



Yurok Today

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Yurok Tribe Confronts COVID-19 Crisis

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JULY 2020 PUBLIC NOTICES



2020 YUROK TRIBE ELECTION NOTICE

**TO ALL YUROK TRIBAL MEMBERS WHO WOULD
LIKE TO RUN FOR THE FOLLOWING SEATS:**

**NORTH DISTRICT
REQUA DISTRICT
WEITCHPEC DISTRICT**

Any Yurok Tribal members that are interested in running for Election as a Representative for the Yurok Tribal Council may pick up Nomination papers in person by appointment only beginning **June 15, 2020**, at the Yurok Tribal Office in Klamath.

All Candidates must be 25 years of age for a district seat as of October 14, 2020. There is a \$105 filing fee due when you pick up the Nomination Packet at the Klamath Office in person. A Live Scan will also be done at the time you pick up your nomination packet.

The Nomination Period closes **July 17, 2020**.

For More Information, Please call the Election Office at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1320

Court Notice

The Yurok Office of the Tribal Attorney (OTA) has filed a complaint against the unknown owner(s) of a gill net that was seized by the Yurok Tribal Police Department (YTPD) from Lames Riffle on the evening of Wednesday, August 21, 2019. The gill net is about 50 ft in length, has white corks and a green lead line, and is unmarked. OTA has requested that a **hearing be set in Yurok Tribal Court for Thursday, August 6, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.** If you believe this net is yours and wish to claim ownership and participate in the hearing: you can receive a copy of the complaint and further information about remote attendance at the hearing by reaching out to the Office of Tribal of Attorney for the Yurok Tribe at (707) 482-1350. Please be advised that claiming ownership of this net may result in sanctions by the Yurok Tribal Court for violations of Yurok law.

The Yurok Tribe is looking for tribal citizens to serve on the following boards and committees:

- 1. Yurok Agriculture Committee**
- 2. Gaming Commission**
- 3. Yurok Economic Development Corporation**
- 4. Yurok Construction Corporation**

Please email a letter of interest to Tara@yuroktribe.nsn.us

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Tribal Council provides relief to citizens

Emergency aid is available to those struggling because of COVID-19

In a unanimous decision, the Yurok Tribal Council voted to send \$1250 to tribal citizens who are struggling as a consequence of the COVID-19 crisis.

The funds are available to all tribal citizens who are 18 years old or older before December 30, 2020.

“This was an easy decision to make because so many of our citizens are going through a difficult time right now,” said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “The Tribal Council hopes these relief funds will reduce the strain this emergency is putting on all of our citizens.”

Those eligible to receive relief monies must fill out and submit a one-page form in order to be sent a check. The form can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3cvqbrw> Please email the application to Krystel@yuroktribe.nsn.us The emergency assistance dollars originate from the US Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) Act.

Due to the closure of businesses to prevent the spread of COVID-19, numerous Yurok citizens have been laid off or have had work hours reduced. Also, many individuals with preexisting medical conditions cannot go to work because of the serious health risks associated with this illness.

In addition to distributing direct aid, the Tribe has assisted tribal citizens in other ways too. For example, on a weekly basis, the Tribe delivered food and supply boxes to approximately 500 vulnerable citizens in Del Norte, Humboldt and Trinity Counties. Tribal staff are performing regular check-ins with Tribal elders. The Tribe waived all internet fees for April, May and June to reduce the economic burden many are facing. The Education Department implemented a virtual graduation celebration for Yurok students. Yurok Health and Human Services continues to operate a wide range of social programs. These are just a few examples of the



Yurok Enrollment/Election Department Director, Krystel Patapoff, plays a pivotal role in distributing relief checks to tribal citizens.

numerous actions the Tribe is taking to support Yurok citizens.

The Yurok Tribal Council issued a state-of-emergency declaration on March 13 in response to the global COVID-19 pandemic. The Yurok Tribe’s Incident Command Team has been working every day of the week to protect Tribal citizens during this unprecedented crisis.

If you are an eligible Yurok citizen and have not submitted an applicaiton for a check, the form can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3cvqbrw> Please fill it out and email it to Krystel@yuroktribe.nsn.us

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Tribal Council assists local businesses

Yurok Alliance CDFI administers new forgivable loan program

The Yurok Tribal Council recently authorized the distribution of \$2 million in Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act (CARES) funding to help the many Yurok business owners and entrepreneurs that have experienced financial losses due to the global COVID-19 crisis.

“Tribal citizen-owned businesses are essential to the long-term prosperity of our community,” said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe and the Yurok Economic Development Corporation. “We are committed to doing everything we can to assist our business owners and entrepreneurs during this emergency..”

The CARES Act dollars were transferred to the Yurok Alliance CDFI, which is administering the forgivable grant program. Alliance CDFI staff set up a streamlined procedure to facilitate the distribution of emergency aid to those who are struggling because of the crisis. Tribal business owners in need are encouraged to fill out and submit the relief funding application. The application can be found here: <https://bit.ly/3eNV8sK> The Yurok Alliance CDFI facilitated three online forums to inform business owners and entrepreneurs about the COVID Relief Fund Program. For assistance, please email Sara Barbour, the Deputy Executive Director of the Yurok Economic Development Corporation, at sbarbour@yuroktribe.nsn.us.

Enrollment in this economic recovery-focused program is not restricted by the location or the size of the enterprise. It is open to all Yurok-owned businesses and Yurok individuals who sell personalized products, such as handcrafted jewelry, apparel and artwork.

“No matter where your business is located, we are here to help you weather this storm,” said Don Barnes, the President of the Yurok Alliance CDFI. “Taking a first-come, first-serve approach, we will be processing applications and sending out checks as quickly as possible.”

Janet Wortman, a Yurok citizen and the proprietor of the historic Requa Inn, is facing circumstances similar to many other Yurok business owners, which depend on an influx of tourists in the spring and summer to get through the rest of the year. The beautiful bed and breakfast, located on the edge of the Klamath River estuary, has sat empty for more than two months and has lost 40 percent of its annual revenue. In addition to serving tourists, the Inn

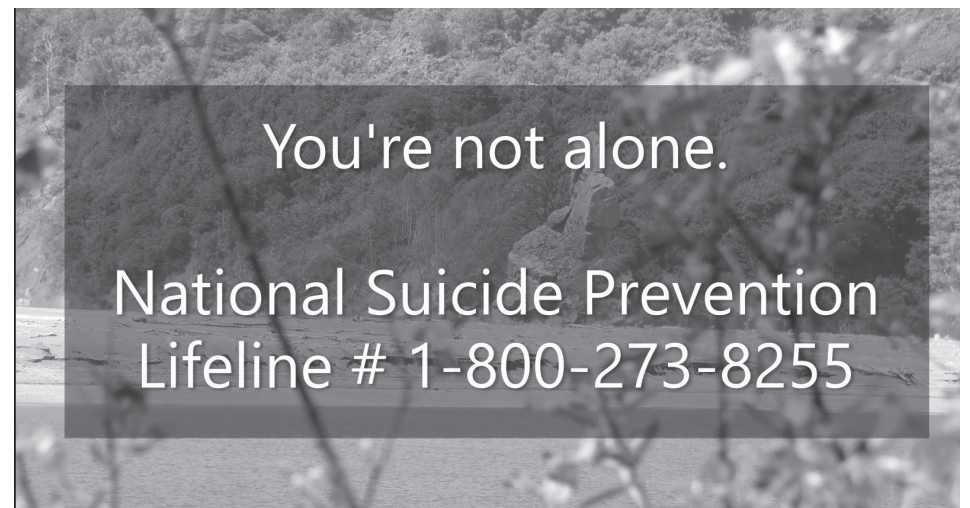
operates a restaurant that is normally open to residents and offers exceptional breakfasts and dinners, but it has been closed because of the emergency. The Inn also puts on special events, purchases products made by Yurok artists and contributes much to the community.

“The CARES Act funds the Tribe is distributing to small businesses will allow me to keep the Inn,” Wortman said “It is hard to imagine losing a business you have put 10 years of your life into, invested your savings and retirement into. It is frightening. We had to refund all of our reservations for April, May and June. We are grateful to the Tribe for starting this program.”

The Tribe's COVID Relief Fund Program has made it possible for numerous Yurok business owners to stay afloat during this challenging time. To date, 89 businesses and individual vendors have received financial assistance from the program and approximately three dozen applications are pending approval.

During the past two years, the Yurok Tribe has put an immense amount of energy into implementing a series of initiatives that support new and existing Yurok-owned enterprises. For example, Yurok Alliance CDFI now offers loans to help small business expand into new markets. Alliance also provides micro loans for tribal vendors aiming to promote their one-of-a-kind products both online and at community events.

“We had built much positive momentum prior to the COVID-19 crisis and we have plans to expand this effort to lift up Yurok-owned businesses as soon as the emergency ends,” concluded Toby Vanlandingham, a Yurok Alliance CDFI Board Member.



Tribe appoints new Public Health Officer

New Health Officer has much local experience in community wellness

The Yurok Tribal Council recently appointed Angie Brown as the COVID-19 Incident Command Team's Public Health Officer.

Brown brings more than 25 years of local, Public Health experience to the Incident Command Team. She is tasked with overseeing the Yurok Public Health Task Force, which is responsible for developing and implementing plans to prevent the spread of COVID-19 on the Yurok Reservation. The veteran healthcare professional will also provide medical oversight on the enforcement of the Tribe's Public Health Ordinance and other related regulations.

"We are very grateful to have Ms. Brown join our team," said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "She is going to play a pivotal role during the next phase of this ever-evolving emergency."

"Ms. Brown has the perfect background for this position. She is incredibly informed about infectious disease control and is equally knowledgeable regarding public health in our community," added Serene Hayden, the Yurok Tribe's Incident Commander.

Brown is the Credentialed School Nurse for the Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District and leads the organization's response to the COVID-19 emergency. She has a comprehensive understanding of what local tribal entities, counties and the state are doing to confront this unprecedented crisis. Brown has also served as a Public Health Nurse for the Humboldt County Department of Health and Human Services, where she was involved in communicable disease control and prevention. Becoming a Certified Public Health Nurse in 1995, she has worked for both state and tribal agencies in Humboldt County.

"I have spent my entire career cultivating a professional skillset to address complex health issues in our community," Brown said. "I am excited to help the community in this new capacity and am looking forward to building upon all of the great work that has been accomplished to date and continuing in an effort to create community wellness and prevention through a culturally sensitive, holistic and trauma informed/resiliency approach."

COVID-19 Update

There have been zero confirmed COVID-19 cases on the Yurok Reservation. The flat infection rate speaks to the success of the Tribe's rapid and sustained response to this far-reaching crisis. On March 13, the Yurok Tribal Council issued an emergency declaration, mobilizing more than 100 staff members to confront the many facets of the unparalleled public health emergency. On April 6, the Tribe closed the reservation to visitors and instituted a curfew. The Tribal Council also issued an order requiring residents to wear face coverings in public.



Angie Brown, the Yurok Incident Command Team's Public Health Officer, received an award from the office of California Assembly Member James Ramos for her work on the KTJUSD Wellness Center. (This photo was taken prior to the need for physical distancing)

For more than two months, the Tribe delivered food and supply boxes on a weekly basis to approximately 500 elders. The Tribal Council has provided \$1,250 to Tribal citizens who are facing financial challenges because of the pandemic and are over the age of 18 by December 30, 2020. The Council also set aside \$2 million in CARES Act funding to help tribal business owners and entrepreneurs recover from the COVID-19 recession.

"This is not the time to let our guard down. We are 100 percent vigilant in terms of protecting the most vulnerable community members. We are headed in the right direction, but we are not out of the woods yet," concluded Rod Mendes, the Yurok Incident Management Team's Deputy Commander.

If you are a Tribal citizen in need of assistance, please call 1-888-225-8952.

Tribe, CA Parks & Rec sign historic pact

Tribe operates Stone Lagoon Visitor Center under first-ever agreement

On June 1, 2020, the Yurok Tribe officially began operating the Stone Lagoon Visitor Center, following the completion of the first-ever Joint Powers Authority agreement between the California Department of Parks and Recreation and a Tribal government.

“On behalf of the Yurok people, I would like to thank the California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District Superintendent, Victor Bjelajac for partnering with us on this historic project,” said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “Our partnership with the park paves the path for tribal governments throughout California to form similar cooperative agreements with the state agency. We are extremely happy about this agreement and all of the positive opportunities it presents.”

“This is one of the most meaningful projects I have had the privilege to oversee during my many years with California State Parks,” said Victor Bjelajac, California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District Superintendent. “The Yurok Tribe is a great partner. We are very excited about the future of this project.”

“We are extremely proud to be the first tribe in the state to form this type of agreement with the California Department of Parks and Recreation,” said Sherri Provolt, the Orick District Representative on the Yurok Tribal Council. “True partnerships are not just made, they are built with intention and purpose. The agreement is the result of a true partnership that will last for years to come. We are grateful and excited to begin developing shared programs and events for both our Yurok membership and the community as a whole.”

“This formal partnership between the park and the Yurok Tribe establishes a positive precedent for tribal governments across the state and is a wonderful example of mutual respect and trust,” said



Member of the Tribal Council and staff stand for a picture with Victor Bjelajac, California State Parks North Coast Redwoods District Superintendent. This photo was taken prior to the pandemic.

Assemblymember Jim Wood (D-Santa Rosa). “I look forward to seeing more collaborative agreements like this in the future.”

“This formal partnership between the park and the Yurok Tribe is a model for other tribal governments across the state. It will help educate visitors about the history of the land and the people who have long lived on this beautiful site. The collaboration helps not only to educate, but to heal, and I hope we see similar agreements in the future,” said Assemblymember James C. Ramos (D-Highland), who is the first California Indian to be elected to the California State Assembly.

The Joint Powers Authority agreement extends for a period of

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five years and affords the Tribe much latitude in terms of what it can do at the Humboldt Lagoons State Park facility, which is located in close proximity to a Yurok village site. The agreement creates an opportunity for the Tribe to hire interpreters to inform park visitors about the rich heritage of the Yurok people.

The Tribe has exciting plans to enhance the way that locals and visitors experience this culturally and ecologically unique place. For example, the Tribe will be putting on cultural sharing activities, such as canoe-making tutorials, basket-making classes and storytelling events at the visitor center. The agreement also establishes a process for the Tribe and the park to grant new concession contracts to tribal and non-tribal entrepreneurs. Access to the lagoon will remain the same.

Stone Lagoon, called Chah-pekw O' Ket'oh in the Yurok language, plays a critical role in the Tribe's traditional culture. In 2012, a group of Yurok ceremonial leaders restored a Jump Dance at Cha-pekw, which begins with a Boat Dance on Stone Lagoon and concludes on national park land within the Tribe's ancestral territory. The world renewal ceremony had not occurred at these sites since the 1800s when the United States outlawed the religious practice as part of coordinated campaign to colonize tribal lands and people. During this tumultuous time period, the California government was equally involved in the forced assimilation effort and committed acts of genocide against indigenous people in the state.

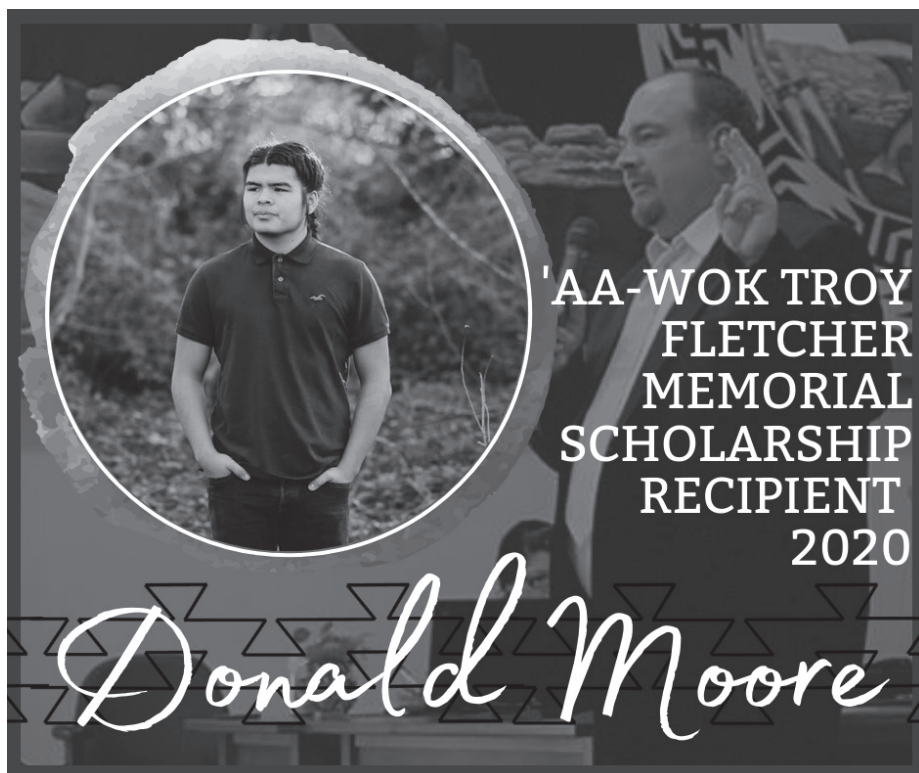
Last year, California Governor Gavin Newsom issued a formal apology for the state's role in the genocide. He also committed his administration to participating in government-to-government consultations with Tribal leaders. Policies that affect Native American communities will be the primary topic of the formal



discussions. The Stone Lagoon agreement is consistent with Governor Newsom's order.

The order also establishes a framework for tribes to better engage with the state on cooperative projects within tribal ancestral territories.

"The park agreement is consistent with the substance and spirit of Governor Newsom's order. The Yurok Tribe is proud to be at the forefront of this effort to improve how California — the state with the most federally recognized tribes in the US — engages with tribal governments," concluded Chairman James.





YUROK TRIBE MOUNTS MASSIVE, SUCCESS



The National Congress of American Indians invited Yurok Chairman, Joseph L. James, to participate in an online event to raise awareness about COVID-19 in Indian Country.



Yurok Transportation Manager, Brandi Natt (standing), and her team made a face coverings for every Yurok elder. The team made approximately 1,000 masks.



Thunder Nix-Rivera from Tribal Council Operations hold checks that were sent to every Tribal elder.



Yurok elder, Mildred Montgomery, receives an emergency provision box.



SSFUL RESPONSE TO GLOBAL PANDEMIC



(Left) Yurok firefighters Talbert Alvarado, Laurence Mitchell and Lawrence Tracy deliver firewood to a tribal elder's home in Crescent City.



(left) Cassandra Charles and Courtney Mattz from Yurok Health and Human Services distribute food to community members in front of RHC.



Jessica McCovey delivers an emergency food box to elder, Kathleen Henry, in the Tulley Creek area.



Larry Nova from RHC delivers food to community members in the Pem-mey Fuel Mart parking lot.

MRB Tap Room hires Executive Chef

Supremely talented chef returns to Humboldt County to serve his community

After serving for more than 15 years as an Executive Chef at some of the most renowned wineries in Sonoma County, Trevor Eliason returned to his birthplace to transform the Mad River Brewing Company Tap Room into a modern restaurant featuring artfully assembled meals that accentuate the brewery's diverse collection of hand-crafted ales.

Bringing Executive Chef Eliason onboard is part of the Yurok Tribe's plan to expand the business, building on its stellar reputation as a longstanding leader in the craft beer industry. The Tribe purchased the well-established brewery in October of 2019 with the intention of increasing the company's capacity across the board.

"We are extremely excited to add this new element to the business. I am beyond thrilled for people to try Chef Trevor's taste bud tantalizing creations matched with Mad River's amazing ales. This is an absolute game changer for the Mad River Brewing Company," said Linda Cooley, who is MRB's Chief Operating Officer and a Yurok citizen. "Chef Trevor's exceptional talents and prolific experience pair perfectly with the brewery's commitment to creating the best beers on the planet."

"I have never felt more connected to my cuisine and the people around me since I have been back in Humboldt County," added MRB's new Executive Chef Eliason. "I am extremely grateful to use my strongest skillset to serve the community that raised me. My heart has never left Humboldt and now it is here to stay."

Most recently, Eliason was the Executive Chef at the illustrious St. Francis Winery & Vineyards, where he was in charge of an award-winning Wine and Food Pairing Program and created tailor-made menus for the winery's special events. He also managed its organic vegetable and herb garden.

Additionally, the former Executive Chef and Culinary Director of Far Niente Winery and Nickel & Nickel in Oakville, CA, has attracted the attention of many high-profile, private clients, who have asked Eliason to produce his meticulously curated, multicourse meals for their most personal celebrations. Some of his private patrons include, the Kuleto Estate, Chappellet Winery and Francis Ford Coppola. Before his stint in wine country, Eliason, a top-scoring Western Culinary Institute graduate,



Trevor Eliason, now the head chef at the Mad River Tap Room, has more than 15 years of experience as an Executive Chef at Sonoma County's most illustrious wineries.

served as the Head Chef for Press Restaurant, an exclusive steak house in St. Helena, CA and was a Pastry Chef for Bouchon Bistro in Yountville, CA.

For the Mad River Brewing Company Tap Room, Chef Eliason recently developed an entirely new menu including hot takes on soups, salads and burgers, which complement the restaurant's steadfast and specialty brews. Another addition to MRB's culinary catalogue is the Togarashi Fried Chicken, a delectable dish including crispy thighs, mac n' cheese as well as locally sourced, wilted kale topped with a shiitake mushroom gravy. The new food offerings at the Blue Lake, CA establishment feature the finest ingredients grown, raised, foraged and caught in Humboldt County.

While the lunch and dinner options are vastly improved, patrons can expect to pay the same reasonable prices. The Mad River Brewing Company Tap Room is universally appreciated for

its casual, family friendly atmosphere and its diverse selection of carefully crafted ales.

“We are confident the Mad River Brewing Company Tap Room will soon develop an equally robust reputation for amazing meals that align perfectly with our unwaveringly high standards for brewing. Locals and tourists are in for a savory treat the next time they visit the Tap Room,” concluded MRB COO Cooley.

Due to the COVID-19 crisis, the restaurant is now open for takeout seven days a week from 12pm to 6:30pm. In a manner

that is consistent with physical distancing guidelines, the Tap Room is also offering a limited number of reservations. To make an order, please call (707) 668-4151. The Yurok Tribe acquired the Mad River Brewing Company in October of 2019, making it one of only a handful of tribally owned breweries in the United States. The company operates a state-of-the-art brewery and Mad River Brewing Tap Room. Both businesses are in Blue Lake, California. In February of this year, the company purchased Wild Goose canning equipment in anticipation of entering into new markets with an expanded line of products.

Mad River Brewing Co. unveils new logo

Eye-pleasing emblem is part of plan to expand Yurok Tribe-owned business

The Mad River Brewing Company’s award-winning craft ales will soon brandish an incredible new illustration that honors the business’s deep roots in Humboldt County, while clearly identifying it as a distinctly Yurok Tribe-owned entity.

“The new, Mad River Brewing Company logo pays homage to the business’s legacy as a consummate innovator in the craft beer industry and highlights the Yurok Tribe’s unyielding commitment to environmentally sustainable commerce,” said Linda Cooley, who is a Yurok tribal member and MRB’s Chief Operating Officer. “I cannot wait to see the artwork emblazoned on our exceptional line of handcrafted ales.”

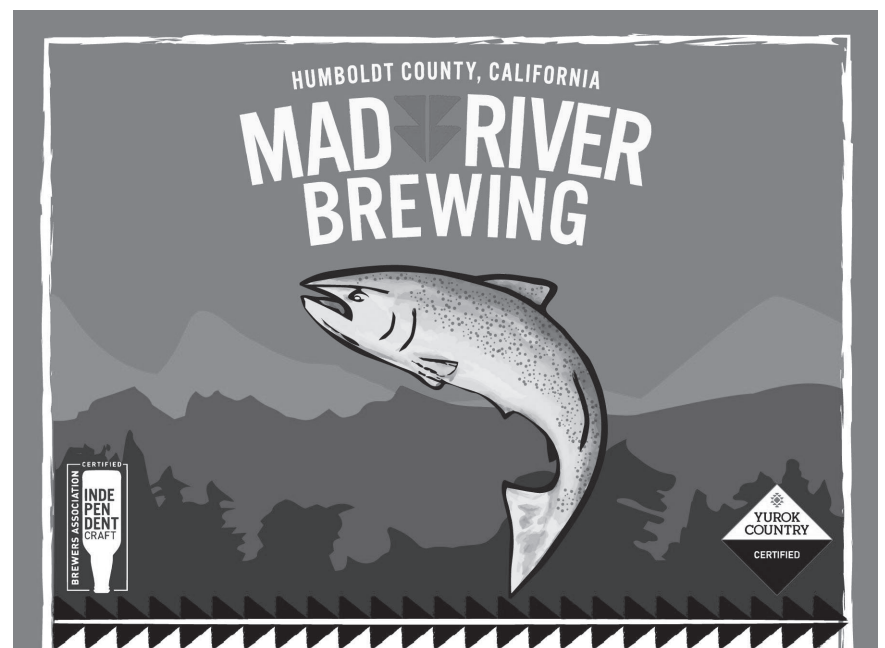
The emblem features four natural components, including a traditional Yurok design known as sturgeon back, the Coast Range, healthy redwood forests and the jumping steelhead, which has been synonymous with MRB’s flagship Steelhead Extra Pale Ale for two decades.

To establish the logo, MRB’s Chief Operating Officer shared with digital artist Jessica Carencio a concept for a piece of artwork that is distinctly Yurok and recognizes the company’s strong reputation as an environmentally conscious producer of finest quality ales.

“Jessica did a fantastic job in simultaneously capturing Mad River Brewery’s original ethos and our imperative to integrate the Yurok lifeway into everything we do,” Cooley said. “I am proud to say that environmental sustainability is a compulsory component in all of our economic endeavors.”

The sturgeon back design will feature prominently on Mad River Brewing Company’s line of fine ales, tap handles and ancillary merchandise. An announcement will soon be made about where to find the new merchandise.

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The addition of the well-established maker of craft ales to the Tribe’s commercial portfolio is one component of a farsighted economic development plan. The Tribe is currently seeking new business opportunities both on and off the reservation.



Man banned from Yurok Reservation

Soldano is the first person to be permanently excluded from the reservation

At a recent special meeting, the Yurok Tribal Council unanimously voted to permanently exclude David Joseph Soldano from the Yurok Reservation.

On March of 2017 Soldano, a non-Indian, stabbed Yurok citizens Timothy Thompson and Keenan “Thunder” Todd Burhus in Klamath Glen, on the Yurok Reservation. Despite the best efforts of local residents and first responders, Aawok Thompson succumbed to the injuries shortly afterwards.

“David Soldano will never again step foot on our land,” said Joseph L. James, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “Our hearts go out to the family and friends of Aawok Timothy Thompson. No one should have to endure such a tragic loss. We believe this first-ever lifetime exclusion is certainly warranted in this case.”

While the Yurok Tribal Police Department were the first responders on-scene; due to Public Law 83-280, an antiquated piece of legislation that only applies in six states, Del Norte County agencies took the lead on the investigation and criminal prosecution of Soldano. In the last decade, the Del Norte Sheriff’s Office has responded to an average of about one killing per year, according to the US Department of Justice. On the night of the Soldano incident, two unrelated homicides occurred at locations miles apart and within a time period of about three hours. Citing an issue with “proof,” the current Del Norte County District Attorney, who inherited the case after the former D.A. abruptly resigned, offered Soldano a plea deal rather than assume the risk of a trial. On June 26, 2020, in Del Norte Superior Court, Soldano pled guilty to voluntary manslaughter and received a six-year prison sentence.

“Although we are disappointed with the outcome in this case, the Tribal Council has taken the strongest action available in permanently excluding this individual from the reservation,” said Chairman James.

“I am also not pleased with this outcome,” said Del Norte District Attorney Katherine Micks. “Moving forward, I am confident that the Tribe, DNSO, and my office will work closely together to ensure successful prosecutions. We have a sturdy foundation in place to provide the community with the best quality law enforcement services it deserves.”

Since 2018, the Yurok Tribal Police Department has grown exponentially in terms of its professional capacity and size. The Department now has multiple officers with much experience in investigating and overseeing investigations into major crimes. Additionally, there is a cross-deputization agreement between the Department and the Del Norte Sheriff’s Office to facilitate coordination between the two agencies. The agreement also grants Yurok officers the authority to enforce state laws, including those that would normally fall under the purview of the Del Norte Sheriff’s Office because of PL 280. Now, when a serious crime occurs on the reservation, the two law

enforcement agencies work closely to hold the perpetrator accountable and provide a greater level of protection for the community.

The Yurok Office of the Tribal Attorney also plays a role in ensuring justice for Yurok crime victims. For example, the Office of the Tribal Attorney is in close communication with Del Norte County District Attorney Micks regarding cases involving reservation residents, including the Soldano case. The Tribal Attorney also handles exclusion matters for Council in Yurok Court. Soldano’s exclusion from the reservation was based on investigative reports from Yurok and Del Norte law enforcement agencies.

Soldano has been incarcerated in the Del Norte County Jail since the time of his arrest. He will be sent to San Quentin, where the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation will determine the prison where he will spend the majority of his sentence.

Since the Tribe was formally organized in 1993, it has temporarily excluded less than a dozen individuals, some of whom were required to stay away from the reservation for a period of years. While Soldano is not the first non-Indian to be excluded, he is the first person to be permanently banished from the reservation.

Here is how the exclusion process works

Article IV Section 1(g) and Article IV Section 5(a) of the Yurok Constitution grant the Yurok Tribal Council the authority to exclude individuals from the reservation to “safeguard the health and/or safety of the Yurok Tribe.” The Council completes a formal procedure prior to excluding or banishing someone. In the Soldano case, the Council first passed a resolution calling for his exclusion and referred the matter to the Yurok Tribal Court for a hearing. The hearing held by the Yurok Tribal Court closely resembled a standard litigation hearing with the Yurok Tribe as the plaintiff. Soldano was offered multiple opportunities to participate in the hearings and oppose the exclusion, but did not pursue this option. During the hearing, Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti reviewed evidence provided by the Tribal Attorney, including investigative reports produced by law enforcement. Following the proceeding, Judge Abinanti issued a recommendation to permanently exclude Soldano. On June 30, 2020, the Council reviewed the Court’s findings and recommendation in open session and passed a final resolution. Council’s final resolution permanently banishes Soldano, prohibiting Soldano from ever entering the Yurok Reservation again; he is allowed to quickly pass through on U.S. Highways 101 and California Highway 96.

CA Census counts Yurok household first

Yurok GIS Program recounts how Census leaders selected first home

Submitted by Yurok GIS Program

Yurok citizen Holly Snyder and the people living in her Yurok Reservation home were the first individuals in the entire state of California to be counted during the 2020 Census.

Here is the story of how it came to be that Yurok citizens were the first to be counted in the once-a-decade survey.

On a gray and rainy morning of March 14, 2020 the US Census Tribal Partnership Specialist Joshua Standing Horse met Elaina O'Rourke and Shaonna Chase, who work for the Geospatial Information Technology Program and are members of the Yurok Complete Count Committee, at the Yurok Tribal office in Weitchpec. The day of events had been scheduled to begin with a breakfast cooked by Jack Norton Elementary School 8th graders as part of annual fundraiser, which would be followed by a welcoming from Yurok tribal leaders. And then came COVID-19. The special event was dwindled down due to precautions put in place to prevent the spread of the illness. On the day of the event, a small group of Census staff made their way from the Yurok Tribal Office in Weitchpec to the end of Hwy 169 at the Village of Wautec where Holly lives with her mother Julia Snyder.

Holly is a senior at Hoopa Valley High school with a 4.0 GPA. Holly travels from the end of the road on the upriver portion of the Yurok Reservation up the Klamath River and then down the Trinity River onto the Hoopa Reservation to attend school. Her mother travels in the opposite direction for work, over Bald Hills and to the main Yurok Tribal Office in Klamath. Their daily commutes are both over 2 hours long one way. They live in one of the infamous "hard to reach" areas tucked away in the mountains of Northern California. The village where they live is home to approximately 20 households in which all are "hard to count". The people living at the "end of the road" have only been on the grid with electricity for the last 2 years. This is the epitome of a hard to reach area in 21st century America, according to census takers.

The Census isn't a constant like annual income taxes or even political elections. It is one of those civic duties we can forget all about or just not know what it is altogether. If you're lucky you may be counted on the US Census 7 or 8 times in your entire life. I would bet that at this time last year the majority of the communities in our area did not know the importance of the Census or what participating in it can accomplish. The Yurok Tribe wanted to make a difference in the 2020 Census and formed the "Complete Count Committee" early in 2019. The Committee provided

information about why everyone should participate in the Census. They educated people on the facts and the importance of the data collection effort. They started public outreach efforts in August of 2019 at the Annual Salmon Festival held in Klamath, CA. The Committee is made up of staff who know the value of accurate data starting with the Geospatial Information Technology Program (The data nerds), the Self-Governance Department, the Enrollment Department, Yurok Health & Human Services, a community organizer/grant writer/Yurok Economic Development staff, and Yurok Tribal Police. This group of Yurok Tribal employees performed an enormous amount of Census outreach to the communities within the Yurok Reservation and Humboldt & Del Norte Counties. The Committee's work drew the attention of Census representatives, who were impressed by what we accomplished and shared it with their supervisors. Shortly

thereafter, high-ranking Census officials decided that the first person counted in California will be a young Yurok citizen living in the most remote area of the Yurok Reservation.

We want you to be counted, we want your communities to be counted. Native people were the most undercounted group in the 2010 Census. It has been estimated that missing 1 Native person is a loss of \$3,000 per year for their community in federal & state funded programs (like head start, school breakfast & lunch programs, after school programs, WIC etc.) for 10 years. Yurok people on the reservation may be secluded but they are educated, hardworking, and the older

generations are teaching the young adults of the value of civic engagement and being counted!

Holly Snyder is a great example of how youth can participate in shaping our world. The Tribe is proud of her for being the first person counted in California. In addition to participating in the Census this year, Holly is excited to vote for the first time in the Presidential Primary Election. We encourage you to participate in this election too.

After a few months of stopping operations due to COVID-19 the Census Bureau has started delivering questionnaires again. People who do not receive mail at their home should have received their packets in a plastic bag on their gate, door handle, or porch over the last few weeks or will soon receive them. Please use your physical address when filling out the Census form. You can respond online at: www.my2020census.gov or call 844-330-2020. You will need your 12-digit Census ID or physical address to complete the questionnaire for your household.



Holly Snyder and those in her household was the first to be counted in all of California

Yurok Obituaries

A Yurok Man, A Warrior has now gone to be with his ancestors. Born June 7, 1945 and passed over on June 10, 2020. Larry the son of Mabel (Hodge) Hendrix (dec'd) and Irving Hendrix, Sr. (dec'd)

Larry, was raised in Trinidad, California in the house his father built, located on the corner of View Avenue and East Street. Larry attended and graduated from Trinidad Grammar School, then attended and graduated from McKinleyville High School. After high School Larry was employed in several different jobs: dock worker, woodsman, fisherman, heavy equipment operator.

Of all the things Larry liked to do...was gather. A skill he learned from his father and mother. He not only fished for salmon, he fished for sturgeon, many times knitting a new net each year so he could set a net for sturgeon. Larry loved to gather mussels and seaweed, which he happily shared with his special "ladies", Betty Jackson and Jacqueline Winter. He gathered wood for tribal members of his district, sometimes in the rain, never wanting anyone to be cold.

His Sister Gloria lived in Ocean Park, Washington, he loved to visit her, especially when there were good clam tides. It was in Ocean Park he met his friend, Pete Heckus. Pete is an oyster farmer; Larry often went to help Pete and then he brought oysters home to share with his many friends. Larry knew his sister Gloria liked fish soup. He would save salmon heads, freeze them and take them to her so she could make her salmon head soup.

Larry had a special recipe for preparing fish to smoke, which he learned from his mother. Many fish he smoked, canned, and shared. He shared everything; even the chores he had to do. Often, he would stop by his niece Sherri's house and say to her husband Jack, "I need your help". Off they would go, sometimes to get a load of hay or pick up a trailer.

Many miles he traveled alone, but he became happiest when he was able to bring his wife Razel home to be by his side. Side by side they recently would fish for sea perch off the beach at Orick.

Larry was drafted into the Army during the Vietnam War, serving in Vietnam in the DaNang region. He worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator, as well as being assigned to all duties a soldier endured during that period of time. He encountered Agent Orange while in Vietnam, which later resulted in medical and physical problems.

However, as his family and many of his friends know, he never let his disabilities discourage or stop him from any activity he wanted to do. On the day he passed, he was kayaking on the Middle Fork of the Payette River in Idaho.

Larry was a fisherman on the Klamath River, often having his mother with him. During one fishing season his mother was camping on the river bar at Lamb's Riffle, after having the o.k. to fish there by "little" Johnny Walker, who traditionally holds that fishing place. Not only did Larry's mother camp and fish there, but she also brought her chickens with her to the camp. All was good, until water was let out of the dam upriver, the river rose, and her chickens floated away.

Larry was a Yurok first, and a Warrior in many ways. Always working. One adventure occurred when he helped Dave Rankin, a fisherman of Trinidad, bring a fishing vessel through the Panama Canal. He worked in the timber industry, invested in a store in Oregon, but always returning home to Trinidad.

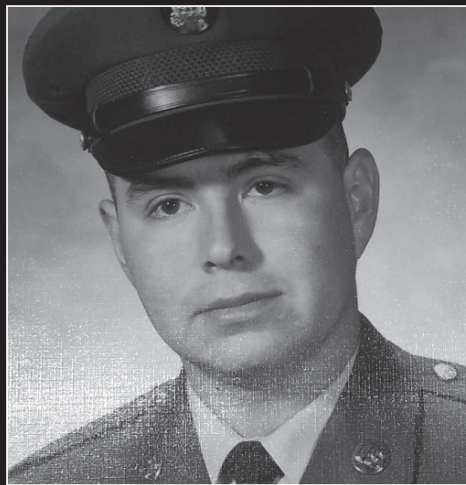
When the Yurok Tribe began developing into an organized Tribe, Larry was elected the first Orick District Representative. His years of service as a Yurok Council member began in 1993 with the first election and ended in 2018, having served 25 years.

Larry is survived by his wife of seven years, Razel (Cuesta) Hendrix of Orick, CA.

He is survived by his children: daughter Teresa Hendrix Wright (Mervin Wright, Jr.) of Nixon, Nevada, his daughter Julie Hendrix (Haskola Rivera), Middletown, California, and his daughter, Rhonda Wright of Eureka, California. His Grandchildren Nikwich Wright, Lena Wright, Amos Wright, Tony Ramos, Jr., Timothy Ramos,

Tausha Ramos, Irving Hendrix. Teresa Hendrix, Freddy Hendrix, Lawrence Jacob Hendrix, Michael Norris, Wakara Winter Scott. He is also survived by his sister Susie Long of Trinidad, CA, as well as several great-grandchildren, cousins, nieces, and nephews. Larry was always wanting to know about his 15 great grandchildren who survived him also.

Larry is also survived by his father-in-law Roque Alvaro, his mother-in-law Analie Cuesta, his sister-in-laws Hazel Cuesta, Mileza Alvaro, Rachell Ann Alvaro, Regine Nicole, Devonne Jhail Alvaro, and his brother-in-law James Denver Alvaro of Guimbal, Compostela Cebu. Philippines. Larry enjoyed visiting his family with his wife Razel and often went to visit them. He loved to shop for items such as flipflops, and a variety of other items to ship to them. Larry enjoyed exploring the islands of the Philippines with Razel. Larry is preceded in death by his son, Fredrick James Hendrix, and his daughter, Paula Mae Norris. Larry joins his ancestors with his father, Irving Hendrix, Sr., his



Larry Zane Hendrix

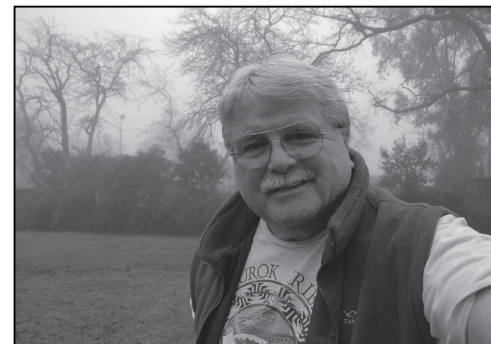
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mother, Mabel Hodge Hendrix, and his sisters Gloria MacNeill, and Veronica Dee Brett, his brother Irving Hendrix Jr., his grandmothers Rosa Evans Hodge and Susie Donnelly Crutchfield and his grandfather Henry Hodge. Larry desired to have his ashes scattered off Trinidad to the beaches where he will rest. The small ceremony will be attended by immediate family. To honor Larry, friends and family are welcome to make a donation to the Yurok Tribe Veterans Services. Pall Bearers: His grandsons: Nikwich Wright, Amos Wright, Tony Ramos, Jr., Timothy Ramos, Irving Hendrix, Freddy Hendrix, Lawrence Hendrix, Michael Norris, and Noah Mattz. Honorary Pall Bearers: Walter Lara Sr. George Nelson, Joe Hufford, Gary Perkins, Pete Heckus, his son-in-laws Huskola Riveria and Mervin Wright, Jr., his nephews Murray MacNeill, Frank MackNeill.

Robert MacNeill, Daniel MacNeill. Celebration of Life to be determined and announced at a later date.



Aawok Larry Hendrix served on the Tribal Council from 1993 to 2018.



Donald Safford Moseley

Donald Safford Moseley, 78, beloved husband and father, passed away on May 11, 2020 in Stockton, California surrounded by his family. He was born in Scotia, California to Adeline (Safford) and John Moseley on March 10, 1942, and was the grandson of Katie (Stevens) and Kirby Safford and Clara (Woodcock) and Isaac Moseley. He had fond boyhood memories of being with his grandfather Kirby, on Safford Island in the Klamath River. He was the half-brother of Keith "Bud" Eastman and Joyce "Teet"(Eastman) Ohlheiser and was an uncle to Janeen (Ohlheiser) Kline; Andrea (Eastman) Forrest; Rusty and Greg Eastman.

Don graduated from Eureka High School in 1960; received a degree in Economics from Humboldt State University in 1964; served in the Army in Vietnam, received the National Defense Service Medal, and was honorably discharged in 1967. While working for the Agricultural Division of Shell Chemical, he met and married Carolyn, his wife of 47 years. They married in San Francisco in April, 1973 and a change of jobs moved them to Stockton the following year. He was a Stockton resident for 46 years. His last position was Region Transportation Manager for Hershey Chocolate in Oakdale and he retired in 2002 .

In retirement, Don often taught Digital Photography for SICL at San Joaquin Delta College. Photography was his passion and he enjoyed world travels that gave him photo opportunities. He was an avid reader and loved movies, games and family time. For many years, he enjoyed returning to Klamath for the Salmon Festival and seeing tribal activities. Don was proud to be a Yurok Elder.

Donald is survived by his wife Carolyn and daughters: Jennifer Moseley of Linden, CA and Michelle Moseley Espy of Elk Grove, CA, and grandchildren Amber, Joseph and Zachary Espy.

A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Please go to Legacy.com if you would like to share a memory or send a message to the family.

Yurok Tribal Council attendance January-May 2020

Council's Attendance Logs
January-May 2020

Date	Meeting	James	Myers	Provolt	Natt	Ray	Hodge	Aubrey	McCovey	Vanlandingham
1/8/2020	Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1/9/2020	Action	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1/21/2020	Gaming	E	X	X	T	X	X	X	T	X
1/21/2020	Finance	E	X	X	T	X	X	X	T	X
1/22/2020	Planning	E	X	X	T	X	X	X	T	X
1/23/2020	Action	E	X	X	T	X	X	X	T	X

Date	Meeting	James	Myers	Provolt	Natt	Ray	Hodge	Aubrey	McCovey	Vanlandingham
2/5/2020	Planning	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
2/6/2020	Action	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
2/18/2020	Gaming	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
2/18/2020	Finance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
2/19/2020	Planning	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
2/22/2020	Action	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X

Date	Meeting	James	Myers	Provolt	Natt	Ray	Hodge	Aubrey	McCovey	Vanlandingham
3/11/2020	Planning	X	X	X	T	X	X	X	X	X
3/12/2020	Action	X	X	E	T	X	X	X	X	X
2/13/2020	Special	X	UE	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
3/26/2020	Gaming	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
3/26/2020	Finance	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
3/26/2020	Planning/Action	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X

Date	Meeting	James	Myers	Provolt	Natt	Ray	Hodge	Aubrey	McCovey	Vanlandingham
4/6/2020	Special	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
4/8/2020	Action	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
4/21/2020	Gaming	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
4/21/2020	Finance	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
4/22/2020	Planning	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
4/22/2020	Action	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X

Date	Meeting	James	Myers	Provolt	Natt	Ray	Hodge	Aubrey	McCovey	Vanlandingham
5/6/2020	Planning	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
5/7/2020	Action	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	E	X
5/19/2020	Gaming	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
5/19/2020	Finance/Planning	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
5/21/2020	Action	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X



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