



# Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

## Tribe starting programs for elders, youth

Community to play significant role in development of new programs

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# NOVEMBER 2018 PUBLIC NOTICES



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YUROK ELECTION BOARD  
CERTIFIES RUN-OFF ELECTION RESULTS :

The Yurok Election Board today took formal action on the Run-Off Election held November 7, 2018 and issued formal certification of the Run-Off results for all Districts.

The Election Board on November 14, 2018, certified the election of the following people:

### VICE-CHAIRPERSON

Susan Masten 474 (44.13%)  
Frankie Joe Myers 600 (55.87%)

### ORICK DISTRICT

Sherri Provolt 18 (62.07%)  
Laura White Woods 11 (37.93%)

### YUROK TRIBAL COURT

PO Box 1027 / 230 Klamath Blvd.  
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Court File Number: YT-CD-2018-24

Case Type: FAMILY CODE

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YUROK TRIBAL COURT

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BY: [Signature]  
YUROK INDIAN RESERVATION  
PRO. STAFF

In re MYR LYNN ANDREWS

(Write current name of person's to be changed)

NOTICE OF MOTION for Change  
of Name

### TO ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:

- MOTIONER: MYR LYNN ANDREWS has filed a Motion with this court for decree changing a name as follows:
  - Present Name: MYR LYNN ANDREWS
  - Proposed Name: MYR LYNN DAWSON
- THE COURT REQUIRES that all persons interested in this request shall appear before the court at the hearing indicated below to show cause, if any, why the petition for change of name should not be granted. Any person objecting to the name changes described above must file a written objection that includes the reasons for the objection at least three (3) court (business) days before the hearing date and must appear at the hearing to show cause why the petition should not be granted.
- HEARING DATE, TIME AND PLACE (At least 90 days from filing date):
  - Date: 3/7/19
  - Time: 10:00 AM
  - Location: YUROK TRIBAL COURT, 230 KLAMATH BLVD., KLAMATH CA 95548
- NOTICE: A copy of this NOTICE of MOTION for Change of Name shall be published in TWO (2) consecutive issues of the Yurok Tribe Newsletter.
- ISSUED:  
Clerk of the Court: [Signature]  
Date: 11/14/18

## SHAPE THE ECONOMIC FUTURE OF YOUR TRIBE



### BECOME A MEMBER OF THE YUROK ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION'S BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Yurok Tribal Council is currently seeking to fill vacancies within the Yurok Economic Development Corporation's Board of Directors. If interested, please send your letter of interest, including a resume, to Tara Ipiña at [Tara@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:Tara@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

\* The board members are selected by the Yurok Tribal Council.

### 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 Anne Jeannette Vaughn has filed a case at the Yurok Tribal Court to change the present legal name of Petitioner, Anne Jeannette Vaughn to the name Anne Jeannette Hughes. The hearing will be held at The Yurok Justice Center 230 Klamath Blvd, Klamath, CA 95548 on: January 10th at 10:00 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.

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# Tribe nearly done paving Bald Hills Rd

*Only 3 miles of dirt road remain on the important thoroughfare*

Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James, Humboldt County Public Works Director Tom Mattson and Redwood National Park's Deputy Superintendent Dave Roemer, along with the staff from the Yurok Tribe's Planning and Cultural Departments participated in a ribbon-cutting to celebrate the recent completion of an important paving project on Bald Hills Road.

"It's a good day," said Chairman James. "This road is incredibly important for our people, our economy and for the safety of our community."

The Bald Hills Road is the only thoroughfare connecting both sides of the Yurok Reservation.

Every day, Yurok citizens use the road to get to work, drive to medical appointments and for many other types of necessary travel. Bald Hills Road is also the only evacuation route in the event of a natural disaster, such as a forest fire. On multiple occasions, Highway 299, the only other escape path, has been closed because of landslides and wildfires. When these fairly common incidents take place, Bald Hills Road is the only option for residents living between Hoopa and Wautec to get to safety. Local families also commonly use the road to visit family, attend sporting



**Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James, Humboldt County Public Works Director Tom Mattson and Redwood National Park's Deputy Superintendent Dave Roemer, along with Mindy Natt and Toby Vanlandingham the staff from the Yurok Tribe's Planning and Cultural Departments participated in the ribbon-cutting.**

events and for many other routine reasons.

The Bald Hills Road travels through the Yurok Reservation, Redwood National Park and private timber land. Since 2005, the Yurok Tribe has been working on paving the Bald Hills Road and has nearly completed the long-term project. To date, the Yurok Planning and Community Development Department has secured funding to pave five sections of road. The Yurok Tribal Employment Rights Office, Cultural Division and Tribal Heritage Preservation Office also contributed to this project.

Prior to the paving projects, the dirt road was narrow and

unsafe. The Tribe is seeking funding to complete the remaining three miles, which are some of most the treacherous because of the road's many curves, slight width and adjacent steep slopes. In the wintertime, when the road is muddy or covered in snow, it is especially dangerous.

**The most current project was funded by Federal Lands Access Program. ✪**

*Submitted by Yurok Planning and Community Development Department*

The Yurok Tribe Planning & Community Development Department would like to thank all of the participants who donated clothing for the 2nd Annual Fall Clothing Giveaway, which was held in Weitchpec on October 13th. The Department would also like to thank Maintenance Worker Sonia Franzi, Yurok Tribal Member Lavina Brooks and Yurok Tribal Member Onna Joseph who helped set up/clean up and assisted during the event. Many community members enjoyed visiting with one another out in the sunny weather while they selected items. Next year, we would like a youth program to participate by holding a food fundraiser during the annual event. Please contact Bessie Shorty at Yurok Tribe Planning Dept. (707) 482-1350 Ext. 1365 to reserve the day for a fundraising opportunity in 2019. ✪



**Submitted Photo**

# Yurok woman treats persistent pain

## *Warm Heart, Healing Hands aims to address physical distress*

Yurok Tribal member Valerie O'Rourke employs a powerful blend of traditional and other time-honored healing techniques to provide her clients with permanent relief from persistent and prolific physical pain.

As the founder of Warm Heart, Healing Hands, she has helped approximately 100 individuals overcome a broad spectrum of excruciating ailments, ranging from headaches to debilitating back injuries. The Yurok woman has healed previously disabled patients, including multiple men and women who were told by medical doctors that they were going to be in pain for the rest of their lives.

O'Rourke's ability to restore people's health is so effective that her clients have agreed to share their personal stories, which clearly illustrate how Warm Heart, Healing Hands' services have immensely improved the quality of their lives. Many of these community members had undergone extensive and expensive physical therapy, but saw little to no improvement until O'Rourke worked on them.

"I had back pain for about the last eight years. Now, I feel wonderful, wonderful," exclaimed Carmen Moon. "I had knee pain for the last 18 years. I am now pain free," reported Harlin Alvarado.

"Valerie is amazing. She helped me 100 percent more than physical therapy. I highly recommend her to everyone. She is awesome," added Mardelle Gray, one of the many who made similar endorsements.

Prior to opening the Hoopa-based Warm Heart, Healing Hands, O'Rourke was a nurse for 40 years. She worked all over the United States and in many of the major hospital departments. For years, the clear-eyed woman watched doctors perform unnecessary surgeries and prescribe dangerous drugs to mask a multitude of mental and physical afflictions.

"It became more and more apparent that hospitals, clinics, and conventional medical practitioners in general were treating only the symptoms and not the real cause of the illness or pain," O'Rourke explained. "There is a time and place for western medicine, but it's not always the best choice."

In 2016, O'Rourke, a descendent from a long line of traditional Yurok doctors, began developing Warm Heart, Healing Hands as a response to the shortfalls in the healthcare industry. At the time, it was

going to be a part-time undertaking, but that changed within a year.

To address persistent pain, O'Rourke has mastered more than a dozen different procedures focused on re-establishing optimal function within damaged limbs, joints and muscles. In the simplest terms, her complex therapeutic modalities revolve around restoring balance within the body. Over a period of 20 years, O'Rourke developed these proprietary, healing protocols, which are based on alternative medicine and traditional Yurok doctoring practices.

Her novel method of pain management can be applied to minor and complex bodily impairments alike, extending from injuries associated with blunt force trauma to common Carpal Tunnel Syndrome and everything in between.

One of O'Rourke's primary holistic, healing tools involves the same interconnected systems that acupuncturists engage to bolster the body's ability to heal. Instead of using needles, O'Rourke uses her hands to put a modest amount of pressure onto specific points on the patient. The feeling is so pleasant that many people mistakenly compare it to a massage.

"It is not a massage. It is a form of non-invasive pain therapy, which draws from our traditional doctoring practices and alternative methods of healing," she explained.

When she is working on a patient, the first noticeable sensation is an ethereal feeling of warmth emanating from her finger tips.

"Part of the treatment involves putting

positive energy into the body and taking negative energy out, which is a procedure derived from our traditional doctors," O'Rourke said.


As O'Rourke reinstates order within a joint or muscle group, an intense release of muscular tension occurs and many people report a sense of levity in the body. By the end of the session, the client's level of distress is substantially diminished or all together absent. Most feel slightly euphoric and must stay seated for a few minutes. The next day, a very mild soreness temporarily arises as the body continues to integrate the upgrades, but the tenderness completely vanishes within 24 hours.

"The healing continues for up to 48 hours after the hands-on work concludes," O'Rourke said.

Often times, she is able to permanently address the root cause of her patient's pain in one appointment. For more recalcitrant issues, it can



Valerie O'Rourke blends traditional and alternative healing techniques.



take multiple treatments, but her clients typically feel significantly better after the initial round.

“If I can get rid of your pain one time, I can get rid of it so it does not come back, assuming you do not re-injure yourself,” O’Rourke said.

Often, extensive problems can be resolved in one session. For example, this year O’Rourke had as her client, in addition to those mentioned above, a woman who was in a horrific, head-on car crash and suffered from debilitating pains in her hip, leg and spine. She endured 5 months of painful physical therapy and visits to the chiropractor, but neither reduced her pain. After 45 minutes on O’Rourke’s table, “she was astounded” by the complete disappearance of discomfort.

“The most rewarding part of this work is to see people with no hope, get their lives back,” O’Rourke said.

People travel long distances to receive O’Rourke’s pain management regimen. Recently, a patient driving up from Ukiah for an appointment had to stop five times on the trip north because of his previously unbearable back pain and numbness down his leg. Unbeknownst to O’Rourke until days later, he danced in the Brush Dance all night on the same day as his treatment.

“I usually advise my clients to refrain from any kind of demanding physical activity for 24 hours after their visit,” she said. “Still, he experienced zero ill-effects even though he danced all night.”

These success stories represent only a small fraction of the people O’Rourke has helped in ways that they and their medical doctors previously thought were unimaginable. Some were even experiencing so much pain that they had to take narcotic medications to get through the day.

The thought of her fellow community members being reliant on opioid drugs to function was one of two factors, which led O’Rourke to make Warm Heart, Healing Hands a full-time endeavor. It broke her heart to hear of more and more good people becoming dependent on these medications, which have terrible side effects. One of which is becoming addicted to the drugs and in many cases leading to stronger and more debilitating drugs.

“I want to be part of the solution to this crisis,” said O’Rourke, who has successfully assisted individuals in alleviating their pain and quitting these highly addictive drugs. “If we don’t do something it will destroy our culture.”

The second reason involved a separate, more personal tragedy. On November 3, 2017, her granddaughter, Aawok Erica Young, was killed by a drunk driver. The then 19-year-old was driving four of her friends when a highly intoxicated motorist crashed into them at a stoplight in Redding.

“My granddaughter returned to me in a dream and asked me to help her friends,” O’Rourke said. “I want to continue her legacy of being an uplifting pillar to the community, helping the young and old, and to give hope where sometimes it seems like there is none.”

After her granddaughter’s untimely passing, O’Rourke decided to fully dedicate her therapeutic talents to serving her community.

“It was after that happened that I knew which direction I was to go. I went full force into the community to let them know what I could do and how I could help,” she said.

As O’Rourke has built up her business, she has received support from several community members.

“I am so grateful to everyone who has helped me. I especially would like to thank Bertha Peters for putting so much of her time into getting the word out about my services,” O’Rourke said.

Along with O’Rourke’s private patients, she has been invited to treat interested individuals and groups from the following organizations: staff at the Yurok Tribe, members of the Yurok Tribal Council, elders at the Hoopa Nutrition Center/ K’IMAW Medical Center, Hoopa Valley Tribal Police Department officers and police from the California Highway Patrol’s Willow Creek office.

Although O’Rourke has clients that travel to her from out of the area, Warm Heart, Healing Hands primarily serves residents in Humboldt and Del Norte Counties. A typical appointment lasts 45 minutes and cost \$75 for adults and \$60 for elders.

The standard fee is cut in half for group therapy dealing with emotional issues. She is at the Yurok Tribe’s Klamath office on the third Wednesday of every month. On Tuesday and Thursday she is at the Yurok senior housing in Hoopa. She will be in Weitchpec and Eureka when funding is available.

The Yurok Tribe as well as other organizations have issued grants to Warm Heart, Healing Hands to offset the price, which is extremely inexpensive compared to conventional pain management therapy. O’Rourke is tremendously grateful to the Yurok Tribe for giving her grant funds to help members of the community. The initial dollars have run out and she is seeking additional grants to provide her services to those on a limited budget because she would like for money not to be a barrier to enjoying a pain-free life.

“I don’t like to see people in pain,” O’Rourke concluded.

**To make an appointment, call Valerie O’Rourke at (707) 298-9872 or email her at [warmhearthealinghands@yahoo.com](mailto:warmhearthealinghands@yahoo.com). Valerie is at the Yurok Tribe’s headquarters in Klamath every third Wednesday. If your business or organization would like a free demonstration from O’Rourke, please contact Warm Heart, Healing Hands. Warm Heart, Healing Hands website is not officially up at this point but hopefully will be soon. ✨**

# Yurok teenager earns exceptional GPA

*Paige Lyons is a stellar student, athlete and community volunteer*

For the last three years, Paige Lyons' grade point average has never dipped below a 4.41.

In large part, the Yurok Tribal member and senior at Eureka High School attributes this amazing accomplishment to a profound affinity for solving difficult problems.

"I love to take on a challenge and overcome it," Lyons said. "It makes me feel really good about myself."

The stellar student is drawn to the confidence-building aspect of conquering academic adversity and has the foresight to see how it will serve her in the future.

"I like to challenge myself because I see it as the best way to find my true potential, to know my real potential" she said. "I also love the feeling of the end result."

Lyons, 17, a consummate volunteer and varsity athlete, also pointed to strong support from her parents as another driving force behind her scholastic success.

"My mother is the sole person who has motivated me in terms of academics. She taught me how to do my homework every single day and how to structure my time. She is my role model and she motivates to succeed," said Lyons, whose parents are Lori Pearce and Stacey Lyons. "My dad is equally enthusiastic about my participation in sports."

Organization is another key to Lyons' astonishing achievements in academia. She is devoted to maintaining a daily routine, which puts school first and aims to find balance between her educational, athletic and altruistic ambitions.

"I do my homework every day before practice," Lyons said. "I try to get things done as soon as possible."

In addition to being a top scoring student at Eureka High School, the hardworking Yurok teen is on the varsity basketball and volleyball teams.

"I began playing basketball because my dad was into athletics and just sort of followed in his footsteps. Volleyball excited me because I had never done it before and I wanted to discover something new," Lyons said.

When Lyons is not studying or playing sports, she is contributing to the betterment of her community, as she participates in multiple philanthropic endeavors and has even started a brand new charitable

event at her high school. When selecting a humanitarian cause to dedicate her time, Lyons prefers those that are personal to her. For example, feeding homeless people in her hometown of Eureka is one such benevolent undertaking that is close to Lyons' heart.

"I like to volunteer for things that I am genuinely passionate about because I want to put as much energy into it as possible," Lyons said.

Helping those suffering from cystic fibrosis is another cause that spurred strong feelings within Lyons. After seeing her cousin struggle with symptoms associated with the progressive and perilous lung

disease, she felt a deep desire to do something for others with the same condition. In May of 2018, she organized the first Cystic Fibrosis Great Strides Walk at Eureka High School. Partnering with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, she raised more than \$3,000 to help those suffering from the serious and potentially life-ending disease.

"My cousin had a double-lung, heart, and kidney transplant that saved her life at just the right time, as she was on the verge of death. Cystic Fibrosis not only requires a lot from a patient physically, but also financially," Lyons said. "I want to give back to my community and raise awareness for this cause."

The tremendously talented Yurok can speak from experience about what it takes to be an excellent student and she has great advice for those starting high school. Her recommendations can be applied to obtaining high test scores and just about any other arduous undertaking.

Acknowledging that no one likes every single class, she suggests starting with a subject that "you are interested and put energy into it." Applying maximum effort to something that one finds engaging is easier than working hard on a tedious topic, so it is a good place to begin. The same principles learned during this initial stage in the process can be applied to achieving solid grades in less exciting courses.

"In order to get good grades, you have to want them, you have to work hard," Lyons explained. "Find the determination and the will to succeed within yourself. No one is going to give that to you."

In a few short months, Lyons will complete high school and she has already applied to several universities, which would be lucky to count her among their student population. She hopes to study environmental science or a related field. This degree choice is a reflection of both her fondness for math and science — her two favorite subjects — and the



Paige Lyons is a senior at Eureka High School.

natural wonders of the planet.

"I am really passionate about the earth and how we as humans have an impact on it," she said. "I think it's really interesting how nature works, how it can benefit people. It can be a reciprocal relationship, but most of the time we do a lot more harm than good."

Lyons has a sincere desire to develop strategies to resolve the world's most complex ecological dilemmas, such as large-scale pollution and climate change. She hopes that when she graduates from college, she will be in a prime position to have a positive influence on the natural world.

"If I could, I would like to work for the United Nations," Lyons said. "Right now, my priority is school, so I can have a lot of options in the future." ✨



This year, Jonquil Knight has made tremendous strides in his reading comprehension.

"He is really opening up socially and is a pleasure to tutor every day," said Mabelle Bates, a tutor for the Yurok Education Department. "He is always respectful to his classmates and is very responsible. I am proud of his growth and admire his positive personality."



## Yurok Obituaries

Defender of fairness, debater of grand ideas, a slayer of cancer, and the holder of nine lives, was defeated by the demons of depression, and will forever be in our hearts.

Damian never had an easy road to follow. He was born with Craniostenosis and had major correctional surgery at 3 months old.

The doctors said not to worry he wouldn't walk till he was completely healed, he was off and running at 7 months. Damian struggled Preschool through High school, although He had his favorite teachers that helped him along the way. Janic Olmo & Penny Mitchell at Hoopa Preschool, Mr. Paytus, Mrs. Backman at Bloomfield elementary, Mrs. Yoman at Sunnybrae Middle school, and Mr. Navarre at Pacific Coast High School. He enjoyed playing sports, however practice not so much. He played everything from two square, T-ball, basketball, and AAA Football, he was a natural athlete and had no fear of the ball, however his stubbornness would win over his drive to play. Damian enjoyed his time traveling and working with Hoopa TCCC and working to rid places of evasive plants. His favorite story was to tell about the Grand Canyon. He spent time working as a cook at Blue Lake Casino, cage cashier at Cherie Heights, and delivery man for Don's donuts.

His biggest adventure took him to Kansas where he met up with Kiari World Turner, who gave him the love of his life their daughter Mikayla. He said he was always afraid to get to close to Mikayla because he didn't know how long he would be with her, but he did love his daughter with all he had.

He was an avid gamer both online and board games, holding game nights twice a week with his friends, and playing cribbage whenever

he got the chance. Damian found solace being on the river fishing with his Papa Gale or hanging with Papa cutting wood, and was more than eager to jump in with cousin Bill or sister Litta and her boyfriend Brad when they mentioned fishing; he liked getting wood with his brother Zach and he looked forward to tubing down the Trinity with family and friends, exploring the woods or playing three out of five games of crib at his Grandma Nita's and Grandpa Zane's.



**Damian Zane Jackson**  
2-22-1993 to 11-4-2018

Damian is preceded in death by his Grandma Eleanor and Papa Gale, and His Auntie Gaylene. He is survived by his Daughter Mikayla Marie Jackson, Sisters Melitta Jackson and boyfriend Brad Rojas, and Trinity Jackson, Brother Zachery Jackson, Mother Marlette Grant-Jackson, Father Earl Jackson and wife Sarah Jones, Grand parents Nita and Zane Grant Sr., Uncles Zane "Chip" Grant Jr., Roger Sanderson and Wife Billie and children, Heath "Bubs" Jackson, Auntie Jackie Risling and Husband Tony, Auntie Amber and Husband Mike Van Dunk, and Bo Robbins. Cousins: Xander Jackson and Trey Van Dunk, Zane Grant III, Nikki Mosier and children, Nicole Risling and children, Antoinette "Booboo" Risling and Husband Jack George and children, Angela Risling, Levi Risling, Lori Risling, and Misqyits Baldy and Husband Michael Baldy Jr, Brandice Davis and Bob Kane Jr., and Lillian Davis and Bill McCovey.

The family would like to give a special thanks to Donovan Miller, Xander Jackson, Kohdi Hagans, Brandon Crockett, Seth Norton, and Colt for being Damians friends and for always being there for him when he needed you. ✨

# Yurok Obituaries cont'd

Aawok Thomas Edward Willson Sr. passed the afternoon of November 6, 2018 in Spain. A private memorial was held at his family cemetery in Weitchpec, California on November 11, 2018.

Since time immemorial his family has resided along the Klamath and Trinity Rivers specifically from Pek-tah and Bluff Creek. Tom grew up in Weitchpec and stayed close to home for most of his life. He dedicated his life to caring for his family, his friends, the environment, and the people. He accomplished this by serving as a pastor for Pek-tah Church, working in the Tribal Fisheries program, serving as a Yurok Tribal Councilmember, providing food for those who were unable to fish, hunt and gather, speaking and presenting as a cultural practitioner for various events throughout the greater Klamath Basin, and by leading through example. Moreover, Tom was an entrepreneur and businessman; he and his wife Morneen have successfully managed Spey-Gee Point Guide service including management of vacation rentals. People from all over

the world would travel to Weitchpec to get the opportunity to fish and be on the river with Tom. He used this opportunity to educate visitors about the importance of dam removal, fish and land restoration and cultural preservation. He was a Yurok hunter, gatherer, fisherman and true steward of the land. Tom inspired others with his passion and true love for his people and homelands.

Tom's passion for his community and homelands led him to serve as the Weitchpec District representative for the Yurok Tribal Council from 2014-2017. While serving on the Council he spearheaded initiatives such as the Bluff Creek land acquisition, Pek-tah store acquisition, Blue Creek land acquisition, prairie management, dam removal, fisheries restoration and management. Likewise, he was instrumental in providing traditional ecological knowledge in cultural fire management and implementation of cultural fire burns on the Yurok reservation. Throughout his tenure on Council, Tom was often called upon to testify for dam removal and protection of natural resources; he always spoke from the heart and he often left with tears because his passion ran so deep.

Closest to Tom's heart was his wife Morneen, his children, his family, and his community. His love for his wife was immeasurable wherein he had found his soulmate and often spoke about it. He beamed with love whenever he spoke about his children and new

grandson. He cared for his family and close friends deeply and made every effort to demonstrate that without expectation of payment or recognition. Tom passionately followed what he believed to be right and to do right in a positive and healthy way exercising humility in all of his actions. He was a warrior for spiritual, mental, and cultural wellness. After being diagnosed with liver failure he fought and overcame that illness so that he was with us for almost two additional years. Then he contracted a severe liver cancer that he fought with for every second of his life before he continued on his journey.



**Aawok Thomas Edward Willson Sr.**

Tom's journey is preceded by his grandmother Teresa Billee Mitchell, his grandfather Thomas Edward Willson Sr., his mother Georgina Mae Willson, and his father William Warren Willson. He is survived by his wife Morneen Willson, sons Thomas Edward Willson Jr. (Nicole Woodrow), Duston Offins, daughter Mindy Natt and grandson Thomas Edward Willson III; his sisters Billee Lynn Willson (Charles Kidwell), Irene Jewel Willson, Teresa Marie Willson (Aaron Peralta); his brothers Preston George Willson (Sunday) and Patrick Warren Willson; his nieces and nephews Mysti Birks (John), Michelle Standley (William), Melissa Eidman, Simon, Cesar, Mateo, Jocelyn, Cameron, Sephira, Nico, Eros, Dominic, Tony, Ziva Kidwell-Kiesner, Danelle Vigil (Rodney), Taralyn Ipina (Phil Albers Jr.), David Ipina, Desiree Willson, Benjamin Willson, Georgina Hansen (Kenneth), Crystal Withers (John), Sunshine Cross, GinaMae Willson (Adrian Ward), and William Willson (Fayanna) and great nephews, nieces and cousins too numerous to name.

Furthermore, the family would like to acknowledge people close to Tom's heart: Alita Redner, Ryan Offins, Offins family, Alvarado family, all of his church family, and in-laws. His family appreciates all the support and love for Tom and his family during his last weeks with us. Tom's memory will forever live on within us as we strive to walk a spiritual path. ✨





YTEP Assistant Director Koiya Tuttle

The Yurok Tribe Environmental Program hosted a hands-on training to protect the Klamath River estuary in the event of an offshore oil spill.

The California Department of Fish and Wild Life's Office of Spill Prevention and Response team led the practice implementation of the Area Contingency Plan for this type of incident. YTEP worked with Jeff Dayton of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife's north coast Oil Spill Prevention and Response program to help organize and facilitate the successful practice run of the plan. The Klamath River mouth ACP provides guidelines for the protection of the Klamath estuary from contaminants originating in the ocean and pushed into the river during high tide.

The timing of the drill comes as the potential of relaxed offshore oil drilling rules becomes closer to reality. In addition to offshore drilling, the transport of Canadian crude oil has increased greatly over the last few years. Tanker ships, transporting millions of gallons of crude oil, can travel as close as 30 miles off shore from the Klamath mouth. In its raw form Canadian bunker oil is thick and has a very low viscosity. Only when it reaches the refineries in the Bay Area does it get processed into a more viscus form of oil such as gasoline or diesel. In its raw form, the Canadian crude can be rolled up into a ball and is so dense it can sink in water, making it a nightmare for recovery and spill mitigation.

This training was an ideal follow-up to the marine spill trailer training YTEP hosted in the spring, which was geared toward an oil spill happening upstream of the Klamath estuary. The estuary is one of the most important habitats for a diverse species of fish, mammals and waterfowl. In the case of a spill offshore or upriver the Tribe and its members will be the first on scene. YTEP hopes to continue bringing more trainings to the area as part its coordinated effort to protect the Klamath River and all of the life it supports. Future trainings that YTEP is looking to bring relate to a shift water oil spill response and terrestrial land spill response.



Good times were enjoyed by all at the Yurok Tribe's Annual Halloween Carnival.

This year's carnival included: numerous games (both educational and fun), face painting, a cake walk, a gift giveaway and a free lunch. The addition of a Yurok language game was also a hit at this year's carnival. Brittany Vigil, a Yurok Language Program teacher, created the Pin the Werhl-ker' on the Skeleton game, which was enjoyed by many children.

The yearly, family-focused event takes place at the Worthington site in Eureka and is put on by Lana McCovey, the South District Representative on the Yurok Tribal Council. A few years ago, Councilmember McCovey decided to revive this event and has been organizing it ever since.

**Tribal Council member McCovey would like to thank the staff from the following departments: Education/Head Start, Public Works and Social Services. She would also like to acknowledge the Yurok Tribal Court and the volunteers from the Native American Club for working hard to make this a great community event.**



Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James

Chairman Joseph L. James convened the first of what will be many meetings to discuss the development of new services for Yurok veterans and their families.

The discussion focused on the following topics: healthcare, employment, education, housing and transportation.

"My administration is going to stand behind and support our veterans," said Chairman James. "We are looking at actions we can take right now and planning for what we can do in the future. I want to roll up my sleeves and help our past and present military service members."

Yurok citizens have fought in every major war and conflict since World War I. During World Wars I and II, nearly every Yurok within the appropriate age range volunteered to fight or contribute in some way. Within the Tribe, there are more than 200 past and present members of the armed forces.

Additional meeting topics included: creating a veteran's service officer position, giving vets hiring preference, putting on veteran-centered events, creating a veteran's court and assisting vets in the transition from the service.

Chairman James would like to hear your thoughts on how the Tribe can better serve present and former military service members and their families. Your input will play a key role in this process. Please send your comments to [mmas@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:mmais@yuroktribe.nsn.us).

Also engaged in the brainstorming session were Tribal Council members Toby Vanlandingham and Edward Aubrey, along with Tribal Staff, including individuals who have served in the military. In addition to the Yurok Indian Housing Authority, departments represented in the meeting included: Social Services, Planning and Community Development, Public Works, Human Resources, Education and Enrollment/Elections Departments. Veterans and their families will be invited to the next round of meetings.



# Tribe seeks feedback on new programs

## *New Elders and Youth-focused Programs are being developed*

*One of Chairman Joseph L. James' top priorities is to increase services available to Yurok elders and youth. Chairman James has already facilitated multiple meetings to discuss the creation of a new Yurok Elders Program and a Youth Program.*

*The Tribal membership is now being asked to provide input on what should be incorporated into these programs. Chairman James would like to get opinions from as many Tribal citizens as possible. To submit your ideas of what should be included in the new Youth Program and Elders Program, please email them to [mmas@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:mmais@yuroktribe.nsn.us) or call Matt Mais (707) 482-1350 ext. 1306.*

*Below and on the next page are the thoughtful and considerate comments that have been submitted to date. On pages 12 and 13 are a breakdown, by department, of all of the existing elder and youth services as well as contact information for who to call to obtain these services. The descriptions, along with the comments, are being published here to use as a starting point in the broader conversation about how to strengthen existing services and best serve these populations in the future.*

### **COMMENTS ON ELDERS PROGRAM**

- When there are items to be given, like fish it would be nice if they could deliver - getting around is getting too difficult!
- How about exempting elders foster care income when they are raising their grandchildren in all programs, especially housing and cap all rents for them, not to exceed a certain amount? Elders should be able to live comfortably without worry of losing housing not only for themselves but the future generations they are trying to raise.
- That's a great idea honey cause by the time I pay all bills I have nothing left... And my three grandkids are always needing something more...School Pictures...shoes for cheer leading...driving them to school and back cause too long on bus...cheer practice... Out of town for games, etc.
- If you want change...it's going to take more than Joe. There might have to be some new staff faces and new community faces at the table.
- I like that council's trying to do away with the income restrictions and going to help Elders off of the reservation also. I like that Elders are helped out with fish and wood.
- Bring back Yurok AmeriCorps program that can help with an elder care program.
- It's up to each of us individually to take good care of our precious elders...culturally and morally it's up to us, not the tribe. Anything the tribe can contribute should be in addition to us stepping up and caring for our own people. Each of us must step up and accept this responsibility with gratitude.
- My aunt Eleanor has been living in Eureka and she struggles with most basics. I think an elder social worker, someone to advocate and help with connecting her to resources, transportation, and healthcare.
- They love getting out and doing things for themselves. It's in their nature.
- No elder i know would refuse a bag full of groceries once in a while...
- Just someone checking, even though we check on our elders. We work, and also deal without own stuff. My aunt lives where public transportation is limited.
- We need emergency funding programs in cases like when elders lose their homes to fires or other natural disasters, more housing options for them not all elders own their own land, the tribe should hire someone to check in on elders also cause most times their families either say they don't got time to or are too drugged out to also they need better transportation options my grandparents told us they don't get much time for doctor's appointments and eating and they have to shop in a hurry when riding the van out
- Exciting let's also bring some elders in to join in the conversation.
- For those that receive the job of an advocate. Please remember that most elders have been given the run around at least once or twice after asking for assistance. With that in mind stay on the line

when calling housing or one of the tribal govt. depts. it is important for them not to feel like they don't have any options. Always have a few other resource numbers available if on falls through. Good luck advocates and don't forget to stay positive.

- Can we figure out a way to teach our youth job skills while they help provide for our elders? Not an easy task but its two birds with one

stone. I love elders programs but I feel our youth aren't learning any skills to help them in life to help them down the road.

- Maybe they can get AmeriCorps back. They let it go, it was a great program for elders and youth
- When there are items to be given, like fish it would be nice if they could deliver - getting around is getting too difficult! ✨

## COMMENTS ON YOUTH PROGRAM

- Create a head start program that includes a home base up to age 5; provide more activities for children age 6-12; hold dances for youth 13-15; 16-18 a junior youth council just few ideas
- I appreciate that Ryan Ray Sr. created a fund (from his raise) to pay for the youth in his district to play the sports that they are interested in. All council members should consider doing this for their own district...as it creates \$ that doesn't have strings attached to use for their youth as they see fit.
- I wish some of your youth would write some simple books ( with big pictures ) for little kids. We grandparents can never find enough interesting and true books for four-year-olds, for instance. A teacher can dig up some of the simple ways to make the actual books and set up a system of mail-order. It's not that hard and would be very, very much appreciated!
- Why don't you empower our youth? I believe you should watch the film The Mayors of Shiprock about the Northern Diné Youth Committee of the Navajo nation.
- Bring back sweat house education for our young men.
- When kids do great in school and get excellent grades don't make them wait till the next year to get their report card insensitive money TANF
- Include you education Committee in your discussions they have some great ideas.
- What a great start.
- More incentives for our youth going to college/trade schools! Both of our children (sophomore in college & senior in high school) talk about helping our tribe during their careers. Assisting them while in college (in addition to the \$500 per semester) will certainly be an investment with 100% return. Garden and Permaculture program for providing healthy organic food and best practices for stewards of the land. Along with opening up the eureka community room for cultural activities; making regalia, JOM, native food gathering & cooking classes.
- I think a Youth Program is a great idea but where is the funding coming from for this program Joseph James? ✨

**\*ELDERS, YOUTH PROGRAMS CONT'D ON NEXT PAGE**

## Tribe opens Transportation Building



(right to left) Grant Klopmeier from Yurok Transit, Yurok Tribal Council Representative Ryan Ray, Yurok Tribal Council Representative Toby Vanlandingham, Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James, Transportation dispatcher Sara Hass, Transportation Program Manager Brandi Natt, Yurok Tribal Council Representative Mindy Natt, Yurok Planner Sophia Lay, Planning Director Peggy O'Neill and Transportation driver Alice Chenault.

The Yurok Tribe recently opened a new Transportation Building in Tulley Creek.

The pivotal piece of infrastructure will house the Tribe's Transportation Department and the programs it supports, including the Yurok Tribal Transit service, Yurok Trail Crew and the River Ferry service. The two-story structure features two large bays, one small bay, 13 offices and additional room for cubicles.

Tulley Creek is located on the east side of the Yurok Reservation, where there are few employment opportunities. This new infrastructure is especially important because it will enable the Tribe to bring new jobs to the remote area.

**The new Yurok Transportation Program headquarters received funding from the federal Tribal Transportation Program. ✨**



# SERVICES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO ELDERS

## 1. Education

Higher Education support for Tribal citizens enrolled in 6 or more units of college. Contact Yurok Education Chris McQuillen at 707-482-1822 Ext. 1023 or [cmcquillen@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:cmcquillen@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

## Yurok language

Community classes are available at various locations throughout the service area. Contact Victoria Carlson at the Yurok Language Program for class schedule 707-482-1822 Ext. 1021 or [vcarlson@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:vcarlson@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

## 2. Forestry

Forestry has a Firewood Program for the elders. Contact Kim Mamaradlo at 707-482-2841 ext. 1034 or [kmamaradlo@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:kmamaradlo@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

## 3. Fisheries

The Yurok Fisheries Department oversees the Yurok Elders Fish Distribution Program. The distribution is seasonal and has concluded for the year. Contact: Diane Bowers at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1307 or [Dbowers@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:Dbowers@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

## 4. Enrollment

### **Elder Honoring Wall:**

Elders who have passed away who were 100 years or older will have a photo (once we receive it from the family) and their name with date of birth and date of passing on the Elder's honoring wall in Klamath and Weitchpec Office.

### **Family Trees, Certified Degree of Indian Blood, (CDIB) etc.**

Enrollment provides all members with Family Trees, CDIB's, Enrollment Verifications, and Tribal ID Cards. Contact: Krystal Patapoff at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1320 or [Krystal@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:Krystal@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

## 5. Yurok Indian Housing Authority

YIHA offers elder specific units in Hoopa and in Crescent City where only elders are placed in small housing units and we also provide preference points on our general application for services is you are a Yurok Elder. If you are an elder in need of housing, you would need to fill out a Yurok Indian Housing Application or if the elder needs assistance with the application they can contact Nicole Sager at 707-482-1506 ext. 1002 or [nsager@yurokhousing.com](mailto:nsager@yurokhousing.com)

## 6. Office of the Tribal Attorney

The Yurok Office of the Tribal Attorney has facilitated free clinics to assist Tribal elders in the development of their last will and testament. Contact Amy Cordalis at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1356 or [acordalis@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:acordalis@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

## 7. Planning

Scattered Sites—Water and Waste Water Projects: Planning provides assistance to elders in collaboration with Indian Health Services (IHS). The projects include new construction and/or replacement of substandard infrastructure.  
Contact: Sophia Lay at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1363 or [sophia@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:sophia@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

**Repair/Replacement Projects:** Planning also works with IHS to assist elders with problem water and wastewater systems. Department staff facilitate the application process, assist in identifying the problems during site visits, ensure site control and monitor progress. Much of the effort is focused around the regulations and laws governing the requirements and documentation necessary under different kinds of land ownership (i.e. site control).

Planning also serves as a repository for the engineering drawings and "as-builts"—the documents that show how the project was constructed and implemented on the ground.

**Grant Writing:** The Planning Department prepares proposals that fund construction and programs in support of departments that serve elders, such as the Tribal Court, Culture, Transportation, Social Services, Public Safety, YTEP, Watershed, YIHA, and special projects identified by Council.

**Land Assignments:** The Realty Office, located in Planning, works with elders to assist in the acquisition and development of land assignments. In addition to identifying available, appropriate land assignments, the Realty Office assists the elders in identifying the services and resources they need. Contact: Marion Frye (707) 484-1350 ext. 1373 or [mfrye@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:mfrye@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

**Transportation:** Transit provides all transportation free of charge for Yurok elders age 60 and Veterans. This includes the river ferry when in season. Transit also provides free elder shopping days at least once a month to give elders an opportunity to purchase a better variety of groceries at a lower price. Lastly, Transit provides transportation to various events for Yurok elders. For example, Transit provides transportation to the Salmon festival and NCIDC elder's gathering each year. For any information on Transit services, or to request a trip can be made by calling 707-482-0731 or ext. 1334.

## 8. Public Safety

- Provides courtesy transport for elders and dignitaries when requested
- Provides vehicle/vessel transport for funeral services

Contact: Bob Kane at (707) 482-8185 or [rkane@yuroktribe.nsn.us](mailto:rkane@yuroktribe.nsn.us)

## 9. Tribal Court

- Crisis Intervention and Case Monitoring
- Emergency Assistance and Resource Referral (May include funding for housing, temporary shelter, transportation, clothing, heating assistance, health supplies, and other emergency needs)
- Orientation to the Criminal Justice System
- Court Accompaniment
- Assistance in finding Relief and Restitution

Contact: Jessica Carter at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1335 or joneill@yuroktribe.nsn.us

### **HEY-WECH-EK' PROGRAM (Yurok Tribal Court)**

Assistance and services for victims, survivors and their families that are survivors of domestic violence, sexual assault, dating violence, stalking, and family violence.

#### **Services include:**

- Court Advocacy and Accompaniment
- Assistance with Restraining Orders and Related Paperwork
- Administering Client Needs
- Assessments and Safety Planning
- Transportation and Relocation Services
- Coordinating Counseling and Support Groups
- Referrals to Outside Assistance such as Temporary Shelter and Housing
- Supervised Visitation and Safe Exchange

#### **Contacts**

1. Noreen Jones, Elder Advocate Coordinator (Weitchpec)

Office Phone: 530-625-4130 ext. 1603

Cell Phone: (707) 954-9179

E-mail Address: njones@yuroktribe.nsn.us

2. Vicky Bates, Victim Services Coordinator (Klamath)

Office Phone: 707-482-1350 ext. 1344

Cell Phone: (707) 954-8737

E-mail Address: vbates@yuroktribe.nsn.us

#### **Groups:**

### 1. **Eureka Women's Group**

Last Tuesday of every month from 4-6pm

Yurok South Area Site

Contact: Kapoor Tripp, Community Outreach Specialist (Eureka)

Office Phone: 707-444-0433 ext. 1341

Cell Phone: (707) 954-9785

E-mail Address: ktripp@yuroktribe.nsn.us

### 2. **Klamath Women's Wellness Group**

Age 15 and older

Every Thursday from 12-3

Contact: Kapoor Tripp

### 3. **Weitchpec Women's Group**

Mondays from 12 – 3 pm

Yurok Weitchpec Office

Contact: Kapoor Tripp

## 10. Yurok Wildlife Program

### **Feral Cow Meat Distribution**

The Wildlife Program is working in coordination with the Fisheries Department to develop a cow management plan for eradication of feral cows on Tribal lands. Cows are currently threatening riparian areas and excluding other more ecologically preferable wild species. Cattle will be tested for contaminants of concern to the Yurok Tribe, as they relate to human consumption, and once deemed safe, the Wildlife Program will coordinate with Commodities to disseminate the meat to those tribal members most in need, including our youth and elders. This program is currently in development, but is expected to be implemented this year. Contact: Kent Barnes at 707-482-1822 x 1025 or kbarnes@yuroktribe.nsn.us

## 11. Watershed Restoration Program

Yurok Watershed Restoration and Roads works directly to serve elders and youth by implementing many projects with other tribal departments such as Planning (in stalling bus stops and playgrounds and implementing road work at cost such as water road upgrades, etc.), Yurok Indian Housing Authority (clearing trees and structures for elder homes) and Yurok Culture (to haul and house redwood for elder and youth programs as well as community members). Watershed Restoration and Road Maintenance also works to perform road maintenance activities during ceremonial times up and down the river.

The Yurok Watershed Restoration Program has also hosted field trips for the Yurok Head Start and would be happy to do that in the future – for any age range. This can be set up by contacting Rich Nelson at the Yurok Watershed Office at 707 482 0439 or richard@yuroktribe.nsn.us. Please leave a message as staff may be between offices or in the field.\*

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# SERVICES CURRENTLY AVAILABLE TO YOUTH

## 1. Education Department

- JOM tutoring for tribal youth who are struggling in school, within the service area – Contact: Adrean Armendariz Yurok Education at 707-482-1822, Ex. 1021 or aarmendariz@yuroktribe.nsn.us
- Boys and Girls Club for youth ages 8-18 in the Klamath area. Contact: Harold Jones at 707-482-0993 or hjones@bgcredwoods.org
- Yurok Child Care services for ages 0 to 12- Both center based and vouchers for income eligible families. Contact: Elsie McLaughlin-Feliz at 707-482-1822 Ex. 1021 or emcloughlin\_feliz@yuroktribe.nsn.us
- Guidance services for tribal youth in grades 7-12 to become college and career ready, college tours, tutoring, job skills and support. Contact: Chris McQuillen at Yurok Education at 707-482-1822, Ext. 1023 or cmcquillen@yuroktribe.nsn.us
- Yurok language classes at various locations throughout the service area, in school and the community. Contact: Victoria Carlson at the Yurok language program at 707-482-1822, Ex. 1021 or vcarlson@yuroktribe.nsn.us
- Summer camp(s) and winter and spring break activities for youth in the service area. Contact: Adrean at Yurok Education at 707-482-1822, Ex. 1021 or aarmendariz@yuroktribe.nsn.us
- Yurok Tribe Early Head Start/Head Start center based and homebased visits for eligible families. Contact: Rose Gibbens at (707) 444-0433 or roggibbens@yuroktribe.nsn.us

## Yurok Language Program

Klamath Tribal Office

Thursdays from 4-5pm

Contact: Victoria Carlson 707-482-1350 ext. 1337

vcarlson@yuroktribe.nsn.us

Weitchpec Tribal Office

Mondays from 3:30-5pm

Contact: Curtis Kane at ckane@yuroktribe.nsn.us

Eureka YSS Key-kem Room

Wednesdays from 5:30-6:30pm

Contact: Brittany Vigil at 707-444-0433 ext. 1903

bvigil@yuroktribe.nsn.us

(Join the Worthington Yurok Language Class on Facebook)

## 2. Enrollment Department

### **Yurok Settlement Fund (YSF)**

For those minor's who were enrolled and living as of December 5, 2007 qualified for the Yurok Settlement Fund. We distribute those funds once a settlement packet is filled out. The checks come to our office the

following month after they turn 21 years of age.

### **Nez Perce Settlement Fund**

For those minor's who were enrolled and living as of January 9, 2013 received \$1,000. We distribute those funds to the minor's deliverable address when they turn 18 years of age. The checks come to our office the following month after they turn 18 years of age. Contact: Krystel Patapoff at (707) 482-1350 ext. 1320 or Krystel@yuroktribe.nsn.us

### **3. Yurok Indian Housing Authority**

Student Housing in Eureka for those students who are tribal members (we take applications from students of other tribes but give priority preference to Yurok) and that are attending HSU or CR. If someone is interested in this housing, they would need to fill out the Yurok Indian Housing Authority's application for services and contact Nicole Sager at 707-482-1506 ext. 1002 or nsager@yurokhousing.com or submit it in person at 15440 US Hwy 101 North.

### **4. Planning**

Grant Writing: The Planning Department prepares proposals that fund construction and programs in support of departments that serve youth, such as the Tribal Court, Education, Culture, Transportation, Social Services, and special projects identified by Council.

Rotary Playgrounds: In collaboration with the Foster City Rotary Club, the Planning Department has coordinated and funded the construction of playgrounds, cultural exchange, youth leadership activities and community dinners over the past three years.

Transportation: Transit provides youths transportation to sport practices including football, basketball, cheer, etc. Additionally, the Transportation Department has supported and supervised a youth Yurok Trails crew every year. Contact: Sophia Lay at (707) 482-1350 ext 1363 or sophia@yuroktribe.nsn.us

### **5. Condor program**

#### **California Hunter Safety Education**

This training is available free of charge to all interested tribal members. Many participants have historically been youth, but adults and tribal elders have also participated. Successful completion of the course certifies participants in California Department of Fish and Wildlife Hunter Safety, which allows the participant to acquire a California License for hunting throughout Yurok Ancestral Territory and California, greatly expanding their access to harvest opportunities. These courses are typically offered in Crescent City, Klamath, upriver (Weitchpec or Hoopa), and Arcata or Eureka, depending on community interest. Contact: Kent Barnes of the Wildlife Program for more information at 707-482-1822 x 1025

### ***Youth Outreach and Education***

The Wildlife Program regularly supplies wildlife oriented youth education presentations upon request. Historically these have included presentations at J.O.M camps, local elementary and high schools, NCIDC and Humboldt State University programs such as Klamath Connections, as well as others. The Wildlife Program has also participated in the Humboldt State University Research Experience for Undergraduates: Roulou'sik program, which provides hands on field training to Native youth to help them in their professional development. Contact: Tiana Williams-Claussen for requests for presentations at 707-482-1822 x 1027 or tiana@yuroktribe.nsn.us.

### ***Condor Internship Program***

Future plans, fully funded and to be coordinated this year, include development of a Condor Internship Program, which will prioritize bringing in 4-6 tribal youth of undergraduate or Master's level education annually to serve as condor field crew for six month periods. Internships will provide excellent skill building opportunities in wildlife management and tracking, data collection and management, wildlife handling, and team coordination. These youth may become interested in full time employment with the Wildlife Program, or not, but will have developed critical skills to support their future careers in wildlife regardless. Contact: Chris West or Tiana Williams-Claussen regarding this future opportunity at 707-482-1822 x 1026 or x 1027 or tiana@yuroktribe.nsn.us.

## **6. Public Safety**

- Provide safety services for the Annual Salmon Run
- Provide traffic control for the Annual Suicide Prevention Walk and Annual Salmon Festival
- Routine courtesy visits/walk through for Yurok Schools
- Attend Annual Safety Awareness Day at Yurok Schools
- Minot Days at Margaret Keating School
- Volunteered for Halloween Carnival at Margaret Keating
- Water Safety Day as collaborative law enforcement event at Crescent City Harbor
- Yurok Tribe Social Services Annual Spring Fling
- Officers attended youth stick tournament in Klamath

Contact: Bob Kane at (707) 482-8185

## **7. Tribal Court**

### ***1. Klamath Girls Group***

Age 11 – 18

1st and 3rd Wednesday of every month from 2-4pm

Contact: Vicky Bates, Victim Services Coordinator (Klamath)

Office Phone: 707-482-1350 ext. 1344

Cell Phone: (707) 954-8737

E-mail Address: vbates@yuroktribe.nsn.us ✨



### **The Yurok Tribe celebrated the completion of the new Yurok Police Department building.**

The facility is reflective of the professional, culturally appropriate services that the Tribal law enforcement organization provides to the community. The building, located on Klamath Boulevard next to the Tribal Court, contains the following: a reception area, four offices, a squad room, a meeting hall, secure spaces for evidence and equipment, an interview room, multiple cubicles and a break area.

“The building’s proximity to the Tribal Court will make it more convenient for community members to obtain interrelated services offered by the court and the police department,” said project manager Sophia Lay, who is a Planner with the Yurok Tribe’s Planning and Community Development Department.

The Tribal Court and the Police Department often collaborate on special initiatives.

The Yurok Police Department is comprised of highly qualified, Peace Officer Standards and Training-certified law enforcement officers and game wardens, as well as equally committed non-commissioned conservation wardens and support staff. In addition to standard police services, the department is charged with protecting cultural and natural resources on Tribal lands.

The modern base of operations will enable the department to grow in terms of personnel and policing duties.

Presently, the YPD is housed in a refurbished, 700 square-foot home that was built in 1966 on Salmon Avenue. The department’s current capacity, as it relates to investigative capabilities and strategic infrastructure, is much more advanced than the current building and the small-sized property can accommodate. The new office is much more befitting of a proper community-oriented policing organization.

**Social Services and Education Department and Tribal Court collaborated on the application for the highly competitive, \$1.16 million US Department of Justice Coordinated Tribal Assistance Solicitation (CTAS) grant to fund the construction of the facility. The CTAS program affords Native American tribes the ability to apply for grants intended to improve criminal justice and public safety in Indian Country. ✨**



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(left to right) Caltrans District 1 Archaeologist Darrell Cardiff, incoming Vice Chairperson Frankie Myers, Yurok planner Kate Fischer, outgoing Vice Chair David Gensaw Sr., Yurok Tribal Council Rep. Lana McCovey, Yurok Planning Director Peggy O'Neill, Yurok Tribal Council Rep. Mindy Natt, Caltrans Native American Liaison Sara Atchley Thomas, Yurok Chairman Joseph L. James, Yurok Tribal Council Rep. Toby Vanlandingham, and Yurok Tribal Council Rep. Ryan Ray.

The Yurok Tribal Council and the Yurok Culture Committee received Excellence in Transportation Awards from the California Department of Transportation.

The accolades stem from the Young's Bar Project, a collaborative undertaking between the Tribe and Caltrans, involving the installation of a façade and retaining wall on Highway 169.

Each year, Caltrans highlights the best of its work and the work of its partners through the annual Excellence in Transportation Awards Program. Caltrans received nearly 100 entries from Caltrans districts and programs, public agencies, private contractors, and consultants across the state.

On the Route 169 project, Caltrans worked with the Yurok Culture Committee, the Tribal Heritage Preservation Office, the Yurok Transportation Department, and various tribal members to develop the wall façade at Young's Bar. This was a collaborative project intended to educate traveling motorists about the history and culture of the Yurok Tribe and provide a visual sense of the area. The wall is intended to resemble the outside of a traditional redwood plank house, and included a 'sturgeon back' design as a runner at the base. ✨