



Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

Cha-pekw descendants raise it up

Ceremonial leaders restore the Stone Lagoon Jump Dance, a sacred ceremony to heal the world

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Jump Dance returned to rightful site

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“ I AM SO BLESSED TO BE A PART OF THIS. THIS MIGHT BE WHAT I LIVED 95 YEARS FOR.”

BLANCH BLANKENSHIP • YUROK ELDER

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A JUMP DANCE WAS PUT ON AT STONE LAGOON FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN A CENTURY. THE PURPOSE OF THE CEREMONY IS TO PUT THE WORLD BACK IN BALANCE.

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“WE ARE HERE TO HEAL AND RENEW THE EARTH FOR EVERYONE.”

CHRIS PETERS • YUROK CEREMONIAL LEADER



Two Yurok department heads honored

The duo were bestowed the awards for their remarkable roles in Indian Country



(left) Intertribal Council Inc. Executive Director Connie Reitman-Solas hands Chief Mary McQuillen the award at the State Capitol.

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“YOU SPECIFICALLY EMBODY THE THEME OF OUR PROGRAM, WHICH IS TO HONOR NATIVE AMERICAN WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP FOR THEIR OUTSTANDING COMMITMENT AND TIRELESS WORK FOR TRIBAL COMMUNITIES AND FUTURE GENERATIONS.”



Olin C. Jones • Chair, State Tribal Liaisons of California



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DOMESTIC VIOLENCE EVENT CALENDAR
OCTOBER 2012
 The following events will be held throughout the Humboldt & Del Norte Counties.

- 10/11: Cultural Family Night @WTO
- 10/13: Arcata Arts Alive
- 10/16-17: Planting Seeds of Wellness Conference @Blue Lake Casino
- 10/18: Cultural Family Night @CC TANF
- 10/26-28: Basketball Tourney @McKinleyville High





DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH

Yurok Tribe Social Services Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program Presents:
DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS MONTH
 October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month.

The Pueliklah essee Nerener people strongly believe in a balance of all things and it's a traditional value to view both men and women as equals. Domestic Violence creates an imbalance within our Yurok Country and perpetuates a cycle of violence that damages the wellness of our people and community throughout many generations.


As an organization, the Yurok Tribe Social Services Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault program is dedicated to ending Domestic Violence, rebuilding accountability, and restoring healthy living throughout the community by raising awareness to these serious issues and supporting the victims/survivors.



Yurok Tribe Social Services
 Domestic Violence/Sexual Assault Program Events

P.O. Box 1027
 Klamath, CA 95548
 530.753.91

Phone: 707.483.1192/707.445.2428
 Fax: 707.483.1682/707.445.4158



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Yurok hunting rules, forest management keep ecosystem in productive state





I DON'T THINK ANYONE SHOULD USE LEAD TO KILL ANY ANIMAL.

DALE WEBSTER • YUROK HUNTER





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 Employee of the Month
 Cheryl Wisecup, who works in
 Accounts Receivable for the
 Fiscal Department.



What is your title? A R

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Why did you decide to work for the Tribe? T

What does your job entail? CM

What is the most satisfying part of your job? I

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How does your position serve the tribal membership? M

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What do you do outside of work? I

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What are your plans for the future?

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Hoe-kue-moh starts first native-run Clean Slate

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In San Francisco, the Yurok Clean Slate team completed a thorough training and are now set to implement the life-changing program. Top Left to Right: Eugene Frid, Intern Attorney SF Clean Slate Program, Aleem Raja, Attorney for SF Clean Slate Program, Judge Bradstreet, SF Superior Court, Gregory J. Cleaver, Assistant District Attorney, Office of the District Attorney, Hall of Justice SF. Bottom Left to Right: Danielle Vigil-Masten, Hoh-Kue-Moh Court Mediator/Advocate, Lori Nesbitt, Hoh-Kue-Moh Advocate, Jolanda Ingram-Obie, Hoh-Kue-Moh Staff Attorney

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“WE ARE EXCITED TO UNVEIL THIS PROGRAM THAT WILL RADICALLY IMPROVE THE LIVES OF INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES.”

DANIELLE VIGIL-MASTEN • COURT MEDIATOR/ADVOCATE





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The Clean Slate Program started in San Francisco, CA in 1999. For more than a decade the program has been spreading across the United States. The Yurok Clean Slate Team received training in San Francisco to learn the program inside and out.

To learn more about Yurok Clean Slate Kee cha-e-nar or to sign up in advance http://yuroktribe.org/tribalcourt/wellness_court.htm ✳

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You are needed
 Save our Cultural Values and Traditions
 Become a Foster Parent

Native American Children become lost in the foster care system and are forced to live with families who do not share our Cultural Values or Traditions. You as a tribal member and family member can make a difference in the life of a Native American child.

Please contact the Social Services Department to find out how you can make a difference. 707.482-1350



More jobs means more Yuroks can return to Rez

Recent 40 under 40 winner is part of a multiplying migration back to the Reservation

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Geneva Wiki is co-owner of the Requa Inn and runs the Wild Rivers Foundation.



Yurok tribal member Thomas Wortman is the lead chef at the Requa Inn.



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Here in her own words Wiki describes her journey back to the Yurok Reservation.

How has your education served you and your community? T

Why was it important for you to put roots down on the Yurok Reservation? T

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What inspires you to take on such lofty goals? B

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What is the most significant lesson you've learned raising your family in Yurok Country? T

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What would you say to other tribal members who are thinking about moving back? W

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What role has your cultural knowledge played in your success? I

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Critical cemetery project under construction

The funerary grounds will provide services to more than 2,500 vets and their families



Construction of the Yurok Tribe Veterans Cemetery project will be complete in a few months.

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“WE ARE WORKING REALLY HARD TO PROVIDE OUR VETERANS WITH A FINAL RESTING PLACE THAT IS FITTING OF THE SERVICE AND SACRIFICE THEY HAVE GIVEN FOR THIS NATION.”

SOPHIA LAY • YUROK PLANNER

Public Safety takes down 3 large pot grows

Cannabis cultivation causes public safety, environmental and social problems

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To report illegal activity on the Yurok Reservation contact the Yurok Department of Public Safety at (707) 482-8185. ✖

2012 Election Schedule

NOVEMBER 7, 2012 RUNOFF ELECTION

2012 Polling Locations

East District

Hoopa High School
Hoopa, CA

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Requa District

Yurok Tribal Office
190 Klamath Blvd
Klamath, CA

North District

Yurok TANF Office
207 Price Mall (Cross Streets –
Front & K Street – Behind Library)
Crescent City, CA

South District *New location*

Yurok Tribal Office
3400 Erie Street
Eureka, CA

Orick District

Orick Elementary School
Orick, CA

Weitchpec District

Libby Nix Community Center
Weitchpec, CA

Pecwan District

Wautec Fire Station
Johnson's, CA

For more information, please contact the
Election Department at (707) 482-1350.

Cultural events offer something for everyone

By Wendy Gonzalez • TANF Clerical Assistant



(left) Social Services' Laura Kinney and Sasheen Bowen helped put on the community events.



Hoh-Kue-Moh/Yurok Tribal Court, Alternative Dispute Resolution Program (ADRPP/Court Mediation) training concluded on August 8th, 2012. Pictured Left to Right: Gail Tarbell, Lori Nesbitt, Jolanda Ingram-Obie, Sasheen Bowen, Danielle Vigil-Masten, Court Mediator Educator, Kim Mamaradlo, Chairman Thomas O'Rourke, Peggy O'Neill, Jessica Carter, Bessie Shorty, Lavina Brooks, Jim Steinberg JD, Court Mediator Educator, Ron Bates, and not pictured Anthony Trombetti.

Sign up now, for Community Mediation/Alternative Dispute Resolution Training, in Weitchpec at the Yurok Tribal Office, on October 24-25th. Space is limited, so contact Danielle Vigil-Masten at (707) 265-0695 to register for this course.

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