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# Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

## **NEW JUSTICE CENTER OPENS**

**New facility will house the many culturally based, wellness-focused court programs**  
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**VICE CHAIRPERSON**  
**SUSAN MASTEN**

Dear Tribal Members, this column is meant to keep you updated on the activities of the Tribe. Please let me know what type of information you want or concerns you may have about our Tribal government, programs or services. You will also be able to see this column on the Tribe's website and Facebook page in an effort to reach out and provide information to you in a timely way.

### **Tragic loss in Klamath inspires community call to action**

I am heartened to see the community's profound and powerful reaction to the indescribably sad incident that claimed the life of 13-year-old Dante Romannose-Jones. Nearly 100 people from Klamath met on May 9 to identify an appropriate response to this tragic event. The Saturday meeting erupted into a bona fide movement to develop and implement a far-reaching plan to prevent future tragedies, involving our youth. This organic process spawned several solid solutions. Many of the ideas, which were echoed repeatedly, to build a brighter future for our children, included: increasing the quantity of positive activities for youth/families, building a recreation center, organizing cultural classes for kids, honoring traditional values/spirituality, pairing elders with teens, cultivating

role models, putting on parenting classes, starting a neighborhood watch program, providing treatment for those suffering from substance abuse and directing law enforcement to homes where drugs are sold.

At our second gathering, on May 16, we developed a comprehensive action plan to facilitate the changes we'd like to see in our community. To achieve our goals, we formed teams that are dedicated to different tasks outlined in the overall plan. For example, one faction will be working on finding funds to build a recreation area and another is organizing a peace march around Klamath. One group will be advocating for law enforcement to aggressively pursue those who sell drugs on the Reservation. These teams will soon be visible and, if you haven't already, I encourage you to participate because we all have an obligation to make sure our youngest and most vulnerable have every opportunity to succeed. When I arranged for the first meeting to be held a few weeks ago I did not know what the outcome would be but, I knew in my heart that if we came together we could find comfort, healing and solutions. It is extremely uplifting to see my community coming together and mobilizing to effect real change. I am confident we will actualize our ultimate goal, which is to create a culturally based community that is safe for everyone, where youth enjoy the quality of life they deserve and everyone is treated with respect. Please join us at our next community meeting, which will take place on **June 4, 2015 at 6pm** at the Klamath Tribal office. Also, if you are interested in creating a neighborhood watch or community policing program please join us for a first step meeting with Del Norte Sheriff Erik Apperson and Chief Leonard Masten on **June 4th at 10:00am** at the Klamath Tribal office.

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**(LEFT) YUROK CHAIRMAN THOMAS P. O'ROURKE SR., NORTH DISTRICT REPRESENTATIVE JACK MATTZ AND YUROK CHIEF JUSTICE ABBY ABINANTI CUT THE RIBBON AT THE NEW YUROK JUSTICE CENTER.**

My heart is heavy as our up river communities have experienced a very high rate of suicide among our young people and I'm sad to report we have recently lost two young men. I'm deeply saddened by this terrible loss of life, and desperately seeking for solutions to help heal our families and community. I will be talking with our staff, Council and community to address this epidemic. Please reach out and let our children know they are loved and valued. We can not let another child think they have no alternative, but to take their own life.

### **Local Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations chapter starting on Yurok Reservation**

Women Empowering Women for Indian Nations is a national Native women's group, whose purpose is to strengthen and sustain tribal cultures on behalf of children, promote honest and dignified tribal leadership, and to express encouragement to all Indian people. At its core, WEWIN, which I co-founded about a decade ago, is an association of women, who support one another, talk about their experiences and share opportunities. That is why we are starting a chapter in Yurok Country. Our hope is to unify local Native women and inspire young girls to pursue their dreams. Since time immemorial, Yurok women have played a powerful role in shaping our society. We are the healers, givers of life and we raise our children to be respectful and respected members of the community. If you are interested in joining the new WEWIN chapter or would like more information, please attend our meeting on **Tuesday, June 9 at 6pm** at the Klamath Tribal office.

The WEWIN board of directors is comprised of Tribal business and political leaders, representing a number of different Tribes. Each year, WEWIN puts on a national conference, which includes workshops on professional development, trainings on specific topics and fun social activities. The 2015 WEWIN National Conference is at the Downstream Casino Resort in Quapaw, Oklahoma and all are invited to attend. Please visit [www.wewin04.org](http://www.wewin04.org) for more information about the conference.

### **Nominate Local Heroes for recognition at Tribal Annual Meeting**

This year we will again honor those brave individuals, who have went above and beyond or risked personal safety to save the life of another. In previous years, courageous Yuroks were

acknowledged for not thinking twice about entering the frigid ocean, in the nick of time, to save men swept out from the mouth of the Klamath River. *To submit a nomination, please contact Council Support at (707) 482-1350.*

### **The Yurok Justice Center is now open**

I am happy to announce the Yurok Justice, located next to Yurok headquarters in Klamath, recently opened its doors. The Yurok Justice Center is indicative of many positive strides the Tribe has taken in the last few years and it is a reflection of our cultural value system, which requires that we live in balance with all things. The Justice Center is emblematic of our desire to take control of our collective and individual futures. This sacred space is a tribute to our ancestors, who used the traditional principle of restorative justice to maintain harmony and balance for millennia. It is a symbol of our growing strength as a sovereign nation. I'd like to acknowledge Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti for her unyielding commitment to the betterment of the Tribe. I'd also like to recognize her hard working staff for securing the funding to make the Yurok Justice Center a reality.

### **2015 Fishery Allocation Information**

It looks like we will be having a moderate commercial season this year. There are about 35,000 fish available for commercial and subsistence harvest. We will be having public meetings to discuss the 2015 allocation on May 30 and May 31. I encourage all to participate in this important process. Below is a schedule of the meeting times and locations.

**5/30 - 10:00 a.m. - Crescent City TANF**

**5/30 - 1:00 p.m. - Klamath Administrative Office**

**5/30 - 4:00 p.m. - Eureka Worthington School**

**5/31 - 1:00 p.m. - Weitchpec Office**

I hope this newsletter finds you in good health and spirits. We also send our prayers and thoughts to each of you who may have lost a loved one during this time, please know that we love you and care about you.

**Wok-hlew ❄**

# Tribal Court starts Youth Wellness Project

## *Multidisciplinary team assembled to work with Tribal youth*

The Yurok Tribal Court has assembled a multidisciplinary work group, whose sole role is to implement a culturally centered, community-driven plan, empowering Yurok youth to acquire all of the tools they need to succeed.

The Yurok Youth Wellness Project, a collaborative undertaking containing numerous goals, seeks to increase the quantity of positive opportunities available for teens living in Yurok Ancestral Territory. Incorporated in the comprehensive endeavor are elements to ensure Yurok students want to make it to school on time and stay on the path toward graduation. The Project will provide a mechanism for moving juvenile cases, currently in state court, into a new Yurok Youth Wellness Court. Also, a Youth Wellness Plan will be developed to deter youth from consuming alcohol or experimenting with illicit drugs.

While a considerable number of Yurok teenagers finish high school, graduate from college and go on to make a career in every imaginable profession, ranging from rocket scientist to fisheries biologist, there are still too many who slip through the cracks. The Yurok Youth Wellness Project is a response to the disproportionate number of Yurok teens reflected in the statistics kept for the following categories: underage drinking, substance use/abuse, truancy, petty crime and entrants into the foster care system. These culturally unacceptable behaviors are rooted in the repercussive effects of genocide and subsequent, decades-long assimilation effort, including the boarding school era, when state-run schools routinely abused Yurok children. The Tribal Court recognizes the need to radically transform this paradigm and looks toward a day when these traumatic events are acknowledged, but no longer carry the harmful weight that has held so many young people back.

“I sincerely believe we can turn this around. It’s time to move on. It’s time to move forward,” said Abby Abinanti, Chief Justice of the Yurok Tribal Court.

In addition to the Tribal Court, the committed Yurok Youth Wellness Project contingent, which has already begun to make significant headway, consists of the following stakeholders: Social Services, Education, Executive Office,

Self-Governance, Planning and Community Development, Yurok Public Safety, Office of the Tribal Attorney and the Tribal Council. Also involved are Tribal parents, elders and students, as well as the school districts and superior courts in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties, both of which share a border with the Yurok Reservation. This ambidextrous, multi-skilled group united, on behalf of youth, for the primary purpose of making certain teens achieve the quality of life they desire and deserve.

To aid in identifying the needs of the local teens, the Court assembled a Youth Advisory Board, a vital part of the Yurok Youth Wellness Project. The Youth Board is currently comprised of fifteen Tribal teens and two adults. Youth Advocate, Anthony Obie is the lead and Vicky Bates, who also works for the Tribal Court, facilitates cultural activities with the female members of the board and in the community. The teen group’s main priority is to set goals and develop action plans centered on generating healthy recreational opportunities for their peers and organizing community building events. Additionally, the Youth Board, which people can still sign up to serve on, will inform the Wellness Project team of the changes they’d like to see in the community. Most recently, the advisory group put on a raffle to underwrite the cost of their Mother’s Day event in Klamath.

In tandem with working directly with the youth, the Tribal Court and Education Department are engaging local school district administrators to strengthen the support for Yurok students within the educational system. To that end, the Youth Wellness Project is in the process of developing Memoranda of Understanding between the Tribe and the Humboldt and Del Norte County school districts. The formal partnerships, which are being well-received by both districts, will aid in identifying Yurok students who are struggling, provide a system for sharing school records and augment access to culturally appropriate mentoring/counseling. The school districts have already begun referring students to the Tribal Court.

“All parents, no matter what, want a bright future for

their children,” said Chief Justice Abinanti. “Our kids want to succeed and we want to help them.”

Currently, judgements in multiple discrimination lawsuits, filed against the Humboldt and Del Norte County school districts, are pending and administrators at both institutions have indicated that they are uniquely and acutely aware of a need to better serve Tribal students.

“We would not be here, but for our past and present experiences. We want our children to be educated and the school districts want our children to be educated,” said Chief Justice Abinanti. “It’s all about getting on the same page and moving forward. We perceive we can turn it around as a team.”

The far-reaching Youth Wellness Project also contains a component that will increase the Tribal Court’s capacity, through the formation of the Yurok Youth Wellness Court, to work with youth caught up in the criminal justice system. The Tribal Court will be creating cooperative agreements with both counties’ courts to transfer tribal cases into the Yurok Youth Wellness Court, where there is additional and culturally relevant resources. The Youth Wellness Court concept is modeled after the Adult Wellness Court and will follow the 10 key components of the Tribal Healing to Wellness. Youth Court participants will be assigned Youth and Family Advocates, who will work with teens and their relations to achieve the best possible outcome. The Court will also employ restorative justice to hold teens accountable, define equitable recompense for victims and restore balance between both parties. Since time immemorial, the Yurok Tribe has utilized this dynamic doctrine to positively resolve conflicts. The tenets of the complex cultural practice require that once a settlement has been reached and debts are paid, those involved are expected to treat one another with respect and dignity.

#### **Teen Truancy**

This holistic project also features a facet to, in real-time, address the issue of truant teens living in and around the Reservation.

“For example, if a Public Safety officer, Tribal Court Probation Officer or Yurok Social Services worker sees a school-age child walking around the town site on a weekday, he or she will contact the child. If there is not a legitimate

explanation for the absence, the officer will take the Tribal member to school and we will inform the parents,” Chief Justice Abinanti said.

The obstacles, identified by the Yurok Youth Wellness Project, did not arise over night. These challenges each have a history of their own, are in many ways systemic and require lasting institutional change. Implanted in the Yurok Youth Wellness Project is a sub-plan, which recognizes the community’s and the Tribal Court’s desire to make this initiative sustainable, until the impediments no longer have an impact.

For millennia, the Tribe’s traditional system of justice was an integral part of a genuinely thriving community. It was one of the most harmonious, safe and verdant societies the world has ever known. There are Tribal members who continue to live by these cultural values. However, because of the Tribe’s tragic past, too many people, especially the youth, have lost their connection to this traditional code, which has embedded in it all of the keys to enjoying a satisfying and rewarding existence. The Yurok Youth Wellness Project draws heavily on this profound worldview to do the work necessary to bring balance back into the lives of Yurok teens and their families.

Lastly, if Yurok teens are reading this article, the Court would like them to know this: “We want Yurok youth and their families to know that we are there for them and they can feel comfortable coming to us for help,” concluded goofyJolanda Ingram-Obie, staff attorney for the Yurok Tribal Court.

*Yurok youth who are interested in joining the Youth Advisory Board are encouraged to call Anthony Obie Sr. at (707) 482-1350. ✧*

**SAVE THE DATE**

**KLAMATH SALMON FESTIVAL**

**SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2015**

**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015**

# Tribe builds new Yurok Justice Center

*Facility will house the fast-growing Tribal court and many other services*

The brand new Yurok Justice Center is now open. The state-of-the-art facility is located on trust land near Yurok tribal headquarters in Klamath.

“The Yurok Justice Center is a symbol of our sovereignty and desire to define our own destiny,” said Yurok Chief Justice Abby Abinanti.

The Yurok Tribal Court has expanded tremendously in the last five years and this new facility is a reflection of that growth. The Court now offers numerous culturally based, wellness-focused services and programs to the Tribal membership. This growth is the result of the tremendous efforts of the Program Manager Jessica Carter who has lead the Court team in repeated and continued efforts to fund not just the new facility but the expanded programs of the Court.

The building was designed to offer maximum privacy, confidentiality and security. The Justice Center will now house the Yurok Wellness Court, Tribal Court, Family Court and soon the Yurok Youth Wellness Court. Included in the 3,500 square foot facility are the following: a courtroom, judge’s chambers, intake/meeting room, two administrative offices, a clerk’s filing window, a data storage/safe room and additional office space.

In the courtroom there is mural painted on multiple tables, where those involved in proceedings will sit, illustrating the Klamath River and all of its tributaries on the Yurok Reservation.

Programs provided in the facility embody culturally appropriate judicial practices that promote “peace, harmony, and protection of the individual human rights among our members and among others who may come within the jurisdiction of our Tribal government”.

The Yurok Justice Center is a place where the Tribe’s Court, Public Safety, prosecutor, social workers and partner agencies work collaboratively on the rehabilitation reintegration of Tribal members, who have entered the tribal justice system. It is also a venue where family and child custody cases are resolved in a culturally appropriate way.



The new Yurok Justice Center, located in Klamath, is now open.

## The new facility will also serve as the following:

- A place for the Tribe to effectively exercise full legal authority over civil, family, wellness, and fishing court proceedings;
- Provide a facility that creates a space for court proceedings and services that reduce incarceration of Tribal members
- Promote a justice environment that increases respect for the justice system and supports de-escalation of problem situations and de-harmonizing behavior that disrupts the community
- Provide appropriate atmosphere for interventions aligned with the cultural & spiritual needs of members and families who are involved in the tribal justice system
- Provide facility space to allow for concurrent jurisdiction over offenses, in the prosecutorial, dispositional and the supervision phases ✦

# Hundreds attend Klamath Cleanup

*Many more volunteer at the family-friendly event than in recent years*

When Yurok Tribal member Ron Griffman saw that Joseph Brown needed help attaching a line to the transom of a sunken boat, he immediately took off his shoes and sweatshirt and jumped in the cold Klamath River.

After about 20-minutes in the 40-degree water, Griffman and Brown, participants in the Yurok Environmental Program's 2015 Klamath River Cleanup, firmly attached the tow rope to the 20-foot vessel, which was submerged about a dozen yards from the Del Norte County boat ramp.

Yurok Public Safety Warden Joe Pitt connected the line to a cleat on the jet boat he was using to ferry Cleanup participants to the other side of the river. Officer Pitt gently maneuvered his watercraft, nudging the broke-down boat toward shore. Once it became too shallow, the tow line was reattached to a truck, driven by Chay-gee Sylvia from the Yurok Environmental Program and the abandoned vessel was removed from the Klamath and disposed of.

"It's an honor to heal mother earth and be a good example for the kids," Griffman explained, as the delicious lunch provided by the Environmental Program warmed his bones.

The 2015 Klamath River Cleanup was one of the best attended in recent years. The 300 volunteers removed 40 cubic yards of trash and invasive species from the banks of the Klamath River. Per usual, each participant in the family-oriented event received a t-shirt, reusable grocery tote and a fantastic salmon lunch. For the first time, this year there was an official cleanup on the Upper Reservation, which is a feature that will continue in the coming years. The Yurok Environmental Program would like to recognize Richard Myers II and others for removing unsightly debris from "The Rock" to Wautec.

"YTEP gives a special thanks to the upriver community for their considerable contribution to the Cleanup," said Louisa McCovey, Director of the Environmental Program and designer of this year's awesome-looking, commemorative t-shirt. "In the future we look forward to growing this event upriver to include the entire 44-mile stretch of the Klamath River on the Yurok Reservation."

Scotch Broom was the primary noxious species that was eradicated from the gravelly river bars around the Klamath

River. The aggressive European immigrant, with small yellow flowers, can takeover acres of indigenous wildlife supporting lands within just a few years. The foreign shrub grows to more than 20 feet tall at maturity and can produce 20,000 seeds that remain viable for up to 50 years. In addition to crowding out native fauna, the woody weed is toxic to grazing animals, its high oil content makes it extremely fire prone and it creates clouds of pollen, causing allergic reactions in many people.

Most of Broom pullers at the Cleanup used Weed Wrenches and other hand tools to unearth the deep-rooted, moderately sized invasive from the Klamath's sandy shores. Sam Gensaw Jr.'s family spontaneously devised a strategic method for extracting the larger Scotch Broom, roots and all. The Tribal members attached a chain to several 15-20 footers and used a truck to pluck the pestilent plants from the ground.

"I think we should do this every year," said Yurok Tribal member, Sam Gensaw Jr. "We could remove all of these plants in one day."

The annual Klamath River Cleanup would not be possible without the volunteers, who do the physically demanding work, and the many individuals and local businesses who generously donate to the event. The Yurok Environmental Program would like to thank Paul Van Mechelen's family for donating 20 salmon as well as Oscar Gensaw and his crew for cooking said salmon to perfection. The Yurok Fisheries Program, Yurok Public Safety and the Safety and Facilities Department also contributed to the successful event.

***The Yurok Environmental Program would like to acknowledge the following individuals and businesses for their participation: Yurok Tribal member James Dunlap, Chester's Chicken, Curry Equipment, Coast True Value, Kayak Zak's, Northcoast Co-op, Ray's Food Place Arcata, Wildberries Marketplace, Lighthouse Café, Historic Requa Inn, Kamp Klamath, Pem-Mey, Del Norte County Fair, Del Norte Tire, George's Auto and Diesel Electric, Harvest Natural Foods, Kings Valley Golf Course, Les Schwab, Renner Petroleum, Rumiano Cheese Company, Home Depot, Hoopa TCCC and Del Norte Solid Waste Management Authority. ✨***

# Klamath River cleaned up







# Yurok boy has wrestling in his blood

*James Gensaw Jr. wins multiple grappling tournaments in 2015*

James Gensaw Jr. is a respectful and culturally connected young Yurok, who has a penchant for pinning kids in his weight bracket on their backs.

This year, the 8-year-old, Yurok Tribal member earned first prize and helped his Del Norte Youth Wrestling Team take home top honors at the Redwood Empire Wrestling Association Championships in Eureka. The REWA tournament is comprised of wrestlers from Arcata, McKinleyville, Ferndale, Hoopa and two teams from Eureka. Also in 2015, the 75-pound boy wrestled his way to the pinnacle of the podium at the McKinleyville Tournament and the Eureka Tournament and he placed second at a competition in Del Norte.

During his matches, James Jr., whether he is way ahead or if it is a close contest, always remains calm. His movements are deliberate and well thought out. The boy is very strong. At the same time, rather than trying to muscle his opponents, he uses technique to maneuver into a dominant position. He doesn't gloat when he wins. The Yurok youth very much embodies the cultural values, instilled in him by his father James Gensaw Sr., associated with being a fierce, but gracious competitor.

James Jr. attributes his success to his stamina and, more importantly, the broad set of skills imparted to him by his father, James Sr., a decorated grappler in his youth and James Jr.'s biggest fan. In order to build up his strength James Jr., who lives in Requa, wrestles almost every day, either with his Dad or with his team. Four times a week he runs up Gensaw Road on Requa Hill with his sister Tescha, who is also a wrestler. When he first started running hills, like his ancestors did to prepare for the Stick Game, it was very difficult.

"Now it's easy," James Jr. explained.

James Jr., who has been wrestling ever since he learned to walk, is dedicated to the sport for the best reasons. He embraces the grind of training and doesn't mind waking up before sunrise on Saturday to make it to a tournament.

"I practice hard because it makes me happy. Wrestling is fun," the soft-spoken boy said.

In addition to honing his techniques on the mat and increasing his physical capacity to outwork his opponents, the



James Gensaw Jr. holds his first place prize at the REWA Wrestling Tournament.

student-athlete focuses on his studies at Margaret Keating Elementary School, where he has perfect attendance and enjoys practicing his penmanship.

"Cursive is my favorite thing to do at school," James Jr. said.

James Jr. is also learning the Yurok language, another important skill that his father is teaching him. Gensaw Sr, a language instructor at Eureka High School, is educating his three children about their heritage and takes them to the Tribe's traditional ceremonies, which he regularly participates in.

In the summer time, James Jr. likes to fish for salmon on the Klamath River with his dad, brother and sister and play the Stick Game, which he said helps him wrestler better. After he gets a bit older the Tribal member looks forward to hunting for deer with his dad.

When asked about what it was like to win the championship prize at the Redwood Empire Tournament, James Jr. could not have been more humble.

"I worked really hard at the tournament," concluded James Jr. ❄

***"I practice hard because it makes me happy. Wrestling is fun."***

• James Gensaw Jr., Yurok Student-Athlete

# Glitter shines at cheer competition

*Yurok parents are proud of their daughters' dancing success*

Yurok parents Larry Nova and Kim Hill and Krystal Patapoff-Pruitt and Troy Pruitt are very proud of their daughters, two very talented members of Glitter.

Glitter, Haley Patapoff-Pruitt and Naquel Benites's team, is a group of 11 young girls and one boy who perform a dynamic mix of gymnastics, dance and incredible stunts in competitive events across the West Coast region of the United States.

Glitter is a top competitor in a physically and mentally demanding sport. It's called Cheer, but there are no pompoms and the girls are silent, when they are performing. Glitter's routines draw from the most technical tasks involved in cheerleading, like throwing girls up into the air. Also included in the athletic endeavor are difficult dance moves and choreographed acrobatics, executed to the rhythm of music. On the team, Haley, 11, and Naquel, 10, adorned with a sparkling uniforms, have individual roles, which they must memorize. In order to impress the judges, during the competitions, the team has to accomplish each movement smoothly and in perfect time.

"Participating on this team is a great way for the girls to learn how to complete complicated tasks within a group, stay physically active and have fun," said Krystal Patapoff-Pruitt. "These girls eat, sleep, and breathe cheer, and they both love to dance."

In their division, Glitter, which is based out of Crescent City's Tsunami All-Stars gym, has proven to be one of the most successful squads at the competitions. Recently, Glitter took the second place award for their division at the American National Championships in Anaheim, CA, where they competed against large cities, including: Brentwood, Mountain View, San Luis Obispo and Clovis, Ca. The team brought home the first place prize at the San Jose Cheer Dance Competition, too.

Haley and Naquel also compete as a duet team, comprised solely of the two girls. As a duo the girls do similar kinds of acrobatic dance performances and



**(left) Haley Patapoff-Pruitt and Naquel Benites participate on Glitter and have a duet of their own. Glitter took home the first place award at the American National Championships at the San Jose Cheer Dance Competition. Both are on the Youth Level 2 Team.**

are building a reputation for themselves as formidable competitors. The duet received first place honors in April at a competition in Anaheim, California.

In addition to participating on both cheer teams, Haley and Naquel attend Margaret Keating Elementary School. Haley is in sixth grade and Naquel is fifth. The life-long friends put just as much effort into their studies as they do in their competitions and are just as successful. ✨

# Sell wares at Otter Creek Gifts

*Yurok Country Visitor Center also looking for Tribal artwork*

**Otter Creek Gifts, located inside Redwood Hotel Casino, is offering a great opportunity for Tribal artists. The gorgeous gift shop and the Tribe's new Yurok Country Visitor Center would like to sell on consignment Tribal art, ranging from jewelry to knitted caps and hand-made crafts to photographs. Each summer, thousands of people visit Redwood Hotel Casino and the Otter Creek Gift Shop. Otter Creek has excellent display area that reflects the high quality of the merchandise it sells. As part of a standardized process, the staff will learn the history of each item and the person responsible for bringing it to life. These stories will be shared with patrons as part of a coordinated effort to sell each and every product. Also, the store will actively promote items made by Yurok artists.**

***For more information contact Michelle Oliphant at (707) 482-1777. ✳***

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- Server
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- Housekeeper/Engineer
- Human Resources Assistant
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## IMPORTANT DATES

ORICK DISTRICT MEETING - JUNE 6 @ 12PM

COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING - JUNE 10 @ 10AM - KLAMATH

COUNCIL ACTION MEETING - JUNE 11 @ 10AM- KLAMATH

YUROK COUNTRY VISITOR CENTER GRAND OPENING - JUNE 20 - 4PM TO 8PM

COUNCIL PLANNING MEETING @ 10AM - KLAMATH

COUNCIL ACTION MEETING @ 10AM - WEITCHPEC

COUNCIL FINANCE MEETIGN @ 1PM - KLAMATH

TRIBAL OFFICES CLOSED - JULY 3

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SATURDAY AUGUST 22, 2015**



**ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 23, 2015**

# Yurok Obituaries



**Janet Marlene McNeal-Bates**  
**July 6, 1954 - May 4, 2015**

Janet Marlene McNeal-Bates, a beautiful soul, took flight on May 4, 2015. A proud member of the Yurok Tribe, she was born on July 6, 1954 in Hoopa, California to Bud and Nellie McNeal. She met the love of her life on July 3, 1982 and together they moved to Chiloquin, Oregon in 1983 where they made their home.

Janet dedicated over 20 years of her life to educating children in both California and Oregon. She retired in 2007 to spend more time with her grandchildren and family.

Her surviving family includes her husband Charles "Dancing Bear" Bates, her children and their spouses: Lorenzo and Joni, Shannon and Eric, Koj and Charlie, Sarah and Kyle, Jewel and Josh, and Tyler and Tschayo. Additional family members include: her mother Nellie McNeal, and siblings, Susan, Rocky, Vicky and their families, Mother-in-law Annabelle Bates and sisters-in-law Corrine, Sherrie, Tina, Nola,

and Lisa and families. Janet's grandchildren include: Antone, Chance, Tyrah, Chaa-Nuueks, Bucky, Kyrach, Shayla, Kylee, Nan, Edward Bud, Jordan, Britney, Maximus, and Mason.

She went to join her Father, Bud, Father-in-Law, Bucky and brothers Russell and Derik and nephew "Little Dave".

A Burial Service and luncheon will be held on Saturday, June 27 at 11:00am at the Wautek in Wautek, California. Contributions in Memory of Janet will be used to establish the Janet Bates Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of her 20 plus years in education, helping children. Contributions in Memory of Janet will be used to establish the Janet Bates Memorial Scholarship Fund in honor of her 20 plus years in education, helping children. ✧



**Francis Edward Laupp Chase (Frank, Franny)**  
**Dec 16, 1930 - April 22, 2015**

Born Dec 16, 1930 in Poplar (Wolf Point), Montana; diagnosed with glioblastoma in 2011, Frank died April 22, 2015 at home in San Francisco.

Frank is survived by his wife Karen Larson Sutherlin, children Mark (Denise) Chase, John Scott (Colleen) Chase and Linda (John) Miles; step-children Jim (Susan), Richard (Liz) and Janine Sutherlin, and Joe and George Jasen; and mother-in-law Marie E. Larson. By grandchildren Mark, Kevin, Nick, Matt, Whitney and Amber and great-grandsons Wolfgang and Killian. And, by half-sister Carol Irwin and half-brother Stuart Chase. Pre-deceased by grandson John Chase, step-daughter Christina Jasen, and Marie Chase (mother to Mark, Scott, Linda, Christina, Joe and George).

A Native American, Frank was a member of the Yurok Tribe. Raised in Alameda and Eureka, CA, Frank was an outstanding football player at Eureka

High School graduating in 1949. He was a Korean War veteran serving in the Air Force in Alaska and Japan. He worked for 35 years as the only tile setter employed by the city of San Francisco, retiring to follow his passions for great music and food, travel particularly by train, and watching nearly every sporting event available particularly the SF 49ers and the SF Giants.

He made friends throughout SF having lived in the Haight, the Avenues and Bernal Heights and worked in most of the public buildings throughout the City; he kept in touch with friends from his days in Eureka. He will be sorely missed by his family and by those who knew him. Services will be held at a later date; donations may be made in Frank's memory to SF Animal Care and Control. ✧



**UNITED INDIAN HEALTH SERVICES, INC.**

1600 Weeot Way, Arcata, CA 95521 (707) 825-5000 Fax (707) 825-6747

**~ Health Promotion Technician ~**

Elk Valley, F/T - Grant funded position. Seeking applicants to assist Tribal and American Indian Communities with health promotion and disease prevention activities. Must have a high school diploma or equivalent and one year related experience and/or training.

\*\*\*\*\* Salary \$21,840/yr to \$36,275/yr\*\*\*\*\*

**Summary of Benefits**

**Health Insurance – Available after 6months from eligibility date.**

- UIHS currently pays all of employee cost at 100% FTE. If less than 100%, the employee is responsible for the remaining percentage.
- Currently UIHS pays 60% of additional dependant premium.

**United Indian Health Services Direct Health Care Services (Board Approved)**

- Board approved services available for use after 60 calendar days.
- Dependents eligible for Board approved services after 6 months.

**AFLAC – Supplemental Plan**

**Holidays –**

- 11 days of holidays. One is a floating holiday that is not available until initial trial period passed.

**Personalized Leave –**

- Available for use after **90 calendar days**. The cap to accrue is set at 240/hours.

	Hrs/Per Pay Period	Days/Per Year
0 – 1 year	4.92	15.99
1+year to 5 years	6.46	21.00
5 – more years	8.00	26.00

**Jury/Witness Duty –**

- Paid for up to 120 hours (within calendar year) of jury duty less fees paid by court.

**Continuing Education/Training**

- Paid annually – July through June for Full time
- Paid up to 10 days of leave to take CE/Training

To apply go to [www.uihs.org](http://www.uihs.org) download the application under "Employment Opportunities" & email 1) Resume 2) Cover Letter & 3) Employment Application 4) American Indian Tribal Verification (copy) if applicable to [UIHS-Recruiting@crihb.org](mailto:UIHS-Recruiting@crihb.org)

# LEGAL NOTICE

## NOTICE OF SEIZURE AND INITIATION OF FORFEITURE PROCEEDINGS

On July 22, 2014, near Iron Gate Road on APN 530-072-007, Yurok Reservation, Humboldt County, California, Yurok Tribal Police Officers seized property for forfeiture in connection with violation of the Yurok Tribe Controlled Substances Ordinance section 4101, to wit: Marijuana Cultivation. The property seized is: 7000 watt Predator power generator s/n 420FDA151252157A1220087577; 4000 watt Predator power generator s/n A1304000772; 4000 watt Predator power generator A1308004511; and Predator R80 water pump s/n A1304000772. Pursuant to Section 4401 of the Yurok Tribe Controlled Substances Ordinance, procedures to forfeit this property are under way. If you have a legal interest in this property, you must file a claim stating your interest in the seized property before June 25, 2015, with the Yurok Tribal Court, located at 190 Klamath Boulevard, PO Box 1027, Klamath, California 95548. Failure to do so will result in forfeiture of the property.



**For a list of current job opening visit the Human Resource page at [www.yuroktribe.org](http://www.yuroktribe.org) or call (707) 482-1350 ext. 1376**

# New Redwood Hotel Casino Job Openings



## Open Positions

**Bartender, Server, Cook, Prep Cook, Food and beverage sup., busser, cook, prep cook, server, steward, Accounting sup., Payroll specialist, Revenue Auditor, Controller, Slot attendant, Slot floor sup., & Slot technician**

To view complete job descriptions visit [redwoodhotelcasino.com](http://redwoodhotelcasino.com).

Interested applicants can apply on-line at [jobs@redwoodhotelcasino.com](mailto:jobs@redwoodhotelcasino.com) or drop off applications at the hotel.

We always accept applications for Housekeeping Engineer, Busser and Steward.

If you have questions, please contact Redwood Hotel Casino Human Resource Manager Sandra Lowry at (707) 482-1777.



## 2015 YUROK TRIBE ELECTION NOTICE

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

**CHAIRPERSON  
VICE-CHAIRPERSON  
ORICK 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 beginning **June 22, 2015**, at the Yurok Tribal Office in Klamath.

All Candidates must be 25 years of age for a district seat and 30 years of age for Chair and Vice-Chair, as of October 14, 2015. There is a \$79 filing fee due when you pick up the Nomination forms.

The Nomination Period closes **July 24, 2015**.

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

## NEW YUROK TRIBE JOB OPENINGS

Natural Resources Division Director  
\$70,873-\$92,134 / \$84,278-\$109,560

*ALL HIRING IS SUBJECT TO THE YUROK TRIBE'S HIRING PREFERENCE*



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**The staff at the Yurok Tribe's Redwood Hotel Casino are already receiving accolades for their excellent service. The hard-working crew recently earned Booking.com's Award of Excellence. Hotel staff featured in this photo include: Timber Scott-Vanderzanden, Cheyenne Zosel-Sanderson, Angel Young, Rebecca Melvin, Ashley Montez, Tom Alderman, Klinton Hunsucker, Cautipshaun Donahue, Kegan Sanderson, Jimmie Jones and Nathan HJ Burgess.**



