

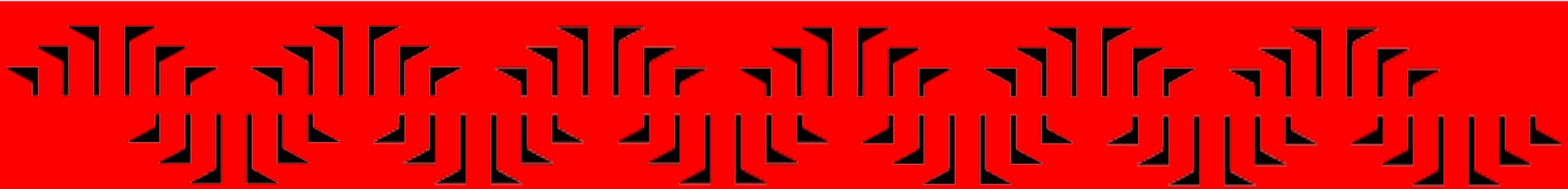


Yurok Today

The Voice of the Yurok People

Court helps people heal themselves

More than 50 tribal members have entered the Yurok Wellness Program • See Story page 2



Yuroks take traditional path to sobriety

The Yurok Wellness Court’s “Community Honoring and Informational Gathering” was a night of success stories and smiles.

The evening affair was a celebration of courageous Yurok people who are taking action to heal deep emotional wounds and abandon addictions associated with the distress. The event was also a coming out party of sorts for the Tribe’s Wellness Court and the staff— all tribal members — who help those in crisis to reengage in the community.

“I believe in everything the court is doing and what everyone here is doing,” Yurok Chief Judge Abby Abinanti told the packed Community Room at Yurok Tribal Headquarters. “It’s really hard for people to say, ‘I have a problem’, work to fix it and stick to it. That takes a lot of courage.”

Many of those who took time out of their busy schedules were there to support the Court, its staff and those who have committed to live healthy lives without drugs and alcohol. There were also a number people from other recovery programs there to support those in the Yurok Wellness Court’s program.

“I’m here because to support a family member in the program and my community,” was a common sentiment during a portion of the meeting where every person took a turn on the microphone.

Tribal members who have completed the Yurok Wellness

Program spoke of the traumas that ignited their addiction and the problems it caused, how each learned to live soberly and the benefits of a lucid life.

“Recovery for me is about living life and it’s about community,” said Herman Quinn, a Wellness Program graduate who has lived for more than a year without drugs and alcohol. “I love my kids. I love to fish. I love to hunt and I love to dance in the ceremonies. You can’t enjoy any of those things while you’re using.”

Quinn also acknowledged acting less than his best while under the influence.

“I took a lot from the people of this community,” Quinn said. “I want to apologize to the people of this community.”

Yurok Wellness Court Case Manager Ron Bates Sr. shared a personal story about his 22 years of sobriety. The gracious-natured man started drinking booze at age 12. For the next 18 years he dropped deeper in the bottomless chasm of addiction, which nearly landed him in prison, until one day he was offered an opportunity to enter a rehabilitation center.

“I started praying, genuinely praying. I went to sweat lodges. I went to a Sun Dance, Round houses and Bear Dances not to mention the Jump Dances, Brush Dances and later, Deer Skin Dances. I did a lot of volunteer services for my brothers and sisters

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Abby Abinanti ~ Yurok Cheif Judge

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(left) Ron Bates Jr., Alicia Bates and Herman Quinn spoke about their success in the Yurok Tribe’s Wellness Program. The Wellness Court has helped more than 50 Yurok tribal members in it’s Wellness Program.

in numerous communities. I listened to my mentors,” Bates Sr. said. “Those experiences woke up something inside of me, the fact that there is more to life than just partying.”

The White Deerskin Dance had not yet been renewed at the time Bates Sr. sought help. Currently, participants in Wellness Program are transported to the dances as part of their recovery program.

Working in the Wellness Court has given Bates Sr., who has a long history working in the rehabilitation field, an opportunity to continue the work of those who helped him.

“My mission in life is to get the community to heal itself and hopefully work myself out of a job, meaning that the community has healed itself,” Bates Sr. said.

Even though many drug and alcohol dependents may behave terribly while under the influence or coming off a controlled substance, all have something positive inside them.

“I know that everyone has something good to offer. They just need to go out and find that shine and not let go of it,” Bates Sr. said. “To be able to share these shiny parts of our lives with others is important, to be acknowledged for this is equally important. It has become so easy for society today to point out the negative in others, it is time for us to take back a tradition, recognize and acknowledge the good that people are doing.”

The Yurok Wellness Court is founded on the traditional moral principle of restorative justice. The overall goal of restorative justice is to offer tribal members in crisis the means to rehabilitate and reengage in a positive fashion within their community. Alcohol and drug dependence are typically symptoms of bigger problems, relating to traumatic incidents such as, trauma, child abuse, domestic violence or intergenerational trauma.

Anthony Trombetti, a Wellness Coordinator, shared a snippet of how this works within the program. The first question he asks members of the Wellness program is, “‘What happened?’ instead of ‘What’s the problem?’”

Trombetti explained that he works with program participants in recovering who they are.

“Using alcohol and drugs is what folks do, it is not who they are” Trombetti said.

He also invited those at the meeting to recognize their part in the puzzle, saying “a part of each of us is the same and at the other end we are unique and we can connect at either one of those parts. Wellness is about all our relations.”



Wellness Court Coordinator Anthony Trombetti speaks at the packed Wellness Program meeting.

The Wellness Program started in 2010 and has served 50 tribal members to date. The holistic program provides a multi-skilled team approach to case staffing, ongoing judicial interaction, random and frequent drug testing, cultural intervention practices, appropriate sanctions and incentives, and a standardized regimen of substance abuse treatment and recovery supportive services. These services are anchored in the authority and encouragement of the Yurok Tribal Judge who holds the participants personally accountable in a culturally responsive and respectful manner.

The Wellness Program will be holding public meetings like the “Community Honoring and Informational Gathering” on a quarterly basis.

“It was such a great joy to be in the same room with all of these people who are working to live healthy lives. The Wellness Court appreciates all who attended the “Gathering” and model wellness in the community,” Chief Judge Abinanti concluded.

The Yurok Wellness Court would like to invite people to support our communities on a personal or professional basis to volunteer to join our journey to the next project already in the planning stages. The Court is seeking volunteers to cook, donate, speak, entertain and support those that are submitting to change their behaviors for the good of theirself, family and community. Monetary donations are tax deductible. Please contact Tribal Court Advocate Lori Nesbitt at the Klamath Tribal Office at 707-482-1350. Ext. 1340 ✨

YEDC builds fish plant, creates jobs

Tribe to make and sell spectacular quality, sustainably caught salmon products

One of the Yurok Tribe's most long-awaited and economically important endeavors is finally coming into fruition.

The Yurok Economic Development Corporation is building a fish processing plant, a project that will remove the middleman from the Tribe's commercial fishery, making it possible for tribal members to increase the modest income they take in during salmon season.

"The fish plant is one of the Tribe's most significant long-term goals," said Yurok Councilman David Gensaw, who represents the Requa District, where the leading-edge facility is being built. "Many people in our Tribe put in a lot of hard work to make this project a reality. We will soon have full control of our fishery for the benefit of our tribal members and fishermen."

Historically, tribal fishers sold their high quality catch to a buyer who then made a large profit processing and distributing the fish all over the country. When the plant is built, YEDC will buy, process and ship the fish to different markets, which also ensures meaningful employment for tribal members.

At the end of each summer, the Yurok Tribe's tightly regulated commercial fishing season takes place in the Klamath Estuary adjacent to the facility. The savory salmon are at the peak of their life cycle. The wild, sustainably caught and incomparably flavorful fish are packed with heart-healthy Omega 3 and considered a super food. The minutes-long trip from the estuary to the plant is ideal for keeping fish fresh.

"We are very proud of our fantastically delicious fish," said Tanya Sangrey, the Director of the Yurok Economic Development Corporation. "There will be no better salmon on the market."



Here is an mock-up of the YEDC fish processing plant located near the mouth of the Klamath River.

The Yurok fish processing plant will transform whole fish into fillets, vacuum seal the meat and ship it quickly wherever it needs to go. The plant will also use traditional ingredients to commercially smoke fish species like salmon.

A processing plant is natural choice for a tribe that has been harvesting and preparing fish since time immemorial. Yurok peoples' knowledge of fish preparation and preservation, passed down from father to son, mother to daughter, is unmatched and will translate into superior quality seafood.

"I think people will truly see a difference in the fish touched by the hands of Yurok men and women whose entire family tree is rooted in the art fish processing," Sangrey said.

While its first priority of the fish facility is buying best quality chinook salmon from Yurok tribal members, the plant will be capable of processing all types of fin fish, ranging from salmon

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David Gensaw ~ *Requa District Representative*



Requa District Representative David Gensaw visits the fish processing plant construction site.

to tuna, halibut to lingcod.

“Our main objectives are to buy, market and sell Yurok salmon and create opportunities for Yurok people to work doing something they love,” Sangrey said.

Sangrey has been traveling up and down the Pacific Northwest Coast making connections in the industry, with other commercial fishing tribes and marketing the future fish factory. She has learned that there is a number of fishing tribes contracting to non-Indian fish processors and have expressed interest in the Yurok-owned plant.

There is also a local need for fishing processing plant. The Yurok plant will be the only one in Del Norte County that handles fin fish, such as rockfish, halibut and tuna. On the West Coast 30 million pounds of native salmon alone are hauled in every year.

In addition to building the plant and lining up potential clients, the YEDC has also secured a \$98,000 Rural Business Enterprise Grant from the U.S. Department of Agriculture to develop a larger marketing plan, set up a website for online product sales and create aesthetically attractive packing for the fish products.

The Yurok fish plant will be 6,500 square feet, exactly twice the size of the Pem-Mey Fuel Mart. ❖

Yurok staff appointed to fed, state committees

Two Yurok Tribe staff members were recently appointed to state and federal marine resource management and protection-centered committees.

Rachel Rodriguez, a geographic information systems coordinator, was appointed to the West Coast Governors Alliance on Ocean Health’s Regional Data Network Action Coordinating Team.

The function of the Team is to collect, manage and disseminate ocean and coastal data on the West Coast.

Sarah Beasley, a fisheries biologist, was selected to serve on the Steering Committee of the Pacific Marine and Estuarine Fish Habitat Partnership. The Partnership is a newly formed group geared toward the restoration and protection of estuaries and other near-shore marine ecosystems as well as to support sustainable human uses.

All plants, animals and other natural resources within Yurok ancestral territory are important to Yurok people including those that migrate from the ocean through the Yurok Reservation such as chinook and coho salmon, steelhead, Pacific lamprey, eulachon, coastal cutthroat and green sturgeon. The Yurok Tribe has a broad spectrum of departments and programs designed to manage, monitor and protect these terrestrial and aquatic resources.

New Marine Affairs Program:

The Tribe, working with Ecotrust, is in the process developing a Department of Marine Affairs to ensure an abundance of coastal and oceanic species for all future generations of tribal members. Ecotrust’s Shaunna McCovey, a Yurok tribal member, Ecotrust staff and Yurok staff members are currently crafting a plan to develop an Office/Department of Marine Affairs. This plan will incorporate Ecotrust’s technical marine planning expertise and traditional ecological knowledge to develop the program encompassing the management and/or co-management of marine resources within Yurok Ancestral Territory.

Yurok people traditionally harvest a variety of marine resources for sustenance, ceremony and other cultural purposes. The Yurok Tribe, the largest in California, has one of the most respected and well-known fisheries programs on the West Coast and is a leader in large-scale holistic ecosystem restoration. ❖

2012 Spring Fling Fun



Yurok youth play Indian Cards at the 13th Annual Spring Fling.

The Yurok Tribe's Social Services Department put on its 13th Annual Spring Flings in Weitchpec and Klamath this May. The events were jam packed with fun activities for families.

The purpose of the yearly community event is to raise awareness about social issues through prevention, education and outreach.

The free, kid-centered events featured arts and crafts, a bounce house and giant slide, educational booths, family resources, a cake walk and many more fun games. A complimentary delicious lunch was enjoyed by all. ✨



Merle Stevenson and his daughter Wah-Kell enjoy the Spring Fling.

Photos by Social Services Director Stephanie Weldon

Social Services gives a Special Thanks to 2012 Spring Fling Donors

Bubbles, Marie Calendars, Northern California Indian Development Council, Discovery Museum, Joe's Deli, Willow Creek Ace, Farmer John, Hoopa Ray's Food Place, Humboldt Outfitters, Bert and Nancy Steele, Jury's Nursery, Burger Barn, Java Juice & More, The Pizza Factory, The Bead Lady, Farmer Brown, Vellutini Baking Company, Sweet Temptations, Shatzi's, Boot Barn, Coming Attractions Theatres, Paul's live from New York Pizza, N Style Hair Salon, Adel's, Gold Rush Coffee, Jitterbean, Eureka Car Stereo

Thanks to all of your support our events were a huge success!!!!!!

School rooted in learning, local culture

Weitchpec Yurok Magnet School unites a contemporary curriculum with traditional knowledge

Walking into the classroom at Weitchpec Yurok Magnet School there is a distinct hum of positive energy.

“It’s really the teacher, Kate Lowry,” said Carole Lewis, the Yurok language Coordinator who teaches at the school. “She is completely committed to giving each student the individual attention they deserve and she is an excellent classroom manager.”

The palpable imperative is that each student receives a thorough educational foundation that will serve each k-3rd grader through his or her academic path, while honoring local indigenous history, culture and ecological knowledge.

The school is operated by the Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District and its instructional program is strongly assisted by the Yurok Tribe’s Language program to integrate Yurok language throughout the curriculum.

The much needed school was established through the cooperative efforts of the KTJUSD and the Yurok Tribe. The District was on the verge of closing the school due to under enrollment. Troy Fletcher, the Executive Director of the Tribe and former KTUSD Superintendent Laura Lee George worked with Carole Lewis, who was the Tribe’s Education Director at the time, Yurok Councilmen Sid Nix and Richard Myers and many members of the community to bring about the concept of a school based on Yurok language and culture to reality.

Lowry takes a community-based approach to her teaching, making sure the parents have as say in what their children learn and the kids acquire a sense of place.

In addition to standard elementary-age educational props, the walls of the classroom are plastered with Yurok language, traditional ecological knowledge and tribally influenced face masks the students made and displayed at the California Indian Education Conference. The well-crafted face covers were also showcased at the Yurok Tribe’s Klamath River Clean Up.

One of the means in which Lowery inspires her students to succeed is to incorporate hands-on exercises whenever possible. Local professionals guest teach classes related to their field of work. On this particular day, the Yurok Tribe’s Environmental Program Air Quality Specialist, Joe Hostler is on hand to teach a science class, a course the kids are especially enthusiastic about.

All of the children line up at the door.

“Do you have your business face on?” Lowry states assuredly as she inspects the students’ raised chins and furrowed brows. “Okay,



Yurok Environmental Program Air Quality Specialist Joe Hostler teaches class.

you’re ready to learn.”

Hostler’s pupils-for-the-day hop outside to a dogwood tree that is being used to learn about lifecycles, the scientific process and traditional ecological knowledge.

“What is different about the tree?” Hostler asks.

The children, notebooks in hand, begin to make observations about the tree. The flowers are blooming, which is necessary to feed bees and for the tree to make fruit.

“When the dogwood blooms that also means that there is green sturgeon in the river,” Hostler explains.

The students have already learned the Yurok word for Dogwood tree, Puenomap’ and today they are taught the word for green sturgeon, Kaa-ka.

The kids are asked to draw the tree, which also offers an opportunity to practice their artistic skills.

“I like that we get to draw a lot,” says Lorenita McKinnon, a Yurok student.

The students are truly engaged in what Hostler is teaching them. Their heads bob from their professional-looking clipboards to their educator for the day, jotting down observations based on the questions Hostler asks. The data they collect is later uploaded online.

“The kids are really catching on,” Hostler said. “They are really eager and excited to learn Indigenous Science.”

Hostler is able to guest teach at the school because the Yurok Tribe has a good relationship with the Klamath-Trinity School District and its Environmental Program has been successful in securing a U.S. EPA Grant that has an outreach & environmental education component. Project BudBurst & Budburst Buddies is a national program created to expose elementary-age students to gathering information about how different plants transform with the seasons. For more information visit www.budburst.org.

Also, on this day a reporter from the Two Rivers Tribune is present and Lowry took advantage of the reporter's presence to give her students a firsthand glimpse into the journalism profession. Each student is allowed to ask the media person about her job.

"What do you do with your camera?" one student asks excitedly.

Lowry unites local history, language and culture with the curriculum, while at the same time meeting state performance standards. The community-based educational program also reflects all of the different cultures within her classroom.

One of the Yurok traditional values practiced at the school is restorative justice. If a student acts inappropriately they must first listen to the receiver of the hapless behavior, apologize and then offer an amount of the school's currency. The students earn Cheek (money) for good behavior. After the reckoning is complete the issue is over. The philosophy behind settling up is to bring back balance between the two people.

The School has a fully-stocked classroom store containing everything from small toys to clothes the kids can buy with their cheek.

The total enrollment is 21, up from the previous school year, giving the kids ample one-on-one teacher interaction. Lowry is supported numerous community members, parents/guardians and two excellent aids, Donna Albers and Linda Wildman.

The Yurok Tribe and Klamath-Trinity School District are working on a plan to make the school a half day immersion school in the future. The morning session will be in English, while the afternoon session, starting with lunch will be done in Yurok language. The Tribe's Language Program has submitted a grant application to fund the first Yurok immersion school. ✨

Give your input at the Scenic Byways Open House events

The Yurok Scenic Byways Program continues to grow more and more as the goals and visions of the program become more defined.

Currently, the Transportation Program is starting the process of designing each byway and is seeking public input to guide the project. The program is having "Open House" events in Weitchpec and Klamath in June. The educational meetings will provide excellent opportunities for those interested to participate in the process and learn more about the Yurok Scenic Byways Program including the details of different projects already identified. The events are scheduled for **Wednesday, June 20th 12:00pm-6:00pm in both the Weitchpec and Klamath offices.**

Since the Tribe started its Yurok Scenic Byway Program 2011, the Program has received four National Scenic Byways Program grants. A brief description of the projects completed, underway and presently in the planning process are listed below.

Establishing the Yurok Scenic Byway Program

The Transportation Program created an inventory of roads for potential projects, drafting policies and procedures for the program, using a Yurok-specific methodology for route designations, and developing a strategic plan to guide future YSBP projects

Defining the Yurok Scenic Byway

This grant enabled the Transportation Program to further define what the YSBP

will look like. The transportation team, using public input, will determine the scope of information promoted through the Byways Program and stake out potential locations for future projects.

Develop a Yurok Scenic Byways Corridor Management Plan

The Transportation Program will be develop a comprehensive document that will tie the various stakeholders along the byways together for future projects on each tribal scenic byway.

Yurok Scenic Byways Visitor Center

This is the first construction project for the YSBP and will act as a hub for visitors to learn about the numerous educational and recreational activities in Yurok ancestral territory and the region. This project is in the design phase and is projected to be complete by Fall 2013.

The Yurok Tribe is one of few tribes actively pursuing Scenic Byways Programs to showcase their respected regions to travelers from around the world. State and tribal scenic byways programs around the country have utilized National Scenic Byways Program funds for various endeavors along designated byways including: interpretive kiosks, renovations to historical buildings, and planning studies to strategize for future projects.

For any further questions or clarification feel free to contact the Scenic Byways Coordinator Isaac Kinney at (707)482-1350 and (530)625-4130 or at ikinney@yuroktribe.nsn.us ✨

Q and A with Fisheries Biogist Kyle De Juilio and Public Safety Officer Joshua Davis. Both were named “Employee of the Month”.

Kyle De Juilio

1. **What is your title?** Fisheries Biologist I
2. **How long have you been working for the Tribe?** Since 2008.
3. **Why did you decide to work for the Tribe?** I thought it was an opportunity to represent the Yurok people’s interest, and protect and restore their natural resources
4. **What does your job entail?** Supervising staff on cooperative projects with federal agencies and other organizations to restore the Trinity and Klamath Rivers, while helping to ensure funding and reporting on these projects.
5. **What is the most satisfying part of your job?** To harvest, and see others harvest and eat the salmon that we work so hard to protect as they return every season.
6. **How does your position serve the tribal membership?** I represent the tribe’s interest in the conceptualization and implementation of river restoration on the Trinity River.
7. **What do you do outside of work?** I am newly married; I love to fish on the ocean and the river, hunt for mushrooms, keep a large garden, and have a dog, cat and saltwater fish tank.
8. **What are your plans for the future?** I plan to try to be as healthy and happy as I can, and to continue to do the things I love, and the work that I enjoy. ✨

Joshua Davis

1. **What is your title?** Public Safety Officer.
2. **How long have you been working for the Tribe?** I have worked for Public Safety for two years.
3. **Why did you decide to work for the Tribe?** It offers new learning and teaching experiences constantly.
4. **What does your job entail?** Most of my time is spent patrolling the Reservation (upper and lower portions) for violations of federal, state, county, and tribal laws and ordinances. My primary duty as a Yurok Tribal Police Officer is to protect the people here, residents and visitors alike.

5. **What is the most satisfying part of your job?** There is never a dull moment because no two calls are ever the same and each day is different than the last.

6. **How does your position serve the tribal membership?** Like the other sworn members of my department, I am deputized by the sheriffs of both Humboldt and Del Norte County – meaning I enforce the law both on and off the Reservation. We answer calls for service, not only on the Reservation and in the immediate surrounding areas, but throughout both counties, as well. The Yurok Tribal Police respond to every kind of call, ranging from barking dogs and arguments to armed robberies and homicides. Each of us is wholly dedicated to the preservation of life and the quality thereof for everyone on the Reservation and in our neighboring communities.

7. **What do you do outside of work?** When I am not working, I like to spend time with family and friends. I enjoy several outdoor activities, including swimming, hiking, fishing, hunting, and disc golf. I also enjoy reading, photography, and the study of law, science, and history.

8. **What are your plans for the future?** I intend to stay here and work with the Tribe so long as there is work to be done. If one day I am no longer needed here as a Police Officer, I will consider my work finished, knowing I did everything I could to make a positive difference in the lives of those who wanted it. ✨

Make reservations today

Spaces are filling up fast at the Yurok Tribe’s Requa Resort for the summer/fall salmon season.

The resort has all of the amenities including: power, water, a net cleaning station and wifi.

Each river-view site also has its own picnic table.

To make reservations contact the Yurok Economic Development Corporation at (707) 482- 0657.

Tribe secures \$1.1 million to fix road



The Yurok Tribe has received two emergency project funding notices, totaling \$1.1 million, for the stabilization Mouth of Klamath Road., a critical thoroughfare for tribal members, residents and tourists.

“This funding will have a direct, positive impact on the local community and for all who come to enjoy our soul-easing river every summer,” said Yurok Chairman Thomas P. O’Rourke Sr. “The slides on the road present a clear and imminent threat to the community’s well being and the local economy.”

The Mouth of Klamath Road, located on the Yurok Reservation adjacent to the mouth of Klamath River, is the only entry point to the estuary for tribal and sport fisherman, kayakers and bird watchers who flock to the river every year. Additionally, the road serves as a critical access area for the Yurok Department of Public Safety. There was a potential, until the two grant notices came through, that the road would be closed for all or some of the economically and culturally critical fishing season.

Heavy storms have caused several landslides on the two-lane road, causing closures and rendering residents the ability

to drive off the hill. Until the road is repaired the unpredictable slides will continue to threaten a number of family homes.

“This is a serious emergency situation,” said Yurok Transportation Manager Joe James. “With this funding we will be able to immediately address this situation and fix this incredibly important road for all those that use it.”

The Mouth of Klamath Road, a Del Norte County Road, is one of the oldest roads in Del Norte County. Representatives from the Yurok Tribe, Del Norte County, Bureau of Indian Affairs and Housing and Urban Development all collaborated to successfully address the emergency in a timely manner.

“We are grateful to receive federal assistance to address the emergency situation on the Mouth of Klamath Road,” concluded Peggy O’Neill, the Yurok Tribe’s Planning Director.

The federal funds from the U.S. Department of Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Indian Reservation Roads High Priority Emergency grant was \$676,125 and the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development, Indian Community Block Grant (ICDBG) Imminent Threat Grant was for \$450,000. ❖

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Thomas P. O’Rourke Sr. ~ Yurok Chairman

2012 YUROK TRIBE ELECTION NOTICE

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

**CHAIRPERSON
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ORICK DISTRICT**

IF YOU ARE INTERESTED IN RUNNING FOR ELECTION AS A REPRESENTATIVE (MUST BE AT LEAST 30 YEARS OLD FOR CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR AND 25 YEARS OLD FOR A DISTRICT SEAT) ON THE YUROK TRIBAL COUNCIL.

YOU MAY PICK UP NOMINATION PAPERS BEGINNING JUNE 18, 2012 AT THE YUROK TRIBAL OFFICE IN KLAMATH. THERE IS A \$25 FILING FEE WHEN YOU PICK UP THE NOMINATION FORMS.

THE NOMINATION PERIOD CLOSES JULY 20, 2012.

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

OCTOBER 19

LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL FOR RUN OFF (14 DAYS)

ONLY IF YOU DID NOT REQUEST AN ABSENTEE FOR THE PRIMARY ELECTION

OCTOBER 19

MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS FOR RUN OFF (19 DAYS)

OCTOBER 31

LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE FOR RUN OFF (5 DAYS)

NOVEMBER 7, 2012

RUNOFF ELECTION

2012 Polling Locations

East District

Hoopaa High School
Hoopaa, CA

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.

2012 Election Schedule

OCTOBER 10, 2012 PRIMARY ELECTION

NOVEMBER 7, 2012 RUNOFF ELECTION

JUNE 18 (8:30AM)

FIRST DAY TO ISSUE NOMINATION PAPERS FOR COUNCIL OFFICE

JULY 11 (5:00PM)

LAST DAY TO REGISTER WHEN MOVING INTO A DIFFERENT DISTRICT **(90 DAYS)**

JULY 20 (5:00PM)

LAST DAY TO FILE NOMINATION PAPERS

AUGUST 10, (5:00PM)

LAST DAY TO FILE INITIATIVE(S)

AUGUST 10

PUBLICATION OF NOTICE OF ELECTION (54 DAYS)

AUGUST 15

LAST DAY TO RECEIVE CANDIDATE STATEMENTS FOR THE SAMPLE BALLOT **(250 words)** AND NEWSLETTER **(750 words)**

AUGUST 24

LAST DAY TO REGISTER FOR PRIMARY ELECTION (47 DAYS)

AUGUST 27-29

ELECTION BOARD CERTIFICATION OF NEW REGISTRANTS

AUGUST 31

MAIL OUT SAMPLE BALLOTS TO REGISTERED VOTERS (40 DAYS)

SEPTEMBER 14

MAILING OF ABSENTEE BALLOTS **(26 DAYS)**

SEPTEMBER 20

LAST DAY TO RECEIVE ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST BY MAIL (14 DAYS)

OCTOBER 3

LAST DAY TO PICK UP ABSENTEE BALLOT IN OFFICE (5 DAYS)

OCTOBER 10, 2012

PRIMARY ELECTION

Submit artwork for the 50th Annual Salmon Festival poster contest

The poster contest for the Yurok Tribe's 50th Annual Klamath Salmon Festival begins May 10, 2012.

The artwork should symbolize the importance of the relationship between a young people and elders and how that connection continues to move the Yurok Tribe forward in a healthy way.

The deadline for entries is June 15, 2012. It is preferred that all artwork is submitted on a CD as a high resolution file. If that is not possible, the Tribe will work with artists to turn his or her submission into the type of document required.

The winner of the poster contest will win \$200 and his or her artwork will be displayed on a t-shirt commemorating the salmon celebration. The winning art will become the property of the Yurok Tribe.

The Yurok Tribe's 50th Annual Klamath Salmon Festival will be held on Saturday, August 18, 2012. For more information, contact Matt Mais at (707) 482-1350 ext.1306.



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An annular solar eclipse is caused when the moon moves in front of the sun, but the moon is too far from the earth to totally block the sun. The last solar eclipse occurred in 1994. Yurok Country was a prime spot to view the rare and riveting ring of fire.