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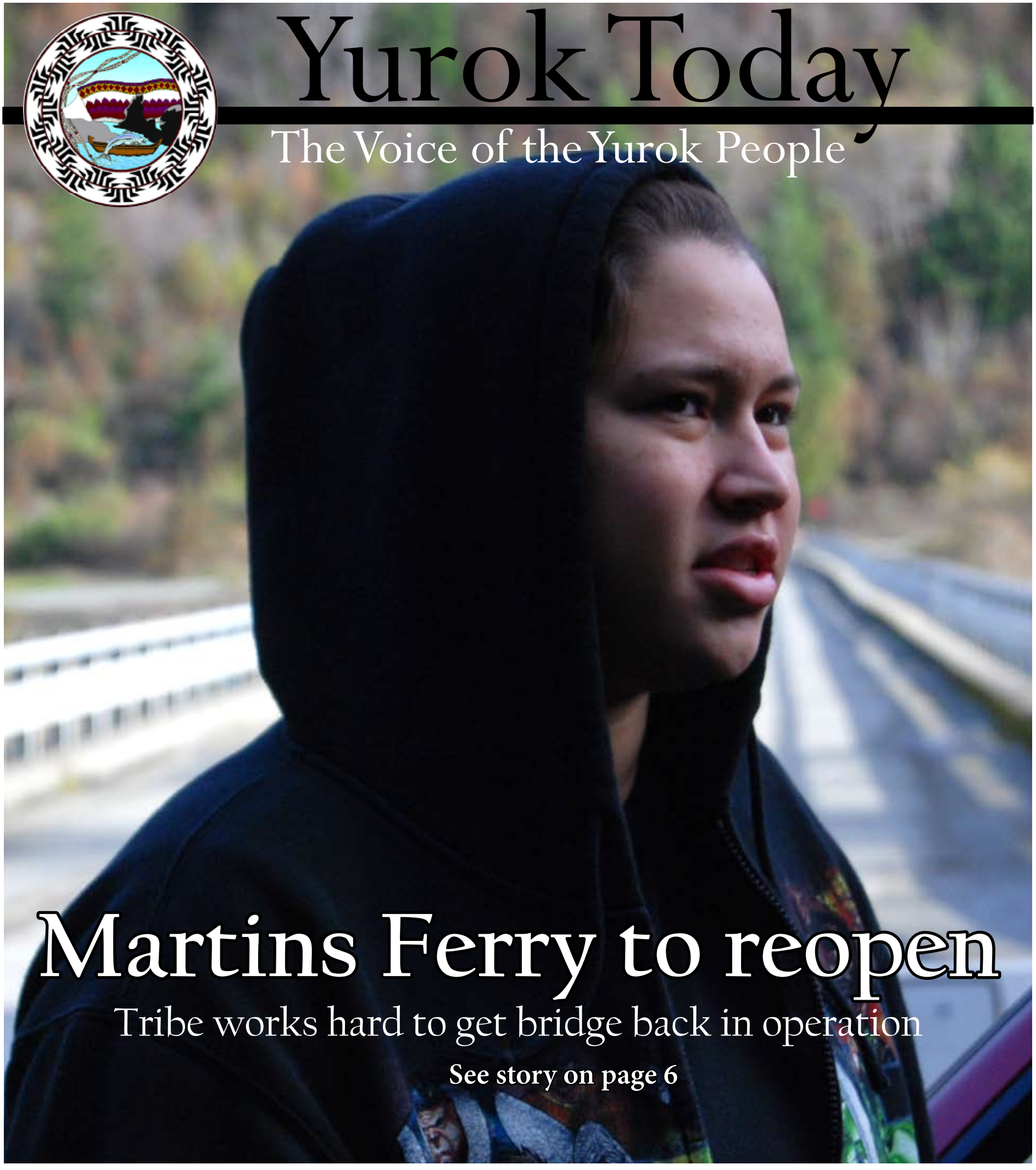

Martins Ferry to reopen

Tribe works hard to get bridge back in operation

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Useful news from the Chairperson

Chairperson

Maria Tripp

Settlement Fund Proposal

Hopefully by now you have received your settlement fund payment. The Tribal Council regrets not notifying you of the final results on the distribution plan.

Between the vote and distribution Council work with Morgan Stanley and the Enrollment department on the payout, the banks on cashing protocol, with legal staff on SSI questions, medi-cal questions, etc.

The Tribal Council numerous inquiries from other agencies requesting a list of our Tribal members, their address's and the amount each person would receive.

This information is confidential and the Tribe does not allow garnishment of any wages or other payments to you the Tribal members.

We hope this helps you understand why we did not publish any information on the amount of the payments nor expected date they would be sent out.

Tribal Members Who Turn 21

For individuals turning 21, checks will be processed at the end of each month and sent to those individuals by mail.

If you had a birthday in February your check will be sent within the first two weeks of March and if you had a birthday in March your check will be sent the first two weeks of April and so forth.

If you have any questions please contact Council Support staff at 707-482-1350 x316 or x319.

FERC Settlement Negotiations

In the last newsletter, there was an extensive update on FERC.

By now you should have received the DVD along with a letter from the Tribe outlining key elements of the Restoration Agreement.

We hope the DVD is helpful and answers any questions you might have.

You may also view the Restoration Agreement and a summary of the agreement on the Yurok Tribal website, www.yuroktribe.org

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Klamath restoration deal unveiled

Tribes, enviros, farmers agree how to repair ailing river

After over two years of negotiation among 26 diverse stakeholder groups, the Klamath Settlement Group has produced a draft agreement to settle many of the key issues that have for years divided the Klamath Basin's diverse communities. If adopted, the agreement would represent the largest river restoration effort in American history. The meetings producing the agreement were convened by the Yurok Tribe, Karuk Tribe, and Klamath Water Users Association

According to Maria Tripp, Yurok Tribal Chair, "This is a historic moment for the Yurok people and all other Klamath Basin communities. For many generations, the Yurok people have witnessed a steady decline in the health of the river and the life that it sustains. Implementation of this agreement, coupled with removal of the four PacifiCorp dams from the Klamath River, turns the tide from degradation to restoration. These agreements will enable our children's children to have the same cultural experiences and memories of the river and fish that our families enjoyed a hundred years ago."

The proposal addresses the needs of fish and farms. It provides a reliable and adequate allocation of water to farms and wildlife refuges, addresses the need for affordable power for Klamath Project irrigators who move water between farms, wildlife refuges and to the river. At the same time more water will be made available to the lower river to for the benefit of fisheries and coastal communities. Proponents of the agreement see it as a giant leap forward in the effort to restore the entirety of the Klamath basin.

According to Klamath Irrigation Project farmer Steve Kandra, "The proposed agreement provides stability and security to Klamath Basin communities. It provides for a predictable supply of water for farmers, resources to address times of water shortage, and affordable power for efficient water use. By implementing this agreement we can spare the next generation of family farmers and ranchers from a lifetime of neighbor against neighbor litigation, media wars, and economic uncertainty."

This sentiment was echoed by Glen Spain of the Pacific Coast Federation of Fishermen's Associations (PCFFA), a major fishing industry trade association also in the negotiations: "For decades now, the Klamath Basin has been gripped in rotating water crises each year, with many

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Public Safety 2007 achievements

Left to Right (back row) Warden Joe Pitt, Officer David Miller, (front row) Officer Kevin McKillip, Sgt. Heather Landreneaux, Officer Patric Esh, Sgt. Thorin McCovey, Officer Jerry Abasolo, Chief Dave Parris.

Macy Donahue is the Yurok Public Safety Department's Public Records specialist.

Dave Parris
Yurok Public Safety Chief

It is the mission of the Yurok Department of Public Safety to prevent crime, to preserve the peace, to protect Tribal property, to protect natural resources, to prevent unlawful disturbances, to make arrests when necessary and to investigate public offenses which have been committed.

It is important for our community to be informed of the goals and objectives of the department and what achievements have been accomplished in the forgone year. In an effort to inform the community on the accomplishments in 2007, we have outlined them below.

- **Cross Deputization:** A total of three officers have been cross deputized in Del Norte County. Two additional Officers are expected to be completed by June 2008. All officers are cross deputized in Humboldt County.

- **Neighborhood Watch Programs:** The Department of Public Safety implemented Neighborhood Watch in Klamath and Weitchpec. In partnership with the Yurok Housing Authority, the police department has met with neighboring residents and presented the program and assisted with obtaining necessary equipment for the residents.

- **Training :** In 2007, officers attended training on Sexual Assault, Firearms, Computer Technology, First Aid, AED (Automated External Defibulator) training, defensive driving and domestic violence.

- **Grants:** The Yurok Department of Public Safety with assistance from the Yurok Planning Department received two Community Oriented Policing Grants totaling over $600,000.00. The grants provide two analyst positions, two computers and three vehicles.

- **Remodel of Public Safety Facility:** The Yurok Department of Public Safety is in the process

of completing a remodel of the Klamath office. The remodel also provided some expansion to accommodate the two new analyst positions and a new evidence storage room.

- **Equipment Acquisition:** The Yurok Department of Public Safety has purchased the following safety equipment: Four new Boulton river boats which have replaced the existing Bureau of Indian Affairs boats donated to the Tribe years ago. New handguns which replace the existing Bureau of Indian Affairs issued weapons. Two Automated External Defibulators, which have been placed into service in the Klamath and Weitchpec area. New phone system in Klamath and Weitchpec offices, which will more efficiently service the community and the Department. New Honda Jet Ski and Rescue Board, which will be used for rescue operations at the mouth of the Klamath River.

- **Allied Agency and Community Partnerships:** The Yurok Department of Public Safety has joined as a department or appointed its officers to the following organizations or partners in our community: Klamath Chamber of Commerce, Humboldt County Sexual Assault Task Force (SART), Humboldt County Child Assault Services Team (CAST), Humboldt County Arson Task Force, and Humboldt County Drug Task Force.

Yurok Public Safety recently purchased a Jet Ski and Rescue Board to perform rescues at the mouth of the Klamath.

Martins Ferry to reopen

After hours of meeting in boardrooms from Weitchpec to Washington D.C. the Martins Ferry Bridge is slated to be repaired in the very near future.

With help from the Yurok Tribe, Humboldt County has secured $6.2 million dollars to fix the bridge and another $6.1 million to retrofit. As soon as the county selects a contractor work will begin to make the bridge safe again.

Cars are expected to be able to travel over Martins Ferry by July of this year.

In the mean time, the closure of Martins Ferry Bridge will continue to have a devastating affect on the Yurok Tribe and the local community on the upper portion of the reservation. The bridge, which in geographic terms connects the eastern and western portions of the Reservation via the Bald Hills Rd., has been closed since December 4, 2007.

"This was an important route for thousands of years for the Yurok people and it still is," Weitchpec representative Sid Nix, recently told a group of county, state and federal officials at a meeting the Klamath Administration Office.

The California Department of Transportation abruptly closed the bridge following a not-so-routine inspection. The steel truss bridge is built similarly to the bridge which failed in Minneapolis last year. Caltrans was surveying all similarly constructed bridges when it determined there was in imminent threat of collapse of Martin's Ferry Bridge.

Most gravely, the bridge closure puts in jeopardy a number of Yurok tribal members who depend on the bridge for access to health care, jobs and child care. The bridge closure has also caused a number of challenges for the Yurok Tribal government, which runs operations on both sides of the bridge including: social services, river restoration projects, education outreach etc... For example, the Tribe has four Temporary Assistance for Needy Family homes on the west side of the bridge, which house 11 children and their parents. When the bridge was operational it was 30 minutes for the Tribe's social workers to get to the houses, now it is a matter of hours along a detour route that is a challenge even to 4-wheel drive vehicles.

The Tribe, County of Humboldt and State of California recognized the seriousness of the situation and by all declaring a "State of Emergency." The Tribe has been holding regular meetings with Federal, State and local agencies to get the bridge back in operation.

The bridge is technically part of the Humboldt County road system and it was up to the County to either replace

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(clockwise) Humboldt County Roads workers put cement rails in front of Martins Ferry Bridge on Dec. 4, 2007. Caltrans surveys the one of the bridge's piers a few days before it was closed by rapelling down. A close-up shot of one of the cracking piers on the bridge.

(left) Mason Van Mechelen is working to produce a piece for the Tribe's newsletter.

Tribe works with students

Programs give young Yurok real-life experience

Many Yurok Tribal employees are offering part of their Fridays to give Yurok students a real-life experience of what it is like to serve the Tribe.

Students from the Klamath River Early College of the Redwoods are working with several Tribal departments to some way better the Yurok community or are participating in a souped-up internship with a Tribal employee..

The Community Action Projects and Fellowship Program are designed to compliment what teachers are doing in the classroom. As the students work side-by-side with Tribal employees, teachers meld daily lessons around each student's experience in the workforce.

"We know that students learn best when they can apply theory in a practical and meaningful situations," said the school's director, Geneva Wiki, who is also a Yurok Tribal member.

The Early College is an independent charter school in Klamath. At the school students get a high school degree and at the same time accrue college credit.

"The school's goal is to develop the future leaders of our community," Wiki said.

No doubt, some of those students will one day be working for and leading the Tribe.

While Yurok and Fellowship participant Amber Gensaw might not know exactly what she wants to do for a career, she does know the value of the experience she is getting.

"I really look forward to doing my Fellowship because I know it's going to prepare me for my real job," said Gensaw,

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More Yuroks speaking language

Lawrence "me-'poch" Williams
YEWPP

This year's third annual Yurok Language Community Forum (YLCF)-was marked by equal amounts of a sense of inspiration and inevitability.

It was very inspiring to see so many people who have, in the past few years, developed at least an intermediate speaking ability in the Yurok language.

This fact contributed to the sense that a full revitalization of Yurok language and culture is no longer a dream, but is now an inevitable reality.

Already, Yurok is taught in numerous community language classes and is offered to students from head start to high school. This Spring (2008), Leo Canez will be teaching a beginning course in Yurok to college students at Humboldt State University.

Leo is a model of the kind of intermediate level speakers who have

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Yurok fishing etiquette

By Yurok Culture Committee

The Yurok People and Tribe have made great strides to ensure that Yurok have commercial and subsistence fishing rights, that there are fish in the river and that there is enough water in the river to support a healthy environment for fish and people. The Yurok People and the Tribe have fought the good War (Fish Wars and Water Wars) and have won some major battles. More struggle is yet to come. The Creator has placed Yurok people and fish together for reasons of balance and longevity. These reasons are codified as "Indian Law," first instructions from the creator to the Yurok People. When the law is not followed the balance is not maintained and the fish do not return, the river dries up and the Yurok people dwindle away. The Culture Committee is concerned that proper fishing etiquette is not being followed on the river and provides the following ten rules of fishing etiquette.

1. Know your family ancestry. Know where you are related along the river. Know the river and its locations, particularly the village name that your family is from.
2. Only Yurok men fish; however special circumstances allow Yurok women to fish.
3. Not every Yurok family had/has a fishing place right
4. Every Yurok has a fishing place right through permission.
5. Permission is gained by asking and being granted a right with terms and conditions.
6. Permission given once is not permission given forever.
7. One standard condition is to pay with fish caught at the place where permission was granted.

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good people, including farmers and fishermen, all too often pitted against one other. While this proposed Agreement is not yet final, we look forward to working with our friends in the farming and tribal communities to finalize and approve the agreement soon."

The groups are optimistic that a deal to remove PacifiCorp's lower four Klamath dams is possible. According to Steve Rothert, director of the California office of American Rivers, "we have a plan to put the Klamath Basin back together ecologically as well as economically, but we can't do it without PacifiCorp as a partner. We are optimistic that we can forge that partnership with the company in coming weeks."

PacifiCorp is the Portland, OR based utility that owns the Klamath dams. PacifiCorp is a subsidiary of Mid-American Energy Holdings Company which in turn is owned by Warren Buffett's Berkshire Hathaway.

Since construction of the ladderless dams began in 1918, salmon runs have plummeted in the Klamath River resulting in depressed economies in the Basin and commercial fishery shutdowns along the west coast. River advocates argue that since the dams generate little energy, provide no diversions of water for agriculture and no flood control, they should be removed.

The case for dam removal was strengthened recently by economic reports from state and federal energy agencies that concluded dam removal is cheaper for PacifiCorp's customers than financing the upgrades needed to comply with federal mandates for fish ladders. Studies by the California Energy Commission show that the energy from the dams can be cost-effectively replaced with renewables and efficiency measures.

"We have a unique opportunity for a business deal that delivers advantage to the fish and benefit to PacifiCorp. We can and should do both," commented Chuck Bonham of Trout Unlimited.

"We have a real opportunity to solve one of the West's most complex and bitter water wars, we now look to our communities, the citizens of the Basin and to PacifiCorp for their input and assistance," concluded Klamath Water Users Director Greg Addington.

The groups have more talks with PacifiCorp planned in coming weeks.

Then proposed agreement and an executive summary is available online at yuroktribe.org.

12/15/07- A report of a vandalism resulting in less than $400 worth of damage was taken in Klamath.
12/20/07- A petty theft report was taken in Klamath.
12/21/07- A man was arrested for public intoxication in Klamath.
12/23/07- A driver was arrested for displaying false or deceptive license plates in Eureka.
12/26/07- A burglary at the Yurok Indian Housing Authority was reported. The case is still under investigation.
12/26/07- A driver was cited for driving on a suspended license.
12/27/07- A burglary was reported at the Pem-mey Fuel Mart in Klamath. An investigation is active.
12/30/07- Yurok Tribal Police received a report of domestic violence in Pecwan.
12/31/07- A driver was cited for failing to obey a sign or signal in Weitchpec.
12/31/07- A driver was cited for failing to obey a sign or signal in Weitchpec.
1/01/08- A driver was cited for failing to obey a sign or signal in Weitchpec.
1/04/08- An individual was cited and released for a warrant in Weitchpec.
1/07/08- A driver was cited for lacking registration tabs in Weitchpec.
1/09/08- A report of assault with a deadly weapon was taken by officers in Weitchpec.
1/16/08- A driver was cited for driving without a license in Weitchpec.
1/17/08- A report of vandalism of less than $400 was taken in Weitchpec
1/18/08- A report of forgery was taken in Klamath.
1/22/08- A vehicle was abandoned on the Martins Ferry Bridge.
1/23/08- A report was taken of a vandalism of less than $400 was taken in Weitchpec

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8. Some fishing places are "open" anybody can fish there. They are open on a first-come-first serve basis. If someone is fishing in an open place then the latecomer informs the first party that they want to fish and then they politely wait for a day. It is customary for the fist party to provide some fish to those waiting.
9. No fighting on the river; particularly no fighting over fishing places.
10. Do not waste fish

A quote from Domingo of Weitspus sums it up:

"We were not like the whites, because every place has name. Every place has a name because we won't do anything if people who take care of a place die. No one tries to make use of his land, for hunting, seed gathering, because those that die still own that place. I was thinking this because the whiteman does not take care of the ground. Thus I was thinking this because we take care of the ground. You come to be boss. You did not take care of the land. We everywhere took care of the land. All had names. All fishing places had names, thus we took care of it. No one came from down stream to fish, none came from there. They kill them if they do that - the same they did thus as regards gathering grass seeds. Not want anyone to come from downstream. The same with gathering acorns. Want no one to do that. They pay if they want to do that, then can they do that. You say we never held land. They always held land, they always held it, everywhere, the land. That is all I'll tell you. Thus I have wanted to tell you."

When disputes occur Indian law provides a method of dispute resolution. In general dispute resolution is based upon

- Mutual respect
- Avoidance of insult
- Payment exacted for each and every trangression (including insult)
- Negotiation through a neutral facilitator
- Reconciliation through payment

When disputes are not settled or settlement fails then a feud escalates. Escalating feuds create a world out of balance. It is important if the Yurok People are to ask that the rest of the world manage the river in balance, then Yurok must also maintain balance among themselves.

New Yurok Tribal Members

ENROLLED 11/29/07

ALAMEDA, ASHLYN ARABELLA
ALBERS, TEE-GEEN LEE
ALLEN, VICTOR SHANE
BABB, DENNIS RAY
BAIN, RIANNA GENE
BASTIAN, CARESSA RAE
BATES, SEGEP LANCE
BERRY, DRACO LI'NI RYAN
BIGHEAD, DWAYNE DWIGHT
BIGHEAD, OLIVIA SONJA
BIGHEAD, SAMANTHA ADELE
BYRD, LYNDEN DEE
COLEGROVE, HUNTER FRANCIS
COOPER, LOGAN CURTIS
DE LA ROSA, ASHLEY NICOLE
DICKERSON, NOAH WOLFGANG
DIEHL, LYLEE ANN EPIPHANY MAE SERENDIPITY
DIEHL, PATIENCE ANN TROUBLE LOUISE
DIEHL, SERENITY ANN ANGELICA MARIE
DONAHUE, DEEGAN LAFAYETTE
DUCHARME, KACI ANN
FARMER, JACE DAMIEN
FERGUSON, MARY DENNESSE
FRANK, DYLAN KENNETH
FRANK, KELSEY LOUISE
FRANK-GUERRERO, ADAMAY ETHEL
FRANKLIN-DONAHUE, LEVI ROBERT D
FRANKLIN-DONAHUE, NAKOMA YUPTHUKIRAR
GABRIEL, FARRON MARIE
GABRIEL, NAHSCEWEN TISHUP
GABRIEL, TISHAWNIK MOONEY
GARCIA, MICHELLE REAH
GENSAW, DEMETRIUS ISAIAH
GEOPFERT, SIMONE SUMMER
GILLESPIE, NICHOLAS ALEXANDER
GONZALEZ, NAKAI DOMONIQUE
GRAVES, STEVEN ALAN, II
HERNANDEZ, RAYMOND JAMES
HERSEY-HENRY, ISAIAH THOMAS
HOFFMAN, TREVOR REY
HUNSUCKER, ANDREW CLAYTON, JR.
HUNSUCKER, MOOSHINE DIAMOND
LAKE, AALIYAH KE-POON-SPEA-GEE
LATHAM, SHERRY MARIE
LITTLE, TERESA RASHEL
LOWERY, NICHOLE VICTORIA
MARTINEZ, JOSEPH PAUL
MILLER, MEGAN AMANDA
MYERS, ARAYA LYNN
MCCOVEY, IVY MAREEP
NELSON, CHEESHP SHIRLEY
NELSON, WILLIAM BURRELL, JR.
NEZ, HOSTEEN MCCOVEY
NULPH, LYDIA MAE

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or fix the bridge. The County has determined that the bridge can be rehabilitated.

"We did everything we could to work with local, state and federal agencies to get the bridge reopened." said Yurok Tribal Planning Director Peggy O'Neill. "We have held several meetings with local residents to assess their concerns and are forwarding this information on to the appropriate federal, state and local agencies."

Because of the bridge closure, it is now approximately a one hundred mile drive on all weather roads to get from one side of the bridge to the other. For those who live on eastern section of the reservation and work on the coast this translates to two hours of additional commute time one way. However, those paved roads weave through steep terrain.

On Friday Dec. 21, a landslide between the eastern portion of the Yurok Reservation and the Hoopa Reservation shut down the only reasonable paved route, increasing the commute time to roughly six hours one way.

There are two marginal-at-best dirt roads designated as detours around the closure. However, Pine Creek and Dowd Roads are currently passable by four wheel drive during the winter months. Both roads are prone to wash-outs and are impassible during snowstorms common in winter and early spring.

Another bit of good new said Planning Director Peggy O'Neill: "Humboldt County Public Works is currently working with local area contractors to upgrade Dowd Road. The California Office of Emergency Services requisitioned four California Department of Forestry crews to clear brush on Dowd Road and Caltrans to haul gravel in under their mutual aide program. The County plans to spend close to $1 million dollars upgrading Dowd Road as the primary detour route during the rest of the bridge closure."

The Yurok Public Safety Department is driving the roads daily to insure the safety of the travelers. Yurok Public Safety has sustained substantial damage to a police vehicle due to the poor condition of the designated detour route.

Most of the residents living on the Yurok Reservation do not own four-wheel-drive vehicles needed to safely travel on the roads and cannot afford the extra fuel costs. Ambulances and fire trucks are also unable to travel on the detour route.

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Leo Canez is one of a growing number of intermediate Yurok speakers

recently emerged.

Just a few years ago, Leo spoke only a handful of Yurok words, but he has worked avidly with the Yurok Elder Wisdom Preservation Project (YEWPP) and on his own to accomplish being able to carry on short conversations with elders in Yurok.

About fifty people who are all seriously interested in the revitalization of Yurok and other native languages met over two days at the UIHS Potawat Village in Arcata to discuss strategies and goals for building on the successes and momentum of the indigenous language movement locally and elsewhere. Presentations included the Yurok Tribe's preschool instructional framework; an approach called "Total Physical Response," aimed at accomplishing basic fluency in elementary language use by requesting students to perform actions (sitting, raising and lowering of one's hands, etc.) and activities (such as having students draw items described only in the native language or having them describe pictured objects using their native tongue) without the use of any English; activities that focus on the interactive dimensions of actual communication and not just the static process of learning words and phrases and grammar; and a presentation of exciting software developed by Dan Harvey of Southern Oregon University to create interactive language lessons for use with computers, including Internet web sites.

One of the most inspiring presentations concerned a Hawaiian system of immersion schools, in which instruction from grades one to six is conducted entirely in Hawaiian.

English is introduced as a language arts course in grades five and six. From that point on, students have an option to continue in the same mode or switch to courses in English. Apparently, most students elect to continue the immersion program for their middle school and high school courses.

At the start of the Hawaiian immersion program, there were fewer than 50 children under age 18 who were fluent in Hawaiian.

Today, more than 2,000 are enrolled in Hawaiian immersion programs, learning their native language from the start.

The Hawaiian model is an inspiration for various language programs to establish similar programs in California.

The good news is that there are now young and middle-aged Yurok language speakers, such as Carol Lewis and Victoria Carlson, who have achieved a level of fluency that could assist in developing a workable model for local immersion schools.

Numerous others are following quickly, including some very young speakers such as Rachel Provolt, a recent graduate of the American Indian Academy who is very dedicated to speaking and teaching Yurok.

This year's forum was again blessed with the presence of beloved elders Aileen Figueroa, Jimmie James, and Archie Thompson, as well as Tolowa elder Margaret Brooks. One hopes that they were encouraged that so many younger people are devoted not just to preserving, but to revitalizing, Yurok language and culture with a visionary, yet practical, commitment to recreate a fully Yurok-speaking community.

Yurok Tribal members are asked to raise their hands at a recent career panel at Del Norte High School.

Yuroks helping Yuroks

Panel offers glimse into careers

The Yurok Tribe's Education Department is making a presence at local high schools this winter in an effort to show Native students the many values of continuing learning post graduation.

At a panel at Del Norte High School, seven panelists with backgrounds ranging from law enforcement to computer technology explained to students the details of their jobs.

"We hope to get our American Indian students excited and motivated about doing what it takes to enter a professional career," said Education Department Director Jim McQuillen.

The nearly fifty students were engaged, asking many detailed questions of the panelists.

Most of the panelists are Yurok and all of their occupations benefit local Tribes in one way or another.

"If we invest in these kids' lives, they are going to pay us back in future by being the ones who advance our Tribes economically, socially and spiritually," McQuillen said.

Education Director Jim McQuillen addresses the students.

The panelists at Del Norte High School included: Yurok Tribe Watershed Restoration Manager Walt Lara III, Yurok Tribe JOM Site Supervisor Adia Gibbens, Yurok Tribe Economic Development Director Wilbur Nelson, Yurok Public Safety Officer Thorin McCovey, Yurok Tribe Computer Technician Tyson Sanchez, Yurok Tribe Guidance Technician Elsie McLaughlin-Feliz, Klamath River Early College English teacher Josh Norris, and Smith River Rancheria NAGPRA coordinator Suntayea Steiruck.

SALMON FESTIVAL POSTER CONTEST

The 46th Annual Klamath Salmon Festival Poster Contest is now open. Submit your original artwork for a chance to win $100 if your work is chosen as the Official Salmon Festival Poster.

SUBMISSIONS DEADLINE April 30, 2008

Send artwork to:

Yurok Tribe
Salmon Festival Coordinator
Post Office Box 1027
Klamath, California 95548

Or Walk-in to the following location:

Yurok Tribe Administration Building
190 Klamath Boulevard
Klamath, California

Important dates

- **Yurok Tribe Annual Meeting, Saturday August 2, 2008 @ Klamath Tribal Office.**
- **Klamath Salmon Festival, Sunday August 17, 2008 @ Klamath Townsite.**

Yurok Social Services is planning for the future needs of Tribal members. We will be contacting Tribal elders to ask for their ideas regarding services for elders and for the needs and wishes of Yurok elders. All tribal members 50 and over will receive a survey in the mail-some interviews for elders in the Humboldt –Del Norte area will be conducted through focus groups and face to face interviews. Surveys will be mailed out in late February and those returned before March 31st, 2008 will be eligible for the drawing of a Pendelton lap blanket. The second prize will be an assortment of items made in Humboldt and Del Norte counties. Thank you for participating and helping us plan for the future of our elders. If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Rainer at (707) 834-5568 or Tene Kremling at (707) 496-3841.

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who is working with the Tribe's Language program.

For seven weeks during their winter trimester the students will be working with the Yurok Repatriation, Environmental, Fisheries, Language and Public Relations departments to learn precisely what the Tribe does for its membership.

"I think the CAPs are really good opportunity, for our department especially, to demonstrate the importance of the work that we do," said Yurok Tribal Environmental Program assistant director Laura Mayo.

Last year, the students who were in the Environmental Program-focused Community Action Project surveyed native plants, studied cultural resource management issues and tested gas-tainted water at the old Air Force base in Requa.

"Our staff gets a lot out of it because we get to share our work with these kids. There's always a really neat moment when they get it," said Mayo who was involved with a CAP last year and again this year.

The Early College is also doing Fellowships outside of the Tribe with the Del Norte Chamber of Commerce, the Community Assistance Network, Chetco Federal Credit Union and the Del Norte First Five.

The Community Assistance Projects are also being done outside of the Tribe. For example, Early College teacher and Yurok Annelia Norris has developed a CAP aimed at creating and painting a mural to answer the question, "What is Community?" The mural will be displayed at the Youth Hostel in Klamath and will travel around the world.

On March 14 the students will be giving presentations of their work to the community at large.

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RAGAIN, STEVEE NYCOLE
REED, PAMELA LINN
ROBISON, JESSICA KAY
SALINAS, KAYLA NICOLE NE-REC
SCHADE, RONALD LEE
SCHAMEHORN, AARON LEE, JR.
SCHAMEHORN, TAYLOR JEAN
SCHAMEHORN, TYLER JOHN
SOUTHAPHANH, NICOLE LEANNE
STANSHAW, JULIANNA JEAN
STEVENSON, JESSIE JEANN
TRACY, VINCENT WALTER
VALENZUELA, ARROW CLIFF
VALENZUELA, MACKENZIE MARIE
WATKINS, CAITLYN MAE
WHIRRY, ELIZABETH ANN
WILSON, SHON DAE ALINA
YOUNG, DENNIS TEKEWAU
YOUNG, ERICA GAIL
YOUNG, TAVIS ROBERTS

Enrolled 12/04/07

ABARR, JADEN PAUL
AMES, RYAN MICHAEL
ALAMEDA, TERRYN NICOLETTE
ANDERSON, ANDREW KALEB
BARTNICK, MAX LEO
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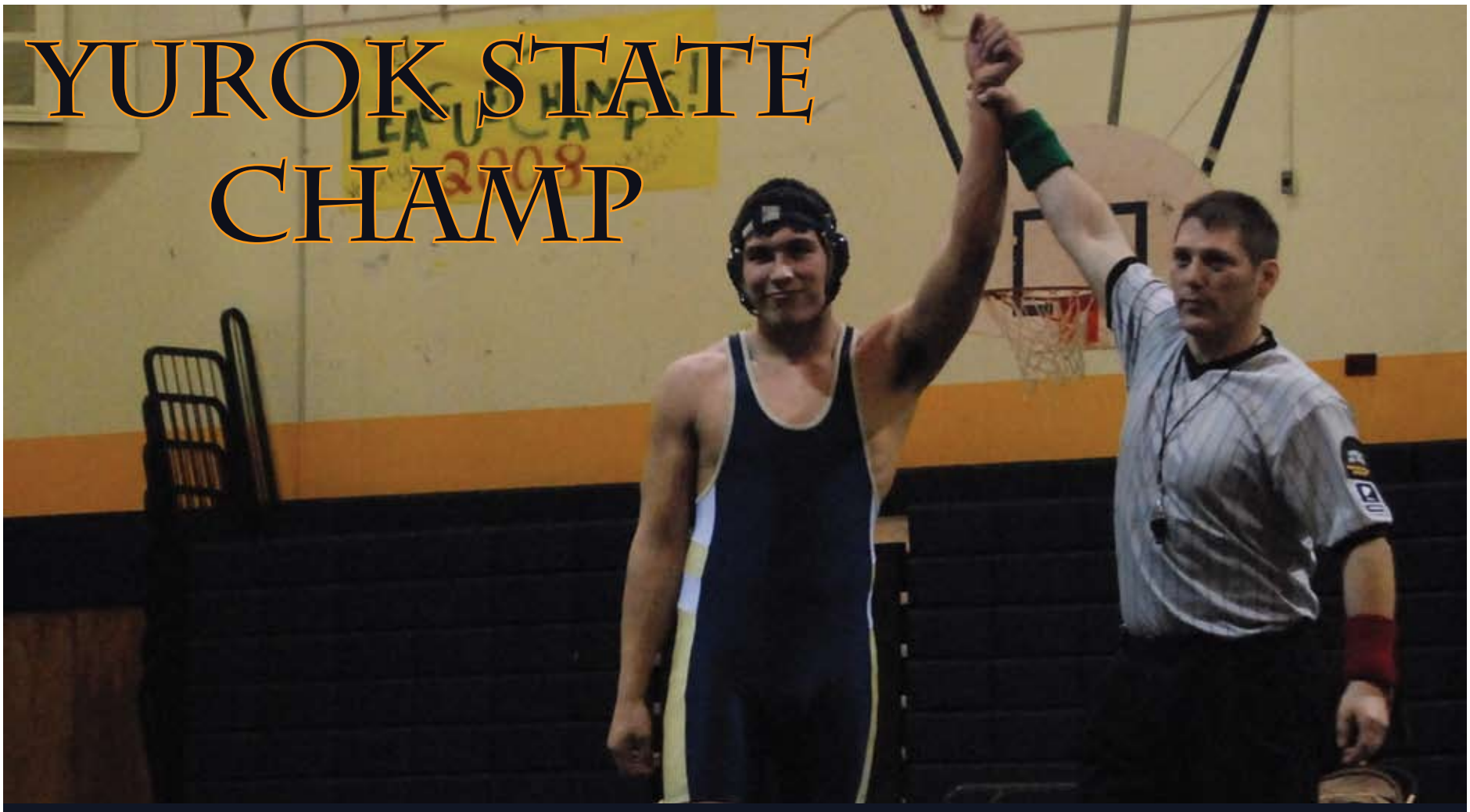

Just before press time Yurok Tribal member Roger "Bronc" McCovey completed a perfect wrestling season. McCovey, a heavy weight at Del Norte High School, went 41-0. The junior never even once lost a point for a take down and pinned the State's former number one wrestler in one minute and one second. There are no divisions in high school wrestling. Undisputedly, McCovey is the best in country's most populated state.

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