok Indian housing Authority.

Melissa Myers meets the eligibility requirements of both NAHASDA and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority's for the Self-Help Program.

Please contact the office at (707) 482-1506 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully



Diane Bowers
Executive Director

SAVE THE DATE KLAMATH SALMON FESTIVAL SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2017



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PUBLIC DISCLOSURE

January 30, 2017

TO:
All Tribal Citizens of the Yurok Indian Tribe

REGARDING:
Disclosure of Interest in Receiving Housing Assistance

In accordance with 24 CFR Section 1000.30c and OMB Subpart B-200.12 the Yurok Indian Housing Authority is making full public disclosure in regard to Georgiana Gensaw. Let it be known that Georgiana Gensaw is a relative of the Richard Myers Sr. that is a Board of Commissioner of the Yurok Indian housing Authority.

Georgiana Gensaw meets the eligibility requirements of both NAHASDA and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority's for the Low Rental Transfer Program.

Please contact the office at (707) 482-1506 with any questions or concerns.

Respectfully



Diane Bowers
Executive Director

The Yurok Tribe is seeking the services of a qualified fisheries biologist to assess and write a biological assessments for two planned timber sales and a proposed fuelbreak located within the boundaries of the Yurok Tribe. The qualified bidder will work directly with Yurok forestry staff. For further information contact Ron Reed Interim Forestry Director at 707-498-1055 or rreed@yuroktribe.nsn.us.

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March 8, 2017

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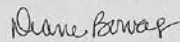
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In accordance with 24 CFR Section 1000.30c and OMB Subpart B-200.12 the Yurok Indian Housing Authority is making full public disclosure in regard to Donovan Natt. Let it be known that Donovan Natt is a relative of Donald Natt that is a Board of Commissioner for the Yurok Indian housing Authority.

Donovan Natt meets the eligibility requirements of both NAHASDA and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority's for the Low Rent Program.

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February 14, 2017

TO:
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REGARDING:
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In accordance with 24 CFR Section 1000.30c and OMB Subpart B-200.12 the Yurok Indian Housing Authority is making full public disclosure in regard to Rachel Romine. Let it be known that Rachel Romine is a relative of Jessica Morris, that is a Employee of the Yurok Indian housing Authority.

Rachel Romine meets the eligibility requirements of both NAHASDA and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority's for the Low Rental Housing Program.

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Respectfully



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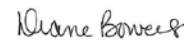
REGARDING:
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In accordance with 24 CFR Section 1000.30c and OMB Subpart B-200.12 the Yurok Indian Housing Authority is making full public disclosure in regard to Lavina Brooks. Let it be known that Lavina Brooks is a relative of Patricia D. Browsers that is a Employee of the Yurok Indian housing Authority.

Lavina Brooks meets the eligibility requirements of both NAHASDA and the Yurok Indian Housing Authority's for the Replacement Program.

Please contact the office at (707) 482-1506 with any questions or concerns.

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Clouds climb Bald Hills Road on 3/20/17