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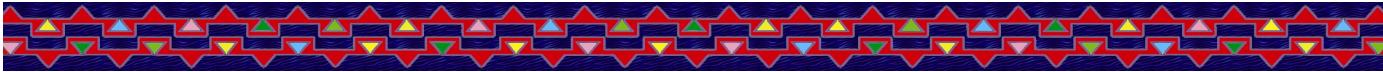
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May the peace and beauty of this Christmas season remain with you throughout the New Year!

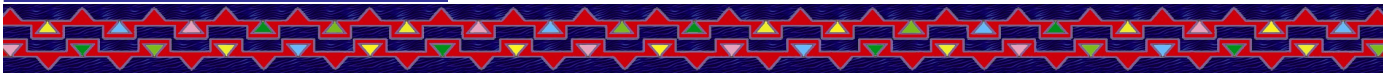


GETTING TO KNOW OUR LOCAL JOE



I would like to focus this month's Local Joe on Warren "Mokie" Blake who went on to join our Creator on November 23. Mokie was born and raised in Crescent City and spent much of his time at his family property on the river in Klamath. At his memorial, it was nice to hear many speak of how Mokie took the time to teach them how to fish, how to care for

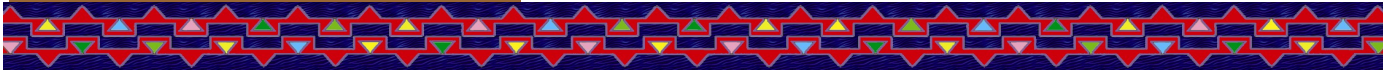
and mend nets, etc. and that he made them feel special. That is what most impressed me about Mokie. Not only did he take the time to teach his family & friends something, but he bragged to everyone about how well they did it and made each one of us feel like we did it the best. Thank you Mokie for making us all feel special. You will be greatly missed.



BLAST FROM THE PAST- BY FRANK LARA



This photo is of a ceremonial trunk. It is made out of redwood and was manufactured to hold ceremonial items. This trunk would have either been made by its owner or was commissioned by a trunk carver. It could also have been won to cover a gambling debt.



NATURE'S COASTAL HOLIDAY LIGHT SHOW

GREAT FAMILY HOLIDAY OUTING...

Every December Azalea Park is the site of "Nature's Coastal Holiday Light Show" which returns bigger and brighter each year with dazzling light displays. Until January 1, the Park is transformed into a winter wonderland with a light show and sculpture display. The entire creative display follows a Northwest theme. Located on Old County Road, Azalea Park is easily reached from highway 101. Take the first road north of the Chetco River Bridge. You will see the triangle of

land maintained by the Brookings Garden Club. Go to the stop sign and turn left. Signs will direct you to the parking area facing onto Old County Road. Admission is \$1 for adults, with children 12 and under admitted free. Cookies, Cider & Hot Chocolate will be served.



CHOCOLATE BON BON'S BY KIM MAMARADLO

INGREDIENTS:

- 1 can regular condensed milk
- 4 Tablespoons Nestle Quick Chocolate Powder
- 2 Tablespoons butter
- 2 jars chocolate sprinkles (cake decorating isle)
- 24 small candy paper cups

INSTRUCTIONS:

Mix the first three ingredients in a 4 cup Pyrex bowl. Microwave on medium power (50%) for 3 minutes. Stir. Continue cooking at 50% for 5 minutes. Stir. Microwave again for 3 minutes. Stir. For soft chocolates, stop cooking at this point (for firmer cook 3 more minutes).

Remove from the microwave, stir and pour onto buttered plate. Set aside to cool thoroughly.

Scoop up by teaspoonfuls and roll in lightly buttered hands to form a ball. Roll the ball in chocolate sprinkles coating thoroughly. Place in a little candy paper cup. These are a great gift idea if they last that long!



PROGRAM OPERATIONS WELCOMES SHAWN FERNANDES

Hi! My name is Shawn Fernandes and I am the new Intake Clerk for the Program Operations Department. I started working at the Yurok Indian Housing Authority in November and I love what I do. It's a fast paced environment and I enjoy the challenge of accomplishing the many tasks that are handed to me on a daily basis. Here at YIHA, you hit the road running and there is never a dull moment! I can be reached at 482.1506 ext 1012.



KLAMATH COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Mondays—Celebrate Recovery Meetings @ the Klamath United Methodist Church (UMC) 6:00pm

Wednesdays—AA @ the Yurok Tribal Office 6:30pm

Thursday—AA/Step 11 @ the Klamath UMC 6:30pm

Friday—AA @ the Yurok Tribal Office 6:30pm-7:30pm
Court Appointed Community Service Projects are now available to be worked off in Klamath. Contact John May @ 951.0752 for details.

Klamath Food Distribution:
Tuesday 12/14 Community Center 9:30am-12pm
Thursday 12/23 Senior Commodities @ the Klamath United Methodist Church 1-3pm

Breakfast & Lunch Gatherings
Senior Lunch every 3rd Wednesday @1pm—Klamath Community Center
Klamath Men's Breakfast every 2nd Saturday @10am— Klamath River Café
Klamath Women's Breakfast every last Saturday @10am—Klamath River Cafe

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS: BY KERRI MALLOY

In February, the Board of Commissioners will take a week to review the policies and procedures of all YIHA programs. It is during this time that the Board reviews all the comments, suggestions and situations that have come before it over the past year to help improve YIHA policies and procedures. This is also a time for the Board to consider the creation of new programs or the re-vamping of current programs.

This past month I had the opportunity to meet the very first down payment assistance client. It was a pleasure to hear her story about working through a program that was the first of its kind in the nation and was literally being developed as she went through it. The Yurok Indian Housing Authority was the first Tribal Housing Authority to implement a down payment assistance program

and has established a model program for other housing authorities to follow. Ten years later the first down payment assistance client is still in the home that YIHA helped her purchase and is looking forward to another ten years.

It is this type of success story that helps the Board to develop and implement solid policies that will make a difference in the lives of clients. While the policies are far from perfect, they are a good starting point to affect change in people's lives.



Christmas Turkey

It was Christmas Eve, and a woman at the meat counter was anxiously picking over the last few remaining turkeys with the hope of finding a larger one. In desperation she called over a shop assistant and said, "Excuse me. Do these turkeys get any bigger?"

"No, madam," he replied, "they're all dead."



FISCAL DEPARTMENT WELCOMES YVONNE MILLER

Hi! My name is Yvonne Miller and I live in Crescent City with my husband Les and our three very spoiled puppy dogs. Les and I have raised three very beautiful daughters: Brandy, Charity and Tiffany. My joy is to work for our people so I am very fortunate to be given the opportunity to come and work for the Yurok Indian Housing Authority as the Fiscal Clerk. It's really good to be here working with such a dynamic team.



CHRISTMAS FIND A WORD PUZZLE

- Christmas
- Cookies
- Gingerbread
- Berries
- Candy cane
- Holly
- Joy
- Mistletoe
- Santa Clause
- Jesus
- Rudolph
- Snowman
- Tree
- Star
- December

- Ornaments
- North Pole
- Noel
- Eggnog
- Mistletoe
- Ribbon
- Sleigh
- Icicles
- Cookies



EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS CORNER: BY JUDITH MARASCO

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA A PROCLAMATION

I, BARACK OBAMA, President of the United States of America, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the laws of the United States, do hereby proclaim November 2010 as National Native American Heritage Month. I call upon all Americans to commemorate this month with appropriate programs and activities, and to celebrate November 26, 2010, as Native American Heritage Day.



How to say Merry Christmas in:

Choctaw: Yukpa, Nitak Hollo Chito Navajo: Merry Keshmish Cree: Mitho Makosi Kesikansi
Eskimo: (inupik) Jutdlime pivdluarit ukiortame pivdluaritlo! & Hawaiian: Mele Kalikimaka
 &

“Happy New Year” in Yurok: Tey-wo-mehl cha-a-nor lok-seehl



CHRISTMAS & HOLIDAY SAFETY TIPS

Christmas and the holidays are an exciting and busy time but with all the joys of the holiday season come potential safety hazards that can cause injury or even death. Help prevent injuries at Christmas and during the holidays by following these tips.

Christmas Trees

- Christmas tree safety begins with the selection and purchase of a fresh tree.
- When buying a live pre-cut tree, make sure the tree is still fresh & healthy. A fresh tree is green, needles are hard to pull from the branches, and when bent between your fingers, needles do not break. Pull on the needles. If the needles come off easily, it is probably not in great condition. The trunk should be sticky and the limbs should be very flexible. Lift the tree and bounce the cut end on the ground, if a bunch of needles come tumbling off, it isn't a safe tree to take home.
- When you get the Christmas tree home, cut off the bottom two inches of trunk to

expose the fresh wood. This will create a fresh, raw cut for the tree to soak in water, allow for better water

absorption, and help to keep your tree from drying out and becoming a fire hazard. If you don't do this, the trunk may not be able to drink in the water in the Christmas tree stand.

- Keeping your thirsty Christmas tree well hydrated is the best way to prevent a tree fire. Keep the water in the stand well above the freshcut bottom of the trunk. There are products also available to help you keep your Christmas tree from getting too thirsty.
- When purchasing an artificial tree, look for the label "Fire Resistant".
- Christmas trees dry out with heat, so place your tree away from heat sources like the fireplace or heater vents. The cooler the Christmas tree stays, the better.
- The longer your Christmas tree stays in the house, the more it dries and becomes a fire hazard. Dispose of your Christmas tree in a timely manner following Christmas.

Christmas Toy Safety

- Select toys to suit the age, abilities, skills and interest level of the intended child. Toys too advanced may pose safety hazards for younger children.
- Before buying a toy or allowing your child to play with a toy that he has received as a gift, read the instructions carefully.
- To prevent both burns and electrical shocks, don't give young children (under age ten) a toy that must be plugged into an electrical outlet. Instead, buy toys that are battery-operated.
- Children under age three can choke on small parts contained in toys or games. Government regulations specify that toys for children under age three cannot have parts less than 1 1/4 inches in diameter and 2 1/4 inches long.
- Children under age 8 can choke or suffocate on uninflated or broken balloons. Re-

move strings and ribbons from toys before giving them to young children.

- Watch for pull toys with strings that are more than 12 inches in length. They could be a strangulation hazard for babies.
- Happy Visiting At Christmas And The Holidays
- Clean up immediately after a holiday party. A toddler could rise early and choke on leftover food or come in contact with alcohol or tobacco.
- Remember that the homes you visit may not be childproofed. Keep an eye out for danger spots.
- Traveling, visiting family members, getting presents, shopping, etc., can all increase your child's stress levels. Trying to stick to your child's usual routines, including sleep schedules and timing of naps, can help you and your child enjoy the holidays and reduce stress.



YIHA TENANT RECERTIFICATION

All tenants are required to report changes in income as they occur. This not only reflects when you lose income but gain income As well. If you start a job or get a raise it must be reported to YIHA. This is addressed in many places throughout your policies and contracts.

In the Occupancy Policy it is noted in:

3: VERIFYING AND CERTIFYING HOUSEHOLD INCOME & FAMILY COMPOSITION

3) Resident are to report all changes in income and assets as they occur.

8: PROGRAM VIOLATIONS

4) Failing to report changes in income and/or assets of household.

Should a resident commit a program violation, YIHA will notify the resident in the form of a written and documented violation. Tenants shall require the resident/homeowner to jointly develop a scheduled plan of action to correct the violations. Three violation notices to the tenant within a six month period for any conditions of YIHA tenant lease is cause for automatic eviction. YIHA may provide counseling as deemed appropriate and provide an opportunity for an informal hearing on the matter. If corrections are not forthcoming, termination from the program will result.

Another place reporting income may be found is in the Tenant Rules and Regulations:

5. Tenant agrees to report to YIHA, within 15 days, any changes in family income or composition of the family unit.

Please be advised that the YIHA staff is required to issue violations to clients who do not report changes in income.



Christmas Decoration Safety

- Use only non-combustible or flame-resistant materials to trim a tree. Choose tinsel or artificial icicles of plastic or nonleaded metals.
- Never use lighted candles on a tree or near other evergreens. Always use non-flammable holders, and place candles where they will not be knocked down.
- In homes with small children, take special care to avoid decorations that are sharp or breakable, keep trimmings with small removable parts out of the reach of children to avoid the child swallowing or inhaling small pieces, and avoid trimmings that resemble candy or food that may tempt a young child to eat them.
- Remove all wrapping papers, bags, paper, ribbons and bows from tree and fireplace areas after gifts are opened. These items can pose suffocation and choking hazards to a small child or can cause a fire if near flame.

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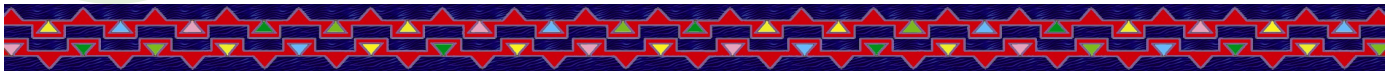
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INDIAN HUMOR

One day in early December the Chairman of the Yurok Tribe was asked by his tribal elders if the winter of 2010/11 was going to be cold or mild. He had no idea about how to predict the coming winter. However, the chairman decided to take a modern approach, and the chairman rang the National Weather Service. "Yes, it is going to be a cold winter," the meteorological officer told the chairman. Consequently, he went back to his tribe and told the members to collect plenty of firewood. A fortnight later the chairman called the Weather Service and asked for an update. "Are you still forecasting a cold winter?"

he asked. "Yes, very cold", the weather officer told him. As a result of this brief conversation the chairman went back to the tribe and told his people to collect every bit of wood they could find. A month later the chairman called the National Weather Service once more and asked about the coming winter. "Yes," he was told, "it is going to be one of the coldest winters ever."

"How can you be so sure?" the chairman asked. The weatherman replied: "Because the Native Americans of the Yurok Tribe are collecting wood like crazy."

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HAPPY DECEMBER BIRTHDAY TO YIHA TENANTS:

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Brittany Vigil, Miranda Thompson, Makenzie Scott, Dean Baker, Joseph James,
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