



Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

Tribe works for salmon on Trinity

Gravel project will replace rock for spawning beds displaced by dams on the Klamath's largest tributary



Tribe works on Trinity for spring salmon

The restoration project will also benefit wildlife on the trib

Yurok Tribal Member Larry Dwayne Proctor might have been a tyrannosaurus rex in a previous life.

He operates a 25-foot tall, 10,000 pound bull dozer like it is an extension of his body, making tight turns with the quickness and agility of the ancient beast.

Proctor and an equally skilled dozer operator, Yurok Tribal Member Rich Nelson, recently deposited thousands of yards of gravel perfect for spawning salmon in the Trinity River. The drastically needed, fish-propagating measure was part of a Trinity basin-wide effort to rehabilitate salmon habitat, known as the Trinity River Restoration Program.

The crew, headed by Watershed Restoration Program Manager and Yurok Tribal Member Walt “Red

Snake” Lara III, delivered the gravel at two locations just below the Lewiston Dam. In addition to blocking fish migration, the structure also obstructs the flow of spawning-size sediment from the headwaters of the river. Ever since the dams were built the amount of salmon spawning habitat has decreased exponentially and now humans have to replace it.

The annual infusion of thousands of tons of small rocks coincided with managed spring flow releases from Lewiston Dam to 11,000 cubic feet per second.

“This is the most horse power were going to get from the

river,” Lara III said. “We’re doing this for our spring salmon.”

The increased flows were released to mimic natural snowmelt in a water-abundant year such as this one. The hope is that other Trinity Basin creatures such as frogs, turtles and songbirds are not adversely affected. Simultaneously, the TRRP conducted intensive field monitoring to assess potential impacts to infrastructures, including several houses and the Bucktail Bridge. Post release monitoring of geomorphic effects will continue through the summer.

The bulk of the culturally important, spring salmon run returns to the Trinity River to reproduce every year.

This project is one of many the Yurok Tribe is undertaking from the top of the Klamath Basin to mouth to increase salmon stocks, which benefits

tribal and non-tribal members alike. The Trinity River is the largest Klamath tributary and is also important for fall chinook and coho salmon, steelhead, cutthroat trout, green sturgeon and pacific lamprey. The health of the river is also the foundation for numerous species of water fowl and land-based wildlife.

The Trinity River Restoration Program is a partnership between the Yurok Tribe, Hoopa Valley Tribe, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Forest Service, U.S. Department of the Interior, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service,

“We’re doing this for our spring salmon.”
Walt “Red Snake” Lara III~ Watershed Restoration Program Manager

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Yurok Tribe Watershed Restoration Specialist Larry Dwayne Proctor drops gravel into the Trinity River. The Lewiston Dam blocks spawning sediment from entering the river, which is detrimental to salmon.

California Fish and Game, California Department of Water Resources and Trinity County. The TRRP and its partners, using cutting edge technology, will monitor the gravel project and determine its effectiveness in increasing spawning habitat and promote geomorphic processes to increase habitat diversity for fry and juvenile salmon and steelhead.

The overarching aim of the TRRP, which is guided by the Trinity River Record of Decision, is “not to create pre-dam conditions; rather, the goal is to create a smaller, dynamic alluvial channel exhibiting all the characteristics of the pre-dam river, but at a smaller scale.” In other words, the goal is to create diversity of habitats for hundreds of species that depend on the Trinity basin for part or all of their lifecycle.

For example, the partner agencies have created side channel safe-havens for juvenile fish and waterfowl and have inserted large logs to make deeper holes and separate sediment.

The Trinity River Mainstem Fishery Restoration Environmental Impact Statement and the Record of Decision, which the Yurok Tribe contributed to, were passed in 2000. The legally binding Trinity River ROD “outlines the plan to implement the recovery of the Trinity River and its wildlife populations,” according to the TRRP website. The genesis of the EIS and ROD is to correct an act of congress from the 1950s that allowed hundreds of thousands of acre feet of water to be diverted to California’s Central Valley, resulting in loss of rearing habitats and severe reductions in salmon and steelhead populations that the Yurok Tribe depends on for cultural and subsistence needs. ❄

For more information visit: <http://www.trrp.net/>



The Watershed Restoration crew use a special belt to infuse the Trinity with spawning gravel.



Watershed Restoration Specialists dump gravel below the dam.



Tribe making progress on Scenic Byway

The designation would greatly benefit travelers to Yurok Country

The path to a National Scenic Byway designation is long and onerous, but the rewards are broad and numerous. If the Yurok Tribe is able to secure a spot in the highly competitive federal program, it will be able to put a large Yurok stamp on the Tribe's ancestral territory.

"Travelers will know when they reach Yurok Country," said Yurok Tribal Member Isaac Kinney, Scenic Byway Program Coordinator. "We will be able to share our story, using a number of creative tools, in our voice."

Currently, it is ambiguous for travelers as to where Yurok Country starts and ends, which severely limits tourists' ability to learn about the Tribe in a meaningful way. Becoming part of the Scenic Byway Program would enable to Tribe to share with the greater public its rich cultural heritage and considerable contributions to the community in contemporary times.

Some of the Tribe's Scenic Byway preliminary plans envision educational kiosks in highly trafficked areas, interpretive panels at commonly used trailheads and a visitor's center full of interesting information about the area from the Tribe's perspective. The roads currently under consideration for the program are Highway 101, Highway 169 North and South, Requa Rd. and Bald Hills Road. More roads may be added to list in future.

The Tribe recently received \$195,000 for the second stage of process. This phase will entail developing a Cultural Resources and Environmental Interpretive Plan and an Economic Impact Study for the proposed project.

Both plans will be used to identify sensitive cultural and natural resources and to find the best ways to protect and preserve these resources. The Economic Impact Study will provide vital data on which areas within the Reservation

and the Tribe's ancestral territory are visited the most by travelers. These two documents will guide the Tribe's Scenic Byway Program staff as it develops strategies to identify appropriate interpretive projects to positively promote Yurok ways of life.

Although the Yurok Tribe's Planning Department received its first Scenic Byways grant in 2009, the Yurok Scenic Byways Program was established in April of this year.

Establishing a program is the first step in the journey for national designation.

Currently, the Scenic Byway Program staff, headed by

Transportation Manager and Yurok Tribal Member, Joe James, is putting together an inventory of possible roads and routes to be folded into the program. The Corridor Management Plan

will include what interpretive assets are currently available and where new ones could be strategically placed along the corridors.

The staff has also facilitated a number of public meetings to give the community a strong voice in the process. A final designation is a lot of hard work essentially making the case for a Yurok Scenic Byway and few years out.

"A designation will drastically better access to information about the majestic landscapes that blanket the Yurok Ancestral Territory and the people placed here to maintain it," Kinney concluded.

For more information visit: www.yuroktribe.org/planning/scenicbyway ✘

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Isaac Kinney ~ Scenic Byway Program Coordinator

Tribe sponsors dual agency training, buys brusher

Road Maintenance Supervisor David Frye believes that collaboration is one of the best ways to maximize services for tribal members.

The Yurok Watershed Department's Road Maintenance Division recently teamed up with Humboldt County Road Maintenance crew out of Hoopa to do some cross-training on Bald Hills road.

"This is a great opportunity to build on interagency cooperation and share limited resources," said Frye.

The practice scenario consisted of digging out a failing section of road, covering it with a special road fabric and back filling the road's surface.

In addition to the Yurok and Humboldt road crews, Humboldt Road Superintendent Kim Conrad, Road Maintenance Supervisor Jim Shores and Humboldt County's Deputy Public Works Director Arthur Reeves, were on hand at the one-day training.

"This was a perfect opportunity for the people in both agencies to get to know each other," said Humboldt County Deputy Public Works Director Arthur Reeves. "In addition to the sharing of knowledge resources, these relationships will pay off significantly in an emergency situation when we will be working together to address a problem as quickly and safely as possible."

Reeves envisions the relationship with the roads

crews to be similar to the one the Tribe's Public Safety Department has with the Humboldt County Sheriff's Office. The Tribe's police are cross-deputized with the Sheriff's Office and respond to calls accordingly. Frye has a similar opinion.

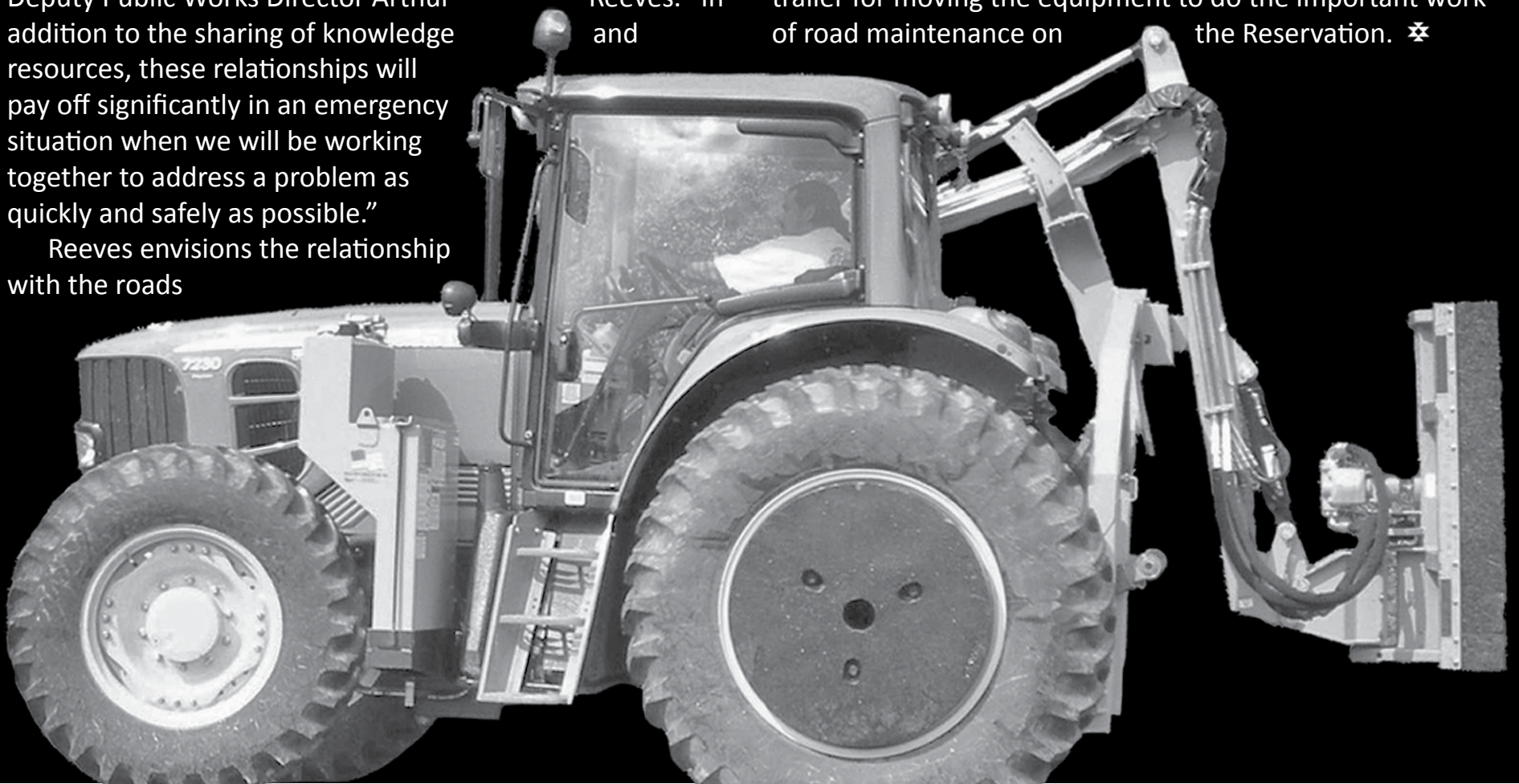
"We only stand to gain working together," Frye concluded.

New Brusher

The Yurok Tribe's Roads Division recently added another machine to its arsenal of road-repairing equipment, a brushing tractor.

Mark Protine, the sales rep for the Tiger mower Company, and Richard Lindsey from Fernbridge tractor taught eight tribal members from the Watershed / Road Maintenance department how to best use the new machine.

In addition to the brusher, the road crew now has a road grader, backhoe, roller, ten yard dump truck with tilt bed trailer for moving the equipment to do the important work of road maintenance on the Reservation. ✘



Environmental Program seeking Yuroks

The Yurok Tribe's Environmental Program is trying to recruit tribal members to go to work for the award-winning program through the AmeriCorps Watershed Stewards Project.

Every year YTEP hires two Watershed Stewards who work side-by-side with the program's biologists and technicians and independently to monitor and protect the environment on the Yurok Reservation.

"This is the ultimate position for people who want real-world experience in the field of environmental protection," said YTEP Assistant Director Ken Fetcho. "It would be great to see two Yuroks fill those spots in 2012."

AmeriCorps WSP members are involved in a wide variety of watershed restoration, assessment and conservation projects, teaching watershed and fisheries-based curriculum to K-12 students, participating in a myriad of community outreach events, and receive high quality training in natural resources and professional development. Each AmeriCorps member is placed with an organization which is committed to preserving and restoring California's watersheds and native salmon runs. WSP members each work under the guidance of a natural resource professional at their placement site to fulfill the WSP mission and provide support for their site. Each site varies in the duties, schedule, and scope of work; however, all sites provide some amount of watershed assessment, education and outreach opportunities, and plenty of training opportunities for members.

At the service site with Yurok Tribe Environmental Program, WSP members will assist in the collection and analysis of watershed and water quality data in the Yurok Reservation. Field activities include hydrologic and sediment monitoring of anadromous fish-spawning tributaries,

water quality monitoring of the main-stem Klamath River, watershed assessments and estuary/coastal monitoring. Members will be encouraged to participate in all aspects of the Tribe's water quality program from beginning to end. Community outreach activities may include classroom presentations, participation at Tribal and local events, and/or developing interpretive displays.

The term starts on 10/3/2011 and ends on 8/11/2012.

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Ken Fetcho~ YTEP Assistant Director

Program Requirements and Benefits for Members

Qualifications: Minimum of 25 semester units of science and/or equivalent scientific fieldwork/study;

strong interest in natural resources; dedication to serving the community

Duration: 10.5 months (10/3/2011-8/11/2012) and a minimum of 1,700 hours Total

Stipend: \$13,600 total (approximately \$1,295 per month)

Benefits: No-cost Medical Insurance, Child Care (eligibility requirements for child care benefits apply), Student Loan Forbearance, and Numerous Training and Professional Development Opportunities

Educational Award: \$5,500 upon completion of the 10.5-month / 1700 hour term

Visit the website to apply at: <http://watershedstewards.com/application> ✖

Yurok Youth looking for volunteers

The Yurok Tribe's Social Services Department's Yurok Youth Program is looking for elders who need help this summer.

The Program will be assigning Yurok youth to do yard work, wash windows, wash cars, sweep floors and do simple repairs for 15 elders.

Interested elders should cut out the card to the right, check the appropriate boxes and return to Ronnie Nulph as soon as possible.

Nulph works in the Social Services Eureka Office.

The address is 525 7th St, 95501, Eureka, Ca.

Yurok Youth Program



Summer Project

The Yurok youth Program will select fifteen youth to provide community service to elders. The Youth will help with yard work, household assistance etc. Please check a box where service is needed. Limit is two per household.

- Yard work Windows Car washing
Quick Fix Repairs Weed Eating Sweeping
Other _____ Please explain

If you are an elder 60 or older and would like to participate in this program, please call Ronnie Nulph at (707) 445-2422 as soon as possible.

2011 YUROK TRIBE ELECTION NOTICE

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

**NORTH DISTRICT
REQUA DISTRICT
WEITCHPEC DISTRICT**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE, (*MUST BE AT LEAST 25 YEARS OF AGE*), YOU MAY PICK UP NOMINATION PAPERS BEGINNING JUNE 20, 2011 AT THE YUROK TRIBAL OFFICE IN KLAMATH.

THERE IS A \$25 FILING FEE DUE WHEN YOU PICK UP THE NOMINATION PAPERS.

THE NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES JULY 22, 2011.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, PLEASE CALL THE ELECTION DEPARTMENT AT (707) 482-1350.

YUROK TRIBE 2011 ELECTION SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 12, 2011	PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 9, 2011	RUNOFF ELECTION

JUNE 20 (8:30AM)	FIRST DAY TO ISSUE NOMINATION PAPERS FOR COUNCIL OFFICE
JULY 13 (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO REGISTER WHEN MOVING INTO A DIFFERENT DISTRICT (90 DAYS)
JULY 22 (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS
AUGUST 12, (5:00PM)	LAST DAY TO FILE INITIATIVE(S)
AUGUST 12	PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION (54 DAYS)
AUGUST 26	LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION (47 DAYS)
AUG 29-31	BOARD CERTIFICATION OF NEW REGISTRANTS
SEPTEMBER 2	MAIL OUT SAMPLE BALLOTS TO REGISTERED VOTERS (40 DAYS)
SEPTEMBER 16	MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS (26 DAYS)
SEPTEMBER 23	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL (14 DAYS)
OCTOBER 5	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE (5 DAYS)
OCTOBER 12, 2011	PRIMARY ELECTION
OCTOBER 21	LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL FOR RUN OFF (14 DAYS) <i>ONLY IF YOU DID NOT REQUEST AN ABSENTEE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION</i>
OCTOBER 21	MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUN OFF (19 DAYS)
NOVEMBER 2	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE FOR RUN OFF (5 DAYS)
NOVEMBER 9, 2011	RUNOFF ELECTION

2011 VOTING DISTRICTS
NORTH, REQUA AND WEITCHPEC DISTRICTS

ROCKIN' THE TRINITY RIVER

DURING HIGH WATER THE TRIBE LAYS DOWN GRAVEL FOR SPAWNING SALMON

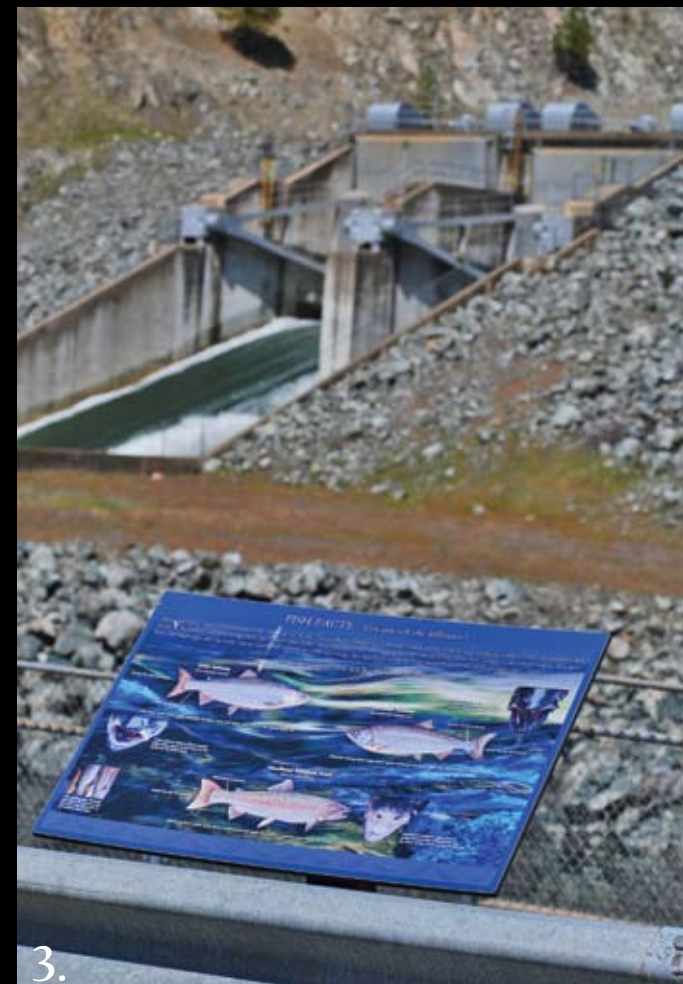


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1. Restoration Specialists Rich Nelson and Larry Proctor drop rock in the Trinity River.
2. Restoration Specialist Larry Proctor dumps gravel. The project is part of the a larger vision to make the tributary more habitable for fish.
3. The Lewiston Dam blocks fish migration and it also blocks the flow of good sediment.
4. The river flows fast because of the managed release, which mimics natural snow melt.
5. Restoration Specialist Larry Proctor picks up a load of gravel.
6. The gravel introduced to the river will one day hold redds.
7. Watershed Restoration Program Manager Walt "Red Snake" Lara III talks safety with Larry Proctor.



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Yurok man leaves legendary legacy in Humboldt

Aawok Wally Scott had three families: a biological family, a baseball family and a military one. While he was extremely committed to all three, the level of importance he rendered each came in that order.

Scott, a Yurok Tribal Member and the best shortstop to ever come from Humboldt County, was born in Trinidad on September 16, 1923 and raised in Blue Lake. As a child he went to school, played sports, fished and worked for his uncle cutting wood for 10 cents a cord and weeding a vegetable garden for 10 cents a row.

In 1941, Scott graduated high school and was already well known throughout the state for his superior skills on the baseball diamond. He was offered scholarships to UCLA and St. Mary's University but decided to move to San Francisco where he would get greater exposure to the big league.

It worked. The Salt Lake City bees, a farm team for the pros, offered him spot for the 1942 season. Before he could move to the Beehive State he was drafted to fight in World War II.

Rather than picking up ground balls, Scott put down rounds .50 caliber machine gun from a B-17 bomber. With a team of ten, Scott flew 32 missions to end the imperial, insane ambitions of Nazi Germany. He was slated to finish 35 missions but the 351st Bomb Group decided Scott's time would be better spent training new recruits stateside. His plane, the Yankee Rebel, was shot down and all of the crew perished shortly after his departure.

Scott left the military a Sergeant. He was awarded the Air Medal, the Distinguished Flying Cross and Purple Heart. He took a piece of shrapnel to the chest after a round from a German anti-aircraft cannon destroyed the radio compartment of the plane.

Just after leaving the service, Scott joined the Humboldt Crabs where he earned the moniker, "Great Scott." Again, pro scouts called on the mighty infielder. This time the Salem Senators, a feeder team for the Portland Beavers, wanted him. He played for the squad for two years before his aunt passed away, leaving Scott with a greater obligation than baseball.

He moved home to take care of his Aunt's estate and chose hang up his hopes of baseball career. 1951 would be the last year Scott would play organized ball.

He married JoAnne Murdock and worked in the woods as a logger until he retired. The Scott's raised eight children.

Even in his later years, the Humboldt County legend made it to the ballpark to take in a game and cheer on his team. He also maintained the physique of an infielder, lean, but strong.

Wally Scott passed way at his home on March 1, 2011 with his family present and was given a military funeral at the Trinidad Cemetery.

The Humboldt Crabs will honor Scott at the June 4, 2011 Crab game at the Arcata Ball Park at 6:30 pm. ✘



Yurok wrestler transforms his future

Yurok Tribal Member Richard Green knows something about serendipity and seizing opportunity.

Up until two weeks ago, his future after graduating from Ferndale High School involved boot camp, followed by a possible deployment to Iraq or Afghanistan.

After the recent Redding Freestyle Wrestling Tournament the head coach for Shasta College offered him a spot on the team's roster.

"I would have never expected that. It was a really big deal for me because I was going to go into the Marines," Green said.

Green still plans on entering the armed forces, but he now plans to finish college, which he knows will only benefit him in the service. He first chose to pursue a position in the military because he wants to do meaningful work.

"I like the idea of working hard and becoming something big," Green said.

The six foot, 171 pounder only started wrestling in his Junior year, however he played football through all four years of high school.

"I wanted to try something different," Green said.

While Green may be taller than average, he is diminutive for a defensive lineman. Wrestling, which requires significantly more metabolic conditioning, totally improved his abilities on the gridiron.

"There was a drastic change between this year and last year," Green said. "I was really fast when I came off the line. My all around playing, my form and my aggressiveness were all entirely different."

Green went 32 and 12 for the wrestling season. He won two



Yurok wrestler Richard Green stands atop the winner's podium.

tournaments and finished in the top five in many others. His most notable accomplishment was coming in first place in his weight class overall in the Humboldt County/Del Norte Conference.

The young man is a capable fisherman, who sets net every year in the estuary of the Klamath, and hunts deer and ducks. Green is also humble about his achievements and grateful to those who have helped him along the way.

"I really appreciate Mckinleyville High School Wrestling Coach Virgil Moorehead for introducing me to the Shasta coach. It literally changed the direction of my life," Green concluded. ✘

Honor Flight Northern California, a regional nonprofit, recently flew a crew of Yurok WWII veterans to Washington DC to visit the WWII Memorial.

(In order shown in the picture) Yurok vets Junior McKinnon, Willard Carlson Jr, Archie Thompson, Willard Carlson Sr, Frank Richards (Smith River Elder) Lawrence Orcutt and David O'Neill made the late May trip. Willard Carlson Jr. and David O'Neill, both veterans of Vietnam, went along to make sure the elder vets had everything they needed.

"It was great," said Willard Carlson Jr., who had the smile of a man who just returned from an amazing trip.

Many WWII vets have not been able to view the memorial because it was not dedicated until 2004, almost sixty years after the end of the war.

For more information visit HonorFlightnorcal.org. ✘



Court starts sexual assault intervention program

The Yurok Tribe's Tribal Court has obtained funding through the Office on Violence Against Women to conduct Sexual Assault Intervention and Related Assistance Program. Gail Tarbell, a crisis worker, has been hired to handle response to calls and provide support services to victims of rape and sexual assault and family members of any age, male or female.

Services will include a 24 hour hotline and assistance with obtaining a Temporary Restraining Order (TRO) also called a Temporary Protection Order (TPO). An Emergency Restraining Order may be issued immediately by a peace officer of the Yurok Tribal police or County.

Emergency response services include first response by a Crisis Worker/ Advocate. In cases of rape, survivors are encouraged to call 911 and immediately go to an emergency room for an exam for their own well being and for the collection of evidence. It is extremely important to obtain DNA samples before the victim showers or douches. The Crisis Worker/Advocate may transport and accompany the victim to the hospital for support.

The Crisis Worker/Advocate may also provide:

- o Assistance in filing for a Temporary Restraining (Protection) through the Yurok Tribal Court or the County Court/ District Attorney's Office.
- o Transportation and/or accompaniment to court or legal services.
- o Referral to local counseling services and support groups
- o Local resources available such as the Victim Witness Program
- o Material resources such as emergency sheltering, food, clothing, transportation, and relocation assistance may be provided upon need.

Access to Services

Toll Free Helpline is 1-855-WIL-HELP
Yurok Tribe (707) 482-1350 ext. 340

By referral from:

- o Tribal Court
- o Yurok Social Services Department
- o Yurok Tribal Police
- o Other agencies

Klamath Salmon Festival

Sign up for the Noo-rey-o-won-ee (Beautiful girl inside and out)/ Keet-ko (Strong/Able boy) Contest

• Formerly known as the Pretty Girl/Young Warrior Contest



To sign up contact Andrea McCovey at 482-1350 ext 407
Melva Hurn (707) 482-1350 ext 361

Contestants Must:

Advertise raffle and contestant by poster;

Not be married, have children, or living with a cohabitant;

Sell a minimum of \$250 in order to place/receive a percentage of the proceeds.

Contestants/Parents are required to participate in the construction and preparation of the Salmon Festival

All tickets must be turned in by WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17, 2011 at 12:00 noon

Land Purchase Celebration in Klamath

•When: Thursday, June 16 at 2pm •Where: Yurok Tribal Office, Klamath, CA 190 Klamath Blvd.



The Yurok Tribe, Western Rivers Conservancy and Green Diamond Resource Company cordially invite you to join us in celebrating the completion of a 22,000-acre land purchase along the lower Klamath River. This project not only protects cold-water tributaries for endangered Klamath River salmon, it will enable the Yurok to create a sustainable community forest, protect cultural resources and enhance fish and wildlife habitat.

DEPARTMENT PROFILE

The main function of the Yurok Tribe's Human Resources Department is to take care of all the employment-related needs of tribal workers from the time contact is made for an interview to the last day on the job.

Human Resources develops job descriptions, sets up and facilitates interviews, recruits new employees and manages personnel files.

Landing a job at the Yurok Tribe is similar in many ways to securing employment for any other government, corporation or nonprofit organization. In a few ways, it's not.

Applicants must have experience that matches the job description, a resume and do well in the interview.

The most common obvious difference between getting a job with the Tribe and obtaining employment elsewhere is that the Tribe has a tiered Native American preference policy. What this strictly enforced mandate means is that if a potential employee is an enrolled Yurok Tribal member and qualified, she or he will be interviewed first. If the candidate scores above a certain percentage

in the interview, the applicant will be hired. The second preferential tier is for native spouses of Yurok Tribal members. The third is all other enrolled Native American tribal members. The fourth tier is non-native spouses of Yurok Tribal members and the last tier is for non-Indians.

The HR Department is also charged with doing intake for all new employees which entails filling out paperwork and a pre-employment drug screening.

The Human Resources Department also brings trainers who specialize in certain areas, such as leadership development, to enhance the professional development of current employees.

The Personnel Committee, which is made up of three Yurok Tribal Employees, two Council Members and the Executive Director, create policy, oversee the creation of new job descriptions and may monitor grievance hearings. To learn more about the Human Resources Department or to view current job listings visit www.yuroktribe.org or at www.facebook.com/YurokTribeHumanResources ✘



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Check out the new Salmon Fest event

The Yurok Tribe is bringing back a vintage event to compliment the full menu Klamath Salmon Festival activities.

This year will be the first in a long, long time that the festival will have a Smoked Salmon and Pie Baking Contest. The palate pleasing competition will be judged blindly by a professional chef, a Yurok elder and a youth.

The Yurok Tribe's Klamath Salmon Festival is Saturday, August 20, 2011. Each participant must turn in a half pound of smoked salmon or one pie by 9a.m. on the morning of the event. The last day to sign up for the culinary contest is August 10, 2011. Please contact Jennifer Burgess at (707) 482-1372 to sign up.

The contest is open to all. Please see the categories below.

Salmon Categories:

- Best Overall
- Most Unique
- Traditional
- Sweet
- Spicy

Pie Categories

- Best Overall
- Most Unique
- Best Fruit
- Best Cream
- Sugar Free

SPRING FLING DATES

Social Services' 12th Annual Spring Fling is right around the corner. The family event is shaping up to be the best ever.

Weitchpec- Saturday June 11,2011

Time: 11:00am-3pm

Location: Weitchpec Yurok Tribal Office.

Klamath- Saturday June 18,2011

Time:11:00am-3:00pm

Location: Klamath Yurok Tribal Office.

Yurok interns for U.S. Congressman

Yurok Tribal Member Whitlee Preim is proof that hard works pays off.

Preim, (pronounced prime) recently finished George Washington University's Semester in Washington Politics on a Native American Political Leadership Program scholarship. Simultaneously, while she was in Washington DC, Preim interned for U.S. Congressman Kurt Schrader.

"Seeing how the legislature works and how bills get passed was really interesting," Preim said. "It gave me extra motivation to back there and make difference."

Along with others in the Native American Political Leadership Program, Preim went to watch the National Congress of American Indians President Jefferson Keel give the State of Indian Nations speech and met him after.

"What an honor," the Oregon resident said.

Currently, Preim, who carries a 3.8 GPA, is a senior at Portland State University where she is completing a Bachelor's of Science in Criminal Justice. She plans on doing post graduate work at the American Military University where she wants to pursue a master's degree in national security studies with an emphasis in terrorism.

Every since she can remember, Preim has been interested in criminal justice, however she could not see herself as a police officer or a correctional officer. Her big sister, Jennifer Deitz, is in the Navy and offered Preim a window into the world of national defense. Also, like many other millennials, as evidenced by the high celebrations of others in her age group after the slaying of Osama bin Laden, 9/11 had an immense impact on her.

"Terrorism is a big threat to the United States, whether it originates internationally and within the country," Preim said. "I want to work for Homeland Security or the Department of Defense. I would like to contribute in some way to the security of the nation."

As an intern for Representative Schrader, Preim's duties were to log constituent concerns, research issues and take residents from his district on tours of

the Capitol. By the end of her tenure, Schrader's staff had enough confidence in Preim to allow her answer constituents' questions on Representative Schrader's behalf and edit press releases. It also afforded her the experience of living within walking distance from the White House.

"Seeing the people I'd only watched on C-Span when I went to get coffee was an amazing experience," Preim said.

Preim receives \$500 a semester from the Yurok Tribe's Education Department to help offset the expense of secondary education.

"It's a shame we can't offer students like Whitlee more support," said Jim McQuillen, the Yurok Tribe's Education Department Director. "It is an inspiration to see this student pursuing such big dreams."

Preim's teachers also see that she has a special skill set that sets her apart from her fellow classmates.

"She is a model student," according to her criminal justice professor Chief Ron Louie, Ret. "She has great promise both academically and professionally."

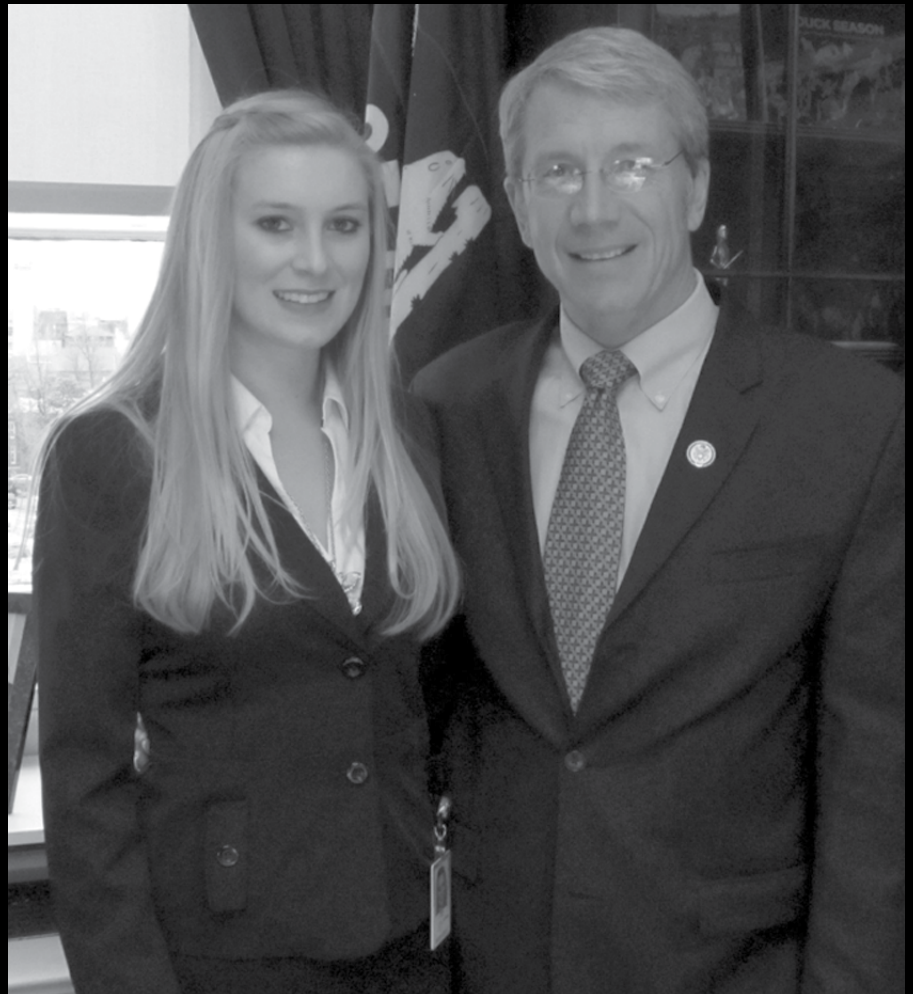
In addition to being a stellar student, Preim is also a devoted volunteer for women's causes. She has organized domestic violence awareness events, clothing drives and personal hygiene drives and worked at shelters for homeless women. She has also given her time to Willamette Falls Hospital, retirement homes all over Clackamas County and is a member of the American Red Cross.

"It sounds kind of cheesy: I just like giving back. I've been fortunate and blessed and I'm able to do it," Preim said. "It is rewarding for me to give something back."

Just two years ago Preim met her biological grandparents who are also Yurok. Her mother, who was adopted, stumbled across Bob and Donna Halstead-Smith's names while she was trying to obtain a birth certificate and she contacted them.

"It's been great for us," Preim said. "I didn't have any living grandparents. I've been going to Hoopa to visit them and they've come here. All of us have really been enjoying our time together."

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Whitlee Preim~ Yurok Tribal Member



Yurok Tribal Member Whitlee Preim stands with United States Congressman Kurt Schrader.

When Preim's not at school or helping others, she is on the Oregon coast bottom fishing or chasing tuna, which is something she won't get to do nearly as much when she starts graduate school.

"I love being on a boat, being on the water," Preim said. "It can be relaxing and exciting and, of course, you get to eat the fish, which is the best part."

The American Military Academy is an online school, which will allow Preim to move back to the District of Columbia and hopefully get a job in the legislative office to pay for school-related expenses.

"I want to spend most of my living years working over there," Preim concluded.

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