



Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

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YUROK TRIBE 2018 ELECTION SCHEDULE

OCTOBER 10, 2018	PRIMARY ELECTION
NOVEMBER 7, 2018	RUNOFF ELECTION

OCTOBER 9	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE (1 DAY)
OCTOBER 10, 2018	PRIMARY ELECTION
OCTOBER 26	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 19	MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUN OFF (19 DAYS)
NOVEMBER 6	LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE FOR RUN OFF (1 DAY)
NOVEMBER 7, 2018	RUNOFF ELECTION

2018 VOTING DISTRICTS CHAIRPERSON, VICE-CHAIRPERSON AND ORICK DISTRICT

Notice of Hearing YTCV 2018-029 YTCV 2018-032 YTCV 2018-036 YTCV 2018-060

TO: Unknown Tribal Members

Yurok Tribal Court Case #'s: YTCV 2018-029, YTCV 2018-032, YTCV 2018-036 and YTCV 2018-060

A Complaint of Violations of the 2018 Harvest Management Plan (nets within 100 yards of the River or in boats during a closure) have been filed by:

Office of Tribal Attorney, in the Yurok Tribal Court, on behalf of the Yurok Tribe.

The hearing will be held in the Yurok Tribal Justice Center as follows:

Thursday, November 15, 2018 at 10:00 a.m.

Court Address: 230 Klamath Boulevard, Klamath, CA 95548

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

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

Attorney for the Petitioner:

Office of Tribal Attorney

Yurok Tribe

190 Klamath Boulevard

Klamath, CA 95548

(707) 482-1350

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that MARGARET ELOISE ROBBINS has filed a

Petition with the Yurok Tribal Court to change the present legal name of

Petitioner, DELEYANA ROSEMARIE AGUILERA to the name ROSE MARIE

ROBBINS. The hearing will be held at The Yurok Justice Center 230 Klamath Blvd,

Klamath, CA 95548 on DECEMBER 12, 2018 at 10:30 AM.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of

Petitioner's name as aforesaid shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court

within ten (10) days after the last date of the last publication of this Notice.

NOTICE OF PETITION FOR CHANGE OF NAME

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Mabel Sarah Long has filed a Petition, at the Yurok Tribal Court at 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548 to change the present legal name of Petitioner, to the name Mabel Sarah Butts. The hearing will be held at The Yurok Justice Center on: October 4 at 10 AM.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that any person having objection to the changing of Petitioner's name as aforesaid shall file written objection with the above-entitled Court within ten (10) days after the last date of the last publication of this Notice.

30 Day PUBLIC NOTICE RECOMMENDATION FOR YUROK TRIBE

RESIDENTIAL LAND ASSIGNMENT

PUBLIC NOTICE TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS

The following Tribal Member has applied for a Land Assignment on the Yurok Reservation. Any Tribal Member wishing to comment on the following land assignment application may submit written comments to the Yurok Tribe's Planning & Community Development Department. All comments must be in writing and include the name, address and signature of the person making the comments. Comments must specify which land assignment they are addressing and must be received by the Planning Department by October 25, 2018. If you have any questions please call Samantha Myers at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1361.

- (Category B) Transfer of an existing assignment: Lillian Griffith land assignment MCKH-022 BIA HRP-655 Prior Assignee (Awok Earl Griffith Jr) APN: 534-126-008 located on McKinnon Hill.

Submit all written comments by the above deadline to the following address:

Attention: Samantha Myers

P.O. Box 1027

Planning & Community Development Department

Klamath, CA 95548

Salina Meyers, by order of the court you are hereby advised that you are summoned to Yurok Tribal Court at 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548, in the matter of *Andrew Salinas v. Salina Meyer* YT-FL-2017-25 on **October 5th** at 10:00 AM. You have 20 days to respond. The court may make decisions in your absence if you fail to respond.

Chey-Anne Williams, by order of the court you are hereby advised that you are summoned to Yurok Tribal Court at 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548, in the matter of *Thomas Williams v. Chey-Anne Williams* YT-FL-2015-51 on **October 5th** at 10:00 AM. You have 20 days to respond. The court may make decisions in your absence if you fail to respond.

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New court aims to assist Yurok families

Dual jurisdictional court seeks to help parents beat addiction

Eureka—The Superior Court of Humboldt County and the Yurok Tribal Court recently introduced an innovative alternative for parents who are struggling to care for their children as a result of substance abuse.

Families involved in juvenile dependency cases now have an option to enter into the new Family Wellness Court, a cutting-edge, dual jurisdictional court, which aims to assist families in breaking the cycle of addiction, the root cause of many, local child abuse and neglect cases.

Joyce D. Hinrichs, the Presiding Judge of the Humboldt Superior Court and Abby Abinanti, the Yurok Tribal Court’s Chief Justice, with input from more than 50 stakeholders, have been working continuously since October of 2017 when they agreed on a shared vision of improving outcomes for children, families, and communities by administering justice in a safe and supportive environment that empowers families to create positive change.

Together, Judge Abinanti and Judge Hinrichs will preside over the cases, convene frequent family wellness team meetings and connect families to tribal and non-tribal services that are uniquely tailored for each family’s recovery and their children’s wellbeing.

“What we are engaged in is nothing short of redesigning a new and better way of doing things when it comes to our families who are struggling with substance abuse and have children in the child welfare system,” said Judge Hinrichs.

“We believe this collaborative approach will address the root causes of substance abuse. We’re in a better position to empower our families and provide support and services to them, because we are doing it together,” said Judge Abinanti.

In response to the opioid epidemic in Humboldt County, where despite being less than 7% of the overall county population Native American children are disproportionately involved in the county’s child welfare system, this new collaborative court is a welcome and critical new resource for these families.

“We have held town hall meetings on the opioid crisis and have seen first-hand how well our communities come together over a serious health problem impacting all of us— this partnership is phenomenal. We are committed to supporting our judicial leaders, like Judge Abinanti and Judge Hinrichs, and all our county, tribal, and nonprofit leaders who came together to create this new innovative justice approach,” said Senator McGuire.

“Too many tribal and non-tribal families are suffering from substance abuse-related issues. It makes sense to direct our combined resources toward resolving the underlying causes of addiction in our shared community,” said Thomas P. O’Rourke Sr, the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. “By creating a joint jurisdictional court, the Yurok Tribe and Humboldt County of California strategic partnership sets an excellent example for intergovernmental partnership that will serve as a model for courts in California and around the country

“The Family Wellness Court with its harm reduction and coordinated team approach will connect children and families to their cultures, create culturally competent services, and help our families, improving justice outcomes in our tribal nations and surrounding communities,” said Humboldt County Supervisor Virginia Bass.

How the Joint-jurisdictional Court Works

Two judges, Hon. Abby Abinanti, Chief Judge of the Yurok Tribal Court and Hon. Joyce D. Hinrichs, Presiding Judge of the Humboldt Superior Court, oversee the Family Wellness Court. The judges work collaboratively to identify solutions that best fit each specific family unit. Family Wellness Court participants are also assigned a team, which will ensure access to the most relevant resources in each jurisdiction.

How the Joint-jurisdictional Court Will Be Replicated

The Humboldt Superior Court obtained an innovation grant from the California Judicial Council to establish a joint jurisdictional Family Wellness Court with the Yurok Tribe and to explore options for extending this collaborative approach with all tribes in the region. The grant also supports a non-jurisdictional pilot for all families—tribal and nontribal—as an alternative to the juvenile dependency court process.

The Yurok Tribe and the Northern California Tribal Courts Coalition applied through a competitive process to receive training and technical assistance in extending the collaborative approach to Del Norte County and adapting it for member tribes (Hoopa Valley Tribe and Karuk Tribe) from the QIC-CCCT (Quality

Improvement Center for Research-Based Infant-Toddler Court Teams (QIC.) Project QIC is funded by the Children's Bureau, Administration on Children, Youth and Families, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and is intended to help local jurisdictions provide services for families with infants, and specifically implementation by local counties/ partnerships of the Comprehensive Addiction and Recovery Act (CARA) of 2016, Title V, Section 503, "Infant Plan of Self Care" For more about Project QIC, please visit the website: <http://qicct.org/sites/default/files/principles.pdf>.

The Yurok Tribe/Humboldt County collaborative court will also serve as a model for other tribal and state court judges in California and nationally. ✨



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OCTOBER 10, 2018**

In-depth Opioid Action Plan in the works

Comprehensive plan includes culture-based treatment centers

The Yurok Tribe is working on a Yurok Opioid Action Plan, which focuses on identifying ways to help individuals overcome addiction and to prevent local youth from ever trying these dangerous drugs.

Opioids are a highly addictive class of narcotics that include: heroin, synthetic substances such as fentanyl, and prescription pain relievers, including: oxycodone (OxyContin®), hydrocodone (Vicodin®), codeine, morphine, and many others, according to the National Institute on Drug Abuse (NIDA).

In the past ten years, the number of people struggling with opioid use has grown to epidemic-level proportions on the reservation, in the region and in the United States as a whole. In the last decade, opioid overdose deaths in Humboldt County have increased by almost 300 percent. There is not a single, local family that has not had a relative or friend get hooked on what healthcare professionals call "the granddaddy" of all addictions.

In response to this troubling trend, the Tribe is creating a Yurok Opioid Action Plan, which aims to identify ways to help those suffering to break free from the grip of these life-shattering substances. A primary part of this new project involves seeking

funding for a variety of approaches to assist families, including seeking funding to build a much-needed rehabilitation facility, where people can work to regain sobriety and return to good health.

On behalf of the Yurok Tribal Council, South District Representative Lana McCovey is leading the development of the Tribal Opioid Action Plan. Also working on the document are the Yurok Planning and Community Development Department and the Yurok Tribal Court.

"In this plan, we hope to address three key areas regarding the crisis: Prevention, Treatment, and Aftercare. Part of the prevention piece will be education," said Council Rep. McCovey, who is also a United Indian Health Services board member and a licensed pharmacy technician. "Everyone knows how dangerous heroin is, but many people do not know that abusing prescription painkillers is equally perilous."

Additional Action Plan objectives include:

- Training Tribal citizens to be Certified Alcohol & Drug Treatment (AOD) Counselors

- Expanding the Yurok Wellness Court’s services
- Offering family-orientated treatment services
- Creating a Child Protection Team to improve the handling of child abuse cases in state court
- Providing Youth Drug Prevention activities, mentoring
- Evaluating existing services to determine how they may be remodeled to best serve the communities interests
- Offering more education, training and vocational services
- Providing re-entry housing, support services and expanded job training

A lack of accurate information about the impacts of opioids is largely responsible for the growing number of people who are now dependent on doctor-prescribed, opioid drugs and the surge in the use of heroin and synthetic opioids, like illicitly manufactured fentanyl. In the United States, an estimated 2 million people suffer from substance use disorders related to prescription opioid pain relievers, according to the NIDA.

The reason why doctors’ patients and even doctors themselves were not properly informed about the risks associated with opioid painkillers is now a legal issue. In March of this year, the Yurok Tribe filed a Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations (RICO) lawsuit against 20 of the largest manufacturers and distributors of prescription opioids for the damage that their drugs have caused in the community. The Tribe alleges that the corporations’ concealed important facts about the dangers of opioids. Also contained in the complaint are charges of false advertising, public nuisance and participating in unlawful, unfair, and/or fraudulent business practices.

The purpose of the suit is to hold these organizations accountable for the over prescribing of opioid painkillers throughout the United States. It is not the Tribe’s intent to limit access for those who legitimately need these medications. However, the Tribe firmly believes that this class of drugs needs to be much more carefully regulated because of their now crystal clear potential for misuse.

Alongside the extreme escalation in opioid abuse has been a sharp hike in the number of people who are hooked on heroin. “About 80 percent of people who use heroin first misused prescription opioids,” according to the NIDA.

Opioids are even more addictive than methamphetamine and cocaine, according to mental health professionals. It is much more difficult to get off of opioids because of the fast forming, severe physical and psychological dependence resulting from the sustained use of these drugs. People quitting stimulants,

such as meth, solely have to contend with mental and emotional challenges, but they do not have to deal with the hellish withdrawal symptoms inherent to opioids.

Abruptly halting prolonged prescription painkiller use generates horrific withdrawals. In general, when individuals stop taking these drugs they experience an extreme form of the flu, which is coupled with lasting insomnia, severe depression and fatigue. These drugs disrupt just about all of the body’s systems.

Prescription opioids, such as Vicodin, also contain large amounts of acetaminophen, the active ingredient in Tylenol. This substance, when consumed in great quantities over time, is proven to considerably compromise the user’s liver and kidneys. An increase in hospital visits due to organ damage coincides with the increase in local opioid use.

It is nearly impossible to identify exactly how many people are addicted to opioids on tribal lands. However, based on opioid overdose rates and emergency service visits it is clear that the use of these drugs is growing at a rapid rate. Between 2003 and 2015, Humboldt County experienced a 290 percent increase in overdose deaths. In 2017, more than 250 residents living between Weitchpec and Hoopa were hospitalized as a result of complications associated with opioids.


To draw support for the Tribal Opioid Action Plan, the Yurok Tribe, in mid-July, facilitated a meeting between the following healthcare providers and funding agencies: Indian Health Services, K’ima:w, Health and Human Services, California Rural Indian Health Board, United Indian Health Services and the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration.

“The meeting was very productive in terms of laying the groundwork to bring additional drug treatment services to our people,” Councilmember McCovey said. “The Tribe is actively looking for partners to bring substance abuse prevention and treatment resources to the community.”

At the meeting, the diverse group discussed a whole host of treatment options, ranging from Medical Assisted Treatment to counselling.

“Everyone is different,” said Councilmember McCovey. “What might work for one person might not work for someone else. That is why we are looking at a whole range of therapeutic options.”

Medicated-Assisted Treatment, identified at the meeting as one proven solution, is comprised of the use of a medication called Suboxone, “in combination with counseling and behavioral therapies, to provide a ‘whole-patient’ approach to the treatment of substance use disorders,” according to SAMSHA. It is optimal to quit without medication, but for many people, especially those



who have unsuccessfully tried to abstain, this is not an option because of the severity of their addiction. The drug allows patients to reclaim their judgement and health to a point where they are able ween off of the medication.

Medicated-Assisted Treatment is most commonly performed in a licensed rehabilitation facility, under the care of a specially trained doctor and with support from professional counselors.

The Tribe is working on a potential partnership with the Karuk and Hoopa Valley Tribes to build a centrally located treatment facility, which would offer several different treatment options. This project is in its infancy and updates will be provided as progress occurs.

Many believe that prescription opioids are benign medications because of their laboratory origin. However, these drugs carry a high potential for abuse and can acutely impair one's judgement, as well as physical and psychological health. If you are currently suffering from opioid addiction, please know that there is some help available locally, including the Open Door Community Health Centers in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties.

The Tribal staff members involved in the creation a of this plan view addiction as an illness no different from diabetes and each firmly believes that suffering from opioid abuse deserve to be treated with dignity and respect. ✨

Tribe cancels vital fishery for third year

Low fish numbers show need to fix water allocation issues, remove dams

Due to a relatively low fall Chinook abundance forecast in 2018, the Yurok Tribe has cancelled its commercial fishery for a third consecutive year.

“Our families, many of whom live below the poverty line, have suffered for three straight years in the absence of this much-needed source of income,” said Amy Cordalis, the Yurok Tribe’s General Counsel. “The fish numbers will continue to be inadequate until the Klamath Basin’s water allocation issues are addressed, its water quality improved and the dams removed.”

The salmon decline is devastating to the Yurok people, who depend on fall Chinook salmon for financial security, subsistence and ceremony. Normally this time of year, hundreds of Yurok citizens would be working on the water and on the docks at the mouth of the Klamath River. There would be individuals’ operating cranes that hoist from fishers’ boats totes full of fresh fish, which forklift drivers would then take to refrigerated trucks destined for the market. These numerous living-wage jobs are critical for the Yurok Tribe and the nearby town of Klamath, where the unemployment rate is higher than 30 percent.

“Salmon are a critical component of our local economy. When the fish numbers drop, so do the number of jobs associated with the Tribal fishery and the many businesses that cater to recreational anglers,” Cordalis said.

The forecast for the fall run of Klamath River Chinook salmon shows a modest improvement over the past two years. In 2016

and 2017, the salmon runs were the smallest on record. During those years, the allowable harvest numbers did not come close to satisfying the Tribe’s subsistence needs, let alone allowing for a commercial fishery. For example, in 2017, the Tribe’s quota amounted to less than one-tenth of fish per Yurok citizen. Instead of facilitating a small harvest, the Tribe chose to close its subsistence gill net fishery for the first time in history to allow as many fish as possible to spawn for the benefit of future generations. This year, there will be a marginal harvest of salmon for subsistence, ceremony and Tribal elders.

“We know that dam removal will happen in three years, but the Klamath River salmon population will remain in jeopardy, until the water quality and quantity issues are addressed, large-scale fish habitat restoration is accomplished and dams are removed,” Cordalis said. “We support the farmers and ranchers in the upper basin. At the same time, we must begin the difficult work of determining how we can provide more water for fish.”

In addition to degraded habitat, the Klamath River salmon also have to contend with disease. Over a three-year period between 2014 and 2016, a pathogenic organism called Ceratonova Shasta infected thousands of juvenile fish. Most of the adult salmon that returned to spawn in 2017 were rearing in the river at the height of the outbreak, when up to 91 percent of sampled fish tested positive for the deadly parasite, which thrives in slow-moving, warm water. In the same year, the Tribe successfully sued the

federal government to release more water into the river, a tactic proven to measurably reduce disease infection rates.

Dams, diversions and other human-made alterations have transformed the Klamath into a river that barely resembles the one that salmon evolved in. The Yurok Tribe is actively implementing major projects to restore fish habitat on the main-stem of the Klamath and its tributaries, including the Trinity River, one of the four primary spawning streams of the basin. The Tribe is also engaged in the ongoing process to remove the lower four Klamath River dams, which are slated for decommissioning in 2021.

In concert with prudently resolving the water allocation issue, restoring habitat and dam decommissioning are the most effective actions that can be taken to rebuild the Klamath salmon population.

“Tearing down the dams is absolutely the best thing we can do for fish. We know from other dam removals in the region that salmon numbers rise when rivers are returned to a more natural state,” concluded Cordalis. ✧



Tasheena Natt works a net in the Klamath estuary.

Annual Yurok Planning & Community Development Department

Clothing Giveaway

When: Oct. 13, 2018
Where: Libby Nix Community Center
@ 11 AM- 4 PM


Provide gently used donations to Bessie Shorty
(707) 482-1350 ext. 1365
Klamath Tribal Building

Volunteers welcomed for set up and take down.

Items of interest:
Children's school clothes
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Tribal Council Attendance Jan. 5, 2018 - Sept. 6, 2018



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T indicates approved Travel	"L" indicates excused tardiness	"D" unexcused early departure		
"UL" indicates unexcused tardiness	"UA" indicates unexcused absence			

Date	Meeting	O'Rourke	Gensaw	Hendrix	Natt	Ray	James	Aubrey	McCovey	Vanlandingham
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1/5/2018	Special	X	X	E	X	X	X	X	X	X
1/11/2018	Action	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1/23/2018	Gaming	X	E	X	E	X	X	X	X	X
1/23/2018	Finance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
1/24/2018	Planning	X	X	X	X	E	X	X	X	X
2/7/2018	Planning	T	X	T	X	X	X	X	X	X
2/8/2018	Action	T	X	T	X	X	X	X	X	X
2/14/2018	Special	X	X	T	X	X	T	X	T	X
2/20/2018	Finance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	E	X
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2/21/2018	Planning	X	E	E	X	X	X	X	E	X
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3/22/2018	Action	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	T	X

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4/18/2018	Planning	X	X	V	X	X	X	X	X	V
4/19/2018	Action	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	V
5/2/2018	Gaming	UA	X	UA	V	X	X	X	X	X
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5/22/2018	Finance	X	X	E	X	X	X	E	T	X
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5/24/2018	Action	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
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7/26/2018	Action	X	X	UA	X	X	X	X	T	X
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8/28/2018	Finance	X	X	UA	T	X	X	X	X	X
9/5/2018	Planning	V	X	UA	X	X	X	X	E	X
9/6/2018	Action	V	X	UA	X	X	X	X	E	X

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Tribe pauses cannabis eradication effort

Illegal cannabis cultivators' responsible for damaging natural environment

Four years in, Operation Yurok has delivered the desired result, an end to the black market cannabis industry's caustic impact on the local community and to crucial watersheds on the Yurok Reservation

"Today, the Tribe pushed pause on Operation Yurok because there are no longer any environmentally destructive grow sites on the reservation," said Thomas P. O'Rourke Sr., Chairman of the Yurok Tribe. "We are not quite ready to say 'mission accomplished,' but we are very pleased with how things stand."

Late last week, a Yurok Police Department investigator, along with staff members from the Tribe's environmental and cultural resource protection programs spent two days in a helicopter flying over the lower 44 miles of the Klamath River in preparation for this year's operation.

"I attribute the decline in the number of cultivation sites to the persistence of our multi-agency law enforcement team and to a lesser extent the end of prohibition at the state level. We had to hit a few of the sites multiple times before people finally figured

out that we will not tolerate these kinds of activities," Chairman O'Rourke said. "Reservation residents will feel a lot safer when they enter the forest to gather traditional foods, participate in

ceremony or simply for recreation now that this persistent threat has been eliminated. We will remain vigilant in future years to ensure that history does not repeat itself."

The approximately 150, previously active grow sites will require a protracted and extremely expensive effort to clean up. In several cases, growers had used heavy machinery to carve deep benches into mountains on the reservation, removing all of the vegetation and



even the topsoil. Trash heaps containing toxic chemicals, such as petroleum products and pesticides, were left in the forests above the most populated parts of the east end of the reservation.

Hundreds of miles of plastic PVC pipe are strewn across several significant drainages that flow into the Klamath River. These are just a few examples of the types of costly environmental impacts that the Tribe will now have to resolve.

"We are not quite ready to say 'mission accomplished,' but we are very pleased with how things stand."

Thomas P. O'Rourke Sr., Chairman of the Yurok Tribe

In 2014, the Tribe, with assistance from California Governor Jerry Brown, initiated Operation Yurok in response to a fast-growing number of people who moved to the reservation during the so-called Green Rush. Around the same time, the surrounding counties, located in a prime cannabis growing region, saw an even more steep increase in illegal marijuana production. This underground industry is responsible for severely damaging several sacred sites on the reservation, as well as harming habitat critical for fish and wildlife. On numerous occasions growers have dammed up and diverted 100 percent of the flows from salmon-bearing streams to irrigate crops. Many of those creeks also provide household water supplies to the reservation community.

At its peak in 2015, Operation Yurok eradicated more than 70,000 plants and 1 ton of marketable marijuana buds, stemming from 43 sites. Non-Indians were responsible for all but two of the properties served search warrants in that year.

In the past four years, law enforcement officers participating in Operation Yurok have encountered growers from the east coast of the United States, Southeast Asia and Latin America, including members of Mexican drug cartels. Guns and ammunition were found at almost every site. Today, local residents are apprehensive about venturing into the forest to gather traditional foods, basket-making materials and plant-based medicines, because of the very real potential for an armed altercation with a grower. The operation has received support from multiple local and federal law enforcement agencies, including the Bureau of Indian Affairs.

“Complete eradication was our sole objective from the outset of the operation and it could not have been achieved without outside assistance. The Tribe would like to sincerely thank the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office, BIA and California Governor Jerry Brown for helping us reach this goal,” Chairman O’Rourke ssaid.

In the years after 2015, the quantity of pot plantations and cannabis plant count lessened every summer by about half. In 2017, approximately 5,000 plants were removed from the reservation, during the July operation.

“It was clear from the start that it would require a persistent presence to uproot this problem,” Chairman O’Rourke said. “We were lucky to nip this problem in the bud before it escalated to the scale seen in other parts of Northern California.”

The Yurok Reservation is located in Humboldt County, which is within the Emerald Triangle, and also includes Trinity and

Mendocino Counties. There are 15,000 cultivation sites in Humboldt County alone.

While the environmental threat has been excluded from the reservation, Yurok investigators in the chopper last week identified a handful of remaining illegal plantations just outside of the reservation’s boundaries, but far fewer than existed in previous years. The locations of these sites are being be shared with the Humboldt County Sheriff’s Office.

“We have put a tremendous amount of time and resources into combating this issue because of the exigent threat to reservation residents’ health and safety, our sacred sites and our natural resources. I am glad that it is over, so we can direct our full energy toward projects that directly improve the lives of our people,” concluded Chairman O’Rourke. ✘



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Shaker Church a beacon of hope for all

Local people, organizations pitch in on crucial construction project

Submitted article

The Indian Shaker Church has been a beacon of spiritual support for the community of Wautec for decades. The Yurok people have always been a people of prayer and the Shaker church has provided a bridge from that way of life to modern society. When the ability to practice traditional customs was taken from Yurok people by the U.S. government, the Indian Shaker Church allowed the people to continue to maintain spiritual lives. The church service revolves around healing, and has attracted people far and wide to the community. Songs that were received by the early Wautec Shakers were received in the Yurok language. The spiritual Shaker service has continued to be a catalyst of hope in a remote community.

Spirituality is not a mainstay in society. In that sense, the remote location has been a godsend. This community has held tightly to their spiritual involvement, but with the church in its current state, involvement has waned. The neighborhood is poor. There is very little for the people of Wautec and until we begin to give back to that community, it will continue to be depressed.

The Shaker Church has been a venue for weddings, dedications and funerals, and due to the close proximity to the cemetery provides a gathering spot for people to mourn together following a loss. The dining hall is in a building near the Shaker Church. It is where people enjoy meals after church service, which is a traditional custom of our people. This building provided services to the community independent of the church service as well. The community often utilized it for birthdays, tribal meetings, and holiday community gatherings. After 40 years of service to the community, the dining hall was in such a state of disrepair that it was structurally unsound, had tremendous roof leakage, water damage and had a substantial bat infestation. Having decided that the building was actually posing a hazard to those who utilized it, a number of community volunteers convened to deconstruct the hall in its entirety.

Concerned community members wanted to help address the problem so they created the Wautec Restoration Alliance (WRA). The non-profit group is comprised of individuals who have lived near or have relatives as members of the church and have been volunteering there for decades. The Wautec Restoration Alliance



Numerous community members worked tremendously hard on days off and on weekends to restore the failing infrastructure.

sought funding from Humboldt Area Foundation and were granted funds from the William F. & Ruby M. Kennedy Fund and the California Endowment. These funds were for Project Rebuild Wautec Meeting Hall. The funds were for materials only and the construction labor has been performed by committed community volunteers. The WRA's hope is to rebuild the facility and the number of community activities that happen there, too. We are happy to say that in the construction phase the community has come together for an Easter celebration and the celebration of a college graduation. So we believe our goals are being achieved.

There was building dedication of the Wautec Meeting Hall on August 24 at 1:00 p.m.

We also want to sincerely thank Humboldt Area Foundation, California Endowment, Yurok Tribal Council, Yurok Tribal TERO, Yurok Tribal Planning, Trinity Valley Engineering, Paul Kuska (Journeyman Carpenter), Shawn Korb (Journeyman Carpenter) and all the community members who volunteered from deconstruction to rebuild. ✨

Yurok Obituaries

CLARA LOU MOSELEY passed away peacefully on July 2, 2018, after a long illness at Rio Las Palmas Senior Living Community in Stockton, California. Clara was a Yurok Indian and was born on October 11, 1932, in Klamath and for the most part raised by her grandmother, Lulu Donnelly, whose home was washed out in the 1964-65 flood. Clara attended Humboldt State University and thereafter graduated from Sacramento State University in Sacramento, California with a teaching credential. She taught second and third graders for more than 30 years at the John Cabrillo Elementary School and lived in the Sacramento area for over 60 years.

Clara traveled to many countries, some multiple times, and had diverse cultural interests in addition to her own Native heritage. During the last few years, she was lovingly cared for and a close family member with her Donald and Carolyn Moseley.

Clara is predeceased by her much loved brother, Vincent (Arlene), and her mother, Katherine, her father Stanley, and grandmother Lulu Donnelly, most of whom are buried at the family cemetery above the Glen Road in Klamath. She is also predeceased by her niece, Kathy.

Clara is survived by her nephews, Leonard, Mark, and Kevin Moseley, great nieces, Kristina Stonebarger and Katie Moseley; and cousin Donald Moseley (Carolyn). She also leaves behind childhood friends, Ora Collins and Jeanette Blake Nesbitt, the three of whom were within a few months of the same age.

Clara's wishes were that her ashes be scattered at sea. A memorial gathering was held on Saturday, September 1, 2018, at 1 p.m. at the Klamath Community Center, 219 Salmon Avenue, Klamath, California. There is no need to bring food.



CLARA LOU MOSELEY

12/08/2005 - 06/28/2018 Our beautiful Angel Alexis was called to heaven on June 28, 2018. Alexis Rose Maloney Daniels was 12 years old and lived in Hoopa, CA, as well as being a proud Yurok Tribal member. She was born on December 8, 2005 to Katie Maloney and Matt Daniels. Her brothers are Larry Maloney and Dominic Daniels as well as Scrappy Boo and Misty (loving companions).

She loved being Yurok and was looking forward to learning more of her culture and was to participate in tribal cultural dances this year being her first ceremonies.

Alexis was a shining light where ever she went. She lived life and was happy always looking for new things to learn. She loved to sing in choir and was learning to sign language as she sang. She had a heart of gold and that could be seen there her art, she was a beautiful little artist! She had just attended a concert with her favorite local band the Moonshine bandits! Her brother Larry Maloney went on stage with the American flag honoring the Marines she was so proud of him and loved every minute!

She saw the beauty in this world and liked to recreate the images she saw with her flare and beauty which was full of color and style. Alexis had style and loved wearing color and gloves like her mom used to wear, the Madonna look. She had an old school soul and you could see that in her smile and beautiful eyes.

She is survived by her mother, Katie Maloney of Hoopa, CA and her father Matt Daniels of Empire, CA.

She is also survived by her brother Lance Corporal Larry

Maloney of Hoopa, CA and her brother Dominic Daniels of Empire, CA. She has many many grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends that all loved her so very much!

A celebration of life was held on Saturday July 14, 2018 at 12:00, Hoopa Assembly of God Church, Hoopa, California. She was laid to rest at the Smoker Family cemetery in Weitchpec, California. There was a pot luck following the service. Thank Pastor John and Irene Armond for officiating the service and making the church and kitchen available. Thank you to all the family friends that attended the service and brought the food it was much appreciated.

A celebration of life will be held in Turlock, CA for her friends and family to be determined at a later date email below for details.

Alexis was taken away swiftly and would like people with diabetes to take care of their blood sugars and if you get sleepy and have flu like symptoms go to the ER immediately. She had just had a DR. apt May 22, 2018 with a clean bill of health so please heed the warning signs.

She was diagnosed with Type 1 Diabetes at the age of eight and adolescence took a toll on her young body. One thing she really enjoyed was attending Diabetes camp, where she could enjoy being around other children with the same medical conditions that she had. She could talk to them and learn of how they controlled their disease with diet and exercise. She loved this camp and was so looking forward to going this year! Hug your children and love your family!



ALEXIS ROSE MALONEY DANIELS

Education is key to healthy community

Families focus on improving outcomes for most vulnerable students

Concerned parents and students in Del Norte County and Tribal Lands are organizing to improve school educational opportunities and outcomes for the most vulnerable students. They, like parents and students across the state, recognize that when school districts genuinely consult with students and parents about their needs and direct funding towards addressing those needs, great things can happen.

The Local Control Funding Formula (LCFF) represents an opportunity for our school district to try some new intervention strategies based on input from local stakeholders, to assist students in receiving the best possible education in Del Norte County. The process also requires the district to include direct input from the community on how to create a more productive learning environment.

“We need to put ‘the Local Control’ back into the Local Control Funding Formula process,” said Jim McQuillen the Education Director for the Yurok Tribe. “It’s crucial that communities are armed with the knowledge they need to partner with school officials. Experience has shown that the individuals who are most equipped to make key school funding decisions are the parents and students who will be most impacted by those policies.” McQuillen said.

The Del Norte County School District is in the process of creating a three-year plan for addressing the needs of foster, low-income, English Language learners, and homeless students. Current state legislation requires that the school district engage with parents, students, and community members and incorporate their feedback when making decisions about school funding.

Sam Bradshaw, current youth organizer and former Del Norte Unified student stated, “When the district accepted this money they also accepted the responsibility to spend these funds in a way that will improve the experience of the targeted groups of vulnerable students and increase their ability to be successful in school life. Unfortunately, in my experience growing up in Del Norte and now working with youth, the groups that are targeted to be receiving these funds are not receiving what they need to be successful and supported in school.”

She went on to say, “The people who will be directly affected by the decisions on how these funds are spent need to be heard because they know better than anyone else what they need. People are the experts of their own experience.”

In late August parents, students, and community members

participated in a series of interactive trainings put on by the Whose Schools? Our Schools! group to learn about how we can all work together to make positive changes in our schools for students and families who need it the most. These trainings were led by Families in Schools, an organization that works nationwide to help communities

create “a public education system where students have all the opportunities and resources necessary to succeed in school and in life.” Through these trainings participants learned how to be advocates for equity within the school funding process.

Whose Schools? Our Schools! exists to ensure that the voices of all community members, especially those who are most impacted by funding decisions, are included in the priority setting and decision-making process. One way to make sure that these voices are heard is through online organizing

and outreach. Whose Schools? Our Schools! has created social media platforms that users can easily connect with to stay up to date on our work and meetings:

However, one lesson that’s been learned from previous outreach efforts is that many members of our community do not have reliable access to the Internet. Meaningful community engagement efforts cannot stop with online outreach and/or surveys. Throughout the school year Whose Schools? Our Schools! will be partnering with the school district to conduct a two-part series of public community meetings in Smith River, Klamath, and Crescent City to inform community members and students about the LCFF process and to better understand the needs of the community. Whose Schools? Our Schools! will be providing additional trainings to provide community members with the opportunity to become education advocates. By raising awareness about school funding issues, needs, and priorities the community will be able to come together with the district to create the most equitable solutions for all Del Norte students.

“The state of our schools reflects the condition of our community. When our students succeed the entire community succeeds. We invite everyone who cares about our schools to be part of this movement for positive change!” concluded McQuillen, the Education Director for the Yurok Tribe.

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UIHS offers counselling in Klamath

Licensed Clinical Social Worker is working at clinic on Thursdays



Holli Jackson is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a member of the Klamath Tribes of Oregon. Photo credit: Janice Rollins-Dean

Submission from UIHS

UIHS is pleased to announce that a new counselor, Mr. Holli Jackson, a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, is now working at the Klamath Clinic on Thursdays, providing behavioral and mental health counseling for UIHS beneficiaries to include adults, teens, and children.

Holli is an enrolled member of the Klamath Tribes of Oregon, but grew up in Arizona and Northern Nevada. He moved from Reno to Del Norte County in 1980, and alternated between Del Norte and Humboldt Counties for about ten years before moving to Alaska for what he thought would be a ten year visit. He ended up staying for 15 years, "There's a lot to see in Alaska," he explains.

Holli earned his Masters of Social Work at the University of Alaska in Anchorage. He was the only Native American, and the only male in his graduating class, he says. After graduating in 1999, he immediately accepted a job as a medical social worker in Barrow, Alaska, a small Inupiat community on the shore of

the Arctic Ocean far above the Arctic Circle. After a year working in the land of the Midnight Sun and looking for polar bears to photograph, Holli returned to Anchorage, where he worked briefly as an Indian Child Welfare Worker for the Eklutna Tribe.

He then returned to Anchorage for about three years of employment as a medical social worker and mental health counselor for SouthCentral Foundation at the Alaska Native Medical Center, before leaving Alaska in 2005 to return to where he calls home, Del Norte County.

Since returning home, Holli has worked at Open Door Clinics, coordinating their Social Services program and mentoring HSU social work students, at Sutter Coast Home Care, and at the California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation. He has also performed contract work for California's Department of State Hospitals, commuting for years between the Northcoast and locations in the Bay Area and Central Valley.

Holli is grateful to be done commuting long distances and, he says, grateful to be back working with Native people again. "I was taken off the reservation at a very young age," he says, adding that his desire to work with Native people is "a way for me to learn more about myself and who I am at heart."

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Larry Nova from the Yurok Indian Housing Authority participates in the 2018 Salmon Festival Parade.