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# Karuk Tribe

Fall Edition 2017

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## Tribal Reunion 2017

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## *Greetings from your Tribal Council*



**Russell Attebery**  
Happy Camp  
Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2015-Nov. 2019



**Robert Super**  
Yreka  
Vice-Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2014-Nov. 2018



**Michael Thom**  
Happy Camp  
Secretary/Treasurer

TERM: Nov. 2015-Nov. 2019



**Alvis Johnson**  
Happy Camp District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2016-Nov. 2020



**Joseph Waddell**  
Happy Camp District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2016-Nov. 2020



**Josh Saxon**  
Orleans District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2013-Nov. 2017



**Renee Stauffer**  
Orleans District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2015-Nov. 2019



**Arch Super**  
Yreka District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2013-Nov. 2017



**Sonny Davis**  
Yreka District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2014-Nov. 2018

# Notes From The Chairman


**A**yukii Huut Kiich Tribal Members, I hope everything is going well throughout your communities. On July 22, 2017 we celebrated the 21st Annual Tribal Reunion. During the opening comments from the Tribal Council Members, I noticed that they all offered praise and thanks to our Karuk Tribal Employees. Our staff work long hours and many times take on other duties as needed in order to provide a better quality of life for Karuk Tribal Members. We have nearly 300 employees and that number will almost double in the near future. Because the Karuk Tribe is mostly dependent of grant funding, these employees need to have great communication skills, the ability to work with a variety of personalities, and have patience and perseverance to serve our Tribal Membership with dignity and integrity. Please join the Council and I in our efforts to express sincere appreciation to our work force for all their hard work and dedication.

## Rain Rock Casino Construction

The Casino project is moving along nicely. With the infrastructure nearly finished, the walls will be going up soon. Tim Rose and ROI (Return on Investment) are our casino developers. Scott Kremer is the new Site Superintendent and has hit the ground running in an effort

to expedite the grand opening. Although I cannot give an exact date at this time, I will say that it is “coming soon.” You can follow the construction of the Rain Rock Casino online by visiting the Karuk Tribe’s Website at [www.karuk.us](http://www.karuk.us). Also below are some pictures of the development.

Thank you for taking the time to read the newsletter as we update the membership on Karuk Tribal Departments and programs. Please take notice of the programs we offer as some may be beneficial to you or your family.

Yootva Kura Suva nik (Thank you & See you Later)  
Chairman Russell “Buster” Attebery 



*Construction Progress*



*Rain Rock Casino Construction*

# Election Committee of the Karuk Tribe

Karuk Voters Registration Office  
P.O. Box 815  
Happy Camp, CA 96039

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## NOTICE OF ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, November 7, 2017**, the Karuk Tribe will conduct a General Election for one **Yreka District Member at Large** position and one **Orleans District Member at Large** position.

Candidate packets for the Yreka and Orleans District Member at Large seats will be available at Tribal Offices in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans on **Tuesday, July 11, 2017**.

**POLLING PLACES** will be open from **7 AM to 7 PM** in Yreka at 1519 South Oregon Street-Clinic, in Happy Camp at 64236 Second Avenue-Multipurpose Room, and in Orleans at 39051 Highway 96-Community Room.

**TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE** you must be an enrolled member of the Karuk Tribe, who is eighteen years old or older, and has registered with the Karuk Voter's Registration Office (*you may register to vote before the election or at the polling place on Election Day, you must bring a valid form of ID to register at the poll place*).

### SUBJECT MATTER OF ELECTION:

**YREKA DISTRICT MEMBER AT LARGE POSITION, 4 Year Term: 2017-2021**

**ORLEANS DISTRICT MEMBER AT LARGE POSITION, 4 Year Term: 2017-2021**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS** Requests for absentee ballots must be submitted in writing with a current return address and **must be received no later than 5pm on Thursday, September 7, 2017**. Contact the Election Committee at (800) 505-2785 or visit [www.karuk.us/](http://www.karuk.us/) to obtain required form(s).

**CANDIDATES** Must submit their completed candidate packet and pay the \$75 processing fee to the Karuk Election Committee by **Wednesday, September 6, 2017 at 5pm**. An appointment must be arranged in advance with the Human Resources Office in Happy Camp to have fingerprints taken and submit to a urine drug screening test **PRIOR to 5pm, Wednesday, September 6, 2017**.

For more information we encourage you to contact the Election Committee at: **(800) 50-KARUK**.

# Ayukîi from the Enrollment Office,

There are currently 3,742 Enrolled Tribal Members and 4,509 Enrolled Descendants.



Mildred Grant  
*Chair*



Jeanerette  
Jacups-Johnny  
*Vice Chair*



Corina Alexander  
*Secretary*



Charlene Naef  
*Member At Large*



Robert Super  
*Council Vice Chair*

**O**ur office offers an array of services

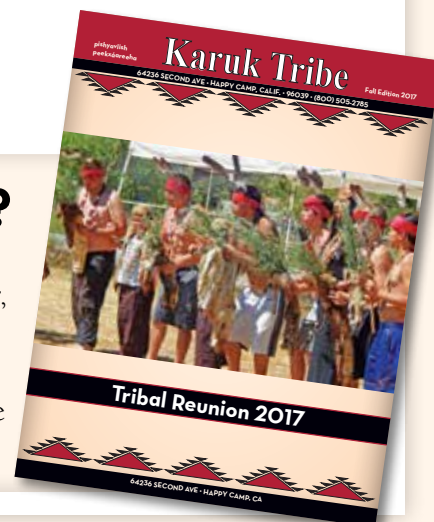
- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verifications for enrolled Members and Descendants.
- Collect Census Data on all Tribal Member households (we do not release any personal information only non-identifying information). Please update your census with our office every three years.
- Process mail lists for Tribal Mailings; please make sure your address is up to date so you don't miss out on important mailings or the newsletter.
- Issue Free California Fishing License Applications.
- Create Family Trees.
- Issue ID cards.
- Issue DMV/Sales Tax Exemption forms to Tribal Members living on Trust Land.

Please feel free to contact our office at (800) 505-2785 Ext. 2028/2039. You can also reach us by email: [rattebery@karuk.us](mailto:rattebery@karuk.us) and [mspence@karuk.us](mailto:mspence@karuk.us) we would love to hear from you. 🏹

Yootva,  
Robert Attebery,  
Enrollment Officer

## Do You Have An Article For The Newsletter?

**A**ttention Karuk Tribal Members & Descendants, if you have news, articles, events or announcements you wish to submit for publication in the Karuk Newsletter, please send information to [bsouza@karuk.us](mailto:bsouza@karuk.us). Submissions are preferred in digital format; however hardcopies are also accepted by mailing articles to Newsletter Articles, P.O. Box 1016 Happy Camp, CA 96039. All submissions must include your name and address as no anonymous articles will be accepted.



# Karuk Tribal Reunion 2017

Each year, the Karuk Tribe Council, Departments and Staff host a reunion to bring Karuk People together to celebrate culture. This year was the 21st Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion which was held at the Tribal Administration Complex in Happy Camp, CA on July 22, 2017. The turnout for the event was amazing with more than 600 people. It was great to connect with elders, relatives and friends that we might not get to see very often.

The Education Department started off the Reunion on Friday with a free movie night under the stars featuring a showing of "Brother Bear". Then on Saturday morning, Laura Olivas hosted the 5k/2 Mile Fun Run/Walk. 51 people participated in the walk which started at the Administration, then out to Elk Creek Campground and back. The Billing Department served breakfast to around 375 people.

Opening ceremonies started at 10am in the main tent where Sonny Davis, Yreka District Council Member provided a prayer. Chairman Russell Attebery gave the welcoming address and thanked the membership for coming. The council recognized the two full-blooded Karuk Tribal Members and recognition was also given to our 84 elders, who are 85-years-old and up. They were honored with gifts to show our pride and appreciation. Raffle tickets were given to everyone that checked in. There were many awesome prizes and a lot of excitement. DNR also raffled off the gorgeous salmon quilt that Renee Stauffer, Orleans District Council Member, made



to benefit the Eco-Cultural Revitalization Fund.

The Enrollment office was open from 10am-3 pm and they were very busy issuing ID cards. Barry Hockaday hosted the poker tournament which is always a fun booth. Vendor booths opened officially at 11:00 am and featured jewelry, baskets, food and Information. The IT Department hosted a horseshoe tournament. The Senior Nutrition Staff prepared a special Elders luncheon at the Senior Nutrition Center.

David Arwood held a demonstration Brush Dance that



was open for anyone wanting to join in. There was a lot of youth participation and they did a great job. The People's Center held a Traditional Dress show where the Paamukunyafusayeepsha vura uum yaamach ukyahahitih, "Their dresses were made pretty," participants showed off the dresses that they completed with their mentors and families. They were

well made and the girls were very proud of their dresses. The museum was open to the public and featured freshly updated displays. Sam Super held a traditional card game. Elders showed the youngsters how it was done in a friendly game. The drumming and singing was beautiful.

The TANF Department hosted waterslides and kids lined up to get their faces painted and play in the water. KTHA had music, necklace making, regalia making, and t-shirt





making and a hot dog giveaway. The Finance Department gave out ice cream for the kids. TERO, Education, Medical, Judicial, Dental and KTHA were among the booths that gave away lots of goodie bags and booths were quickly out of the giveaways due to the number of people that attended. TERO had their famous t-shirt coloring. They also had wrist bands and magnets that had Karuk Language and a lot of other fun activities. Scott William Perry provided the evening entertainment with country music.



Debbie Bruschi prepared a wonderful Indian Taco Dinner for everyone and the food was delicious. Stormie Polmateer cooked the acorn soup. Also, the maintenance department did a lot behind the scenes; they worked hard preparing the grounds, as well as setting up tents, tables, chairs. Dora Bernal, Human Resources Director, planned the reunion and put a lot of work into making it a success. Thank you Karuk Tribal Staff & membership for coming and making the reunion so much fun! We hope you enjoyed yourselves and we will see you next year! 🏹



# Karuk Tribal TANF Program

## The KTTP Mission

**Statement: To preserve and strengthen the children and families of the Karuk Tribe and other Native American Tribes through an effective social welfare system that empowers individuals and families to work toward and achieve self-sufficiency, sobriety, and to become loving, responsible parents in a culturally relevant way.**



## 4 purposes of TANF

1. To provide assistance to needy families so that children may be cared for in their own homes or in the homes of relatives;
2. To end dependency of needy parents on government benefits by promoting job preparation, work and marriage;
3. To prevent and reduce the incidence of out-of-wedlock pregnancies.
4. To encourage the formation and maintenance of two-parent families.

**A**yukii Tribal Families, The Karuk Tribal TANF Program is open to suggestions of events that you would like to see in the future as well as comments about events we have held in the past.

Please feel free to put your comments and suggestions in writing by completing our TANF survey so that we can review them and possibly offer different activities and events within our communities.

We would like to offer events geared towards the whole family.

TANF needs a Risk Assessment Form completed by all participants in each

community. If you have not completed a 2017 Risk Assessment Form please do so at the nearest Karuk Tribal TANF office or call to request the form. This form helps determine the need for activities in each community.

TANF would like to thank you for your time and comments/suggestions and for your participation in events that we provide for our communities. For more information, or if you have any questions please call one of our offices at the number listed below.

Respectfully,

Karuk Tribal TANF Staff 



## Karuk Tribal TANF Office Locations

### Yreka

1517 "A" South Oregon St  
P.O. Box 1730  
Yreka, CA 96097  
Phone: (530)-842-4775  
Fax: (530)-842-4702

### Happy Camp

110 Nugget Street  
P.O. Box 1016  
Happy Camp, CA 96039  
Phone: (530)-493-1440  
Fax: (530)-493-1441

### Orleans

39051 Highway 96  
P.O. Box 141  
Orleans, CA 95556  
Phone: (530)-627-3741  
Fax: (530)-627-3459



# Low Income Assistance Programs (LIAP)



1.800.505.2785 or 530.493.1600 Ext. 2025

Jennifer Goodwin, LIAP Administrator

Apply Now for the Low Income Assistance Programs

## Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

This program provides energy assistance to eligible enrolled Karuk Tribal households with electricity, propane, wood and minimal weatherization. The applicant must reside in the Service Area.

## Community Services and Development (CSD):

This program provides assistance for low income families with food, shelter, transportation, and health and safety issues. The applicant must reside in the Service Area, be income eligible, and a Karuk Tribal Member or Descendant.

## Adult Services:

The Adult Services program is available to assist Elders seeking non-medical care such as chores, light housekeeping, meal prep. The providers must be certified or licensed. Back ground checks are also a requirement. Contact the LIAP Department if you are an elder in need of a care provider or are interested in becoming an adult care provider.

## General Assistance (GA):

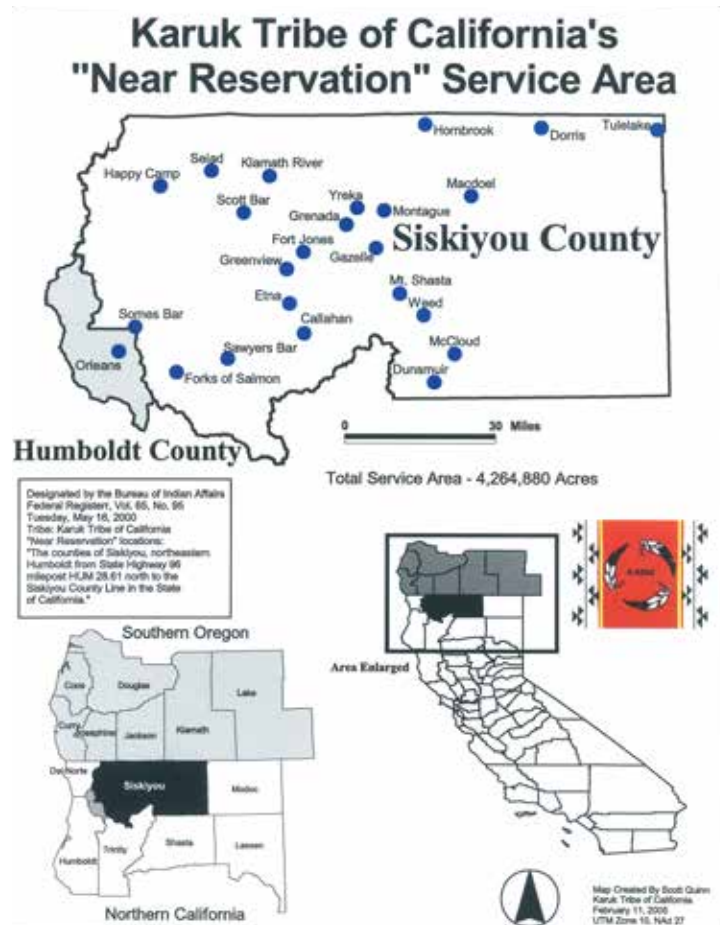
This program provides low income families and individuals with Food and/or Clothing, Shelter, Emergency Assistance (burn out, flood, destruction of home) and Burial Assistance. The applicant must reside in the Service Area, be an Enrolled Federally Recognized Tribal Member and not receiving public assistance. Benefits are adjusted depending on income received.

## ATTENTION!

Apply for the CARE Program offered by PP&L and PG&E. This program gives a discount on your utility bill. If you need an application, please call and request the CARE Application be sent to you. Lets save on energy and our budgets!

## Fraud?

With regards to the Low Income Assistance Programs, to report any type of fraud by vendors or otherwise, please notify this office immediately at: (530) 493-1600 Ext. 2025.



# Contract Health Services Eligibility

The following is an explanation of the eligibility criteria for the Karuk Tribe's Contract Health Services to give applicants a better understanding of the eligibility process. Our goal is to assist all clients to obtain the best services possible.

1. Must be a Tribal Member or Descendant of a Federally-Recognized Tribe in California.
2. Must be a permanent resident of Siskiyou Co. CA or Orleans, CA for the past six months.

If you are eligible, PRC coverage is not automatic. Should you have an emergency situation requiring you to obtain care at a non-IHS facility, you must notify Contract Health Services within 72 hours. If you do not do this, you will be responsible for the bill. PRC coverage is for emergency, life-threatening situations only! The following are not considered to be emergencies or life-threatening; Sore throats, ear aches, rash, follow-up care, medication re-fill, etc.

Emergency visits will not be covered if it would have been closer to go to a Karuk Tribal Health Care facility. If there is a KTHP facility in the area and you choose not to use the facility, you will then be denied and held responsible for the bill.

## Referral:

Medical care that is not available at the KTHP facility. Referrals are not a guarantee that we can assist in payment with services. A patient must meet eligibility criteria, medical priorities, and use of alternate resources. Referrals are reviewed and payment is based on availability of funds; the referral is then approved, denied or deferred. If a referral is denied, the patient may obtain medical care at their own expense.

## IHS-PRC Authorization:

We will prioritize all referrals and call-in requests and make recommendations for approval or denial. The PRC staff or their appointed designees are the only persons who can approve and authorize payment of services.

In most cases, an approved referral is limited to one


medical treatment and/or one appointment. Please call Purchased/Referred Care prior to any follow-up appointments or referral to another specialist/facility for approval to make sure your coverage is still in effect.

## Alternate Resource:

IHS-PRC is a payer of last resort. When a patient has Medicare, Medicaid, Private Insurance, Veteran's Assistance, CHAMPUS/TRICARE, Workman's Compensation, or is covered by any other resource, that resource is the primary payer. All Explanations of Benefits (EOB) and payment checks from the primary payer(s) must be brought or mailed to the PRC office without delay, when received by the patient. Many times the non-IHS will turn the patient's bill over to collections because they are unable to get the EOB from the patient. The non-IHS provider cannot collect payment from IHS until they have filed the bill with the EOB. Therefore, it is crucial for the patient to provide the EOB either to the non-IHS provider or to the Purchased/Referred Care in order to complete the payment process.

## Pregnant/Prenatal Care:

If PRC is requested to pay for the charges for your delivery/newborn care and hospitalization you must apply for OB Medi-cal. According to Federal Register IHS Regulations, it is mandatory that all other resources be utilized before PRC funds can be obligated. The California Medi-cal Services has a program for which you may be eligible for. All pregnant women will be interviewed, advised and/or assisted if needed in applying for OB Medi-cal. If you are denied, you will need to take the letter to the PRC office to be filed with your OB referral form. Failure to cooperate with IHS-PRC will result in denial to authorize payment for any charges you may incur.

If you have any questions regarding the eligibility and payment process, please call Contract Health Services at: (530)-493-1600 Anna Myers, CHS Supervisor Ext. 2156, Cat Turner, CHS Clerk Ext. 2155. 

# Breast Cancer Detection

**B**reast Cancer. These are two scary words. But the fact is breast cancer is treatable! If we can catch it early (stage 0 or I) the relative survival rate is close to 100% according to the American Cancer Society. In fact, the American Cancer Society researchers tell us that the survival rate for stage II is about 93% and Stage III is about 72%. While there is often still many treatment options for individuals with stage IV cancers, the relative 5- year survival rate is about 22%. This is not just for women either, men can also get breast cancer, so it is important that both men and woman are aware of any changes in their bodies.

It is easy to see that detecting breast cancer early is critical to successful treatment outcomes! It's no secret that doing a monthly self-breast examination is important to finding lumps and changes in your body. But these exams should not take the place of a yearly mammogram.

There are differing opinions on the right time to start regular mammogram screenings. Talking with your primary care physician is the best place to start. It is generally recommended that regular screenings take place when you turn 40, if there is a history of cancer in your family, or 45 if there is not. Although it is different for every individual and no matter what your age, if you detect a lump in your breast, you should seek the advice of a physician immediately.

Mammograms are not invasive, painful, or expensive; but they are one of the best tools we have to battle breast cancer. Often if there is a cost to a mammogram appointment it is only your insurance co-pay or nothing at all. If you do not have insurance, the Karuk Clinics can help you with the process of getting a mammogram set up at very little or no cost at all. Please call and make an appointment with your closest clinic and let us help you stay healthy and cancer free! 🏹



# The Karuk Tribal Head Start

is **NOW RECRUITING** for the **2017 /2018** school year  
for the Happy Camp and Yreka Head Start Center locations

## Services provided include the following:

- Early learning opportunities fostering social, emotional, cognitive, and physical development
- Developmentally appropriate learning environment including school readiness activities
- Health, dental and vision Screening
- Bus Transportation to and from school within a 5 mile radius
- Parent and family support, family engagement activities
- Creative Curriculum-Preschool Learning Foundations Framework
- Field trips
- Services for children with special needs
- Healthy and nutritious meals free of charge
- Karuk Language and Culture
- Qualified, experienced teachers and support staff



**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE**

The Karuk Head Start serves children ages 3 and 4, both Native and non-Native

To enroll in Head Start, the child must be three years old on or before September 1, 2017

Applications are available at the Karuk Head Start Centers, Karuk Clinics, the Karuk Tribe Administrative Office in Happy Camp, Karuk Tribe Housing Authority offices in Happy Camp and Yreka, or online at [www.kcdc.us](http://www.kcdc.us).

For more information please contact the Karuk Tribe Head Start at the following:



**Happy Camp Center**  
PO Box 1148  
Happy Camp, CA 96039  
(530) 493-1490

**Yreka Center**  
1320 Yellowhammer Road  
Yreka, CA 96097  
(530) 842-9225

# Karuk Tribe Employment Opportunities

**W**e encourage you to visit the Karuk Tribe's website at [www.karuk.us](http://www.karuk.us) and our Facebook page at [www.Facebook.com/karukpeople](http://www.Facebook.com/karukpeople).

Frequently check those sites to view current Employment Opportunities as well as Contracting Opportunities, Requests for Proposals & vacant seats on Boards & Committees!

Job Descriptions are available on our website & by contacting the Human Resources Department: [humanresources@karuk.us](mailto:humanresources@karuk.us).

Dora Bernal, Human Resources Director, Phone: (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2010, Fax: (530)-493-5322,  
Email: [dlbernal@karuk.us](mailto:dlbernal@karuk.us).

Vickie Simmons, Human Resources Director, Phone: (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2041, Fax: (530)-493-5322,  
Email: [vsimmons@karuk.us](mailto:vsimmons@karuk.us)

Applications may be hand delivered to any Tribal Office, or by mailing to:

Karuk Tribe Attn: HR  
P.O. Box 1016  
Happy Camp, CA 96039

**Be on the lookout for  
Employment  
Opportunities  
with the  
Rain Rock Casino!!!**



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# Organizing Health Records

*Don't wait for an emergency to organize your health records!*

**A**s we focus on the last part of summer, get ready for back to school, and get organized for fall, it is a great time to get your health records in order. The Karuk Tribe Health & Human Services has records of your visits, medications and referrals to specialists but if you happen to go to a specialist outside of the system, or to a walk in clinic, they may not have instant access to your records. It is important that you are in control of your health care. Part of that is having your records available when you need them. Being your own advocate is the best thing you can do for yourself and your family.

One of the easiest ways to do this is by signing up for a patient portal online. Our Karuk Tribal Medical Clinics can assist you, or you can go to: <https://phr.ihs.gov/phr> -signing up takes about 5 minutes. From your health record you can see your visits, lab results upcoming appointments and can even print your records. You can also request a copy of your own records from the clinics. If you do this, you

should specify that you want test results, doctors notes and discharge summaries. Once you have everything together you can review it to ensure there are no errors or surprises that you aren't aware of. You can create three ring binders or folders for each person in your family and keep the records there, adding to them as you see your doctor. Alternatively, there are several online templates that you can print to help you keep organized. If you have any questions, ask the Patient Services Representatives or clinic staff to assist you.


Most of us carry our insurance cards with us when we come to the doctor, but in the case of an unplanned visit or emergency, it is always good to have a card tucked into your wallet that provides a list of allergies, medical conditions, blood type and medications. To help you with this, the Karuk Tribal Clinics can provide you with a free card to fill out and carry with you. Just ask our Medical, Dental or Behavioral Health Receptionists and they will be happy to provide you with one! 

## Karuk Tribe Health & Human Services Update

### Medical Clinics:

The Karuk Tribe Medical Clinic Staff are working hard as we have seen our number of patients increase over the past two months. We are excited to offer some Specialty Health Clinics over the next few months. At these clinics, we will provide special information and brochures. We will have a Women's Clinic on October 7th in Yreka, Happy Camp October 11th and Orleans on October 10th. We will provide information on women's health, child and maternal health as well as providing exams specific to women's health needs. On October 10th we will have a Men's clinic in Yreka, October 19th in Happy Camp and October 11th in Orleans. We will be having a children's clinic with our new Pediatrician, Dr. Deidre Tyson on October 12th & 21st in Yreka, October 18th in Happy Camp and October 25th in Orleans. For an appointment for any of these special clinics or for a general appointment, please call: Yreka: 842-9200, Happy Camp: 493-5257, Orleans: 627-3452.

### Child & Family Services:

Our Human Services and Behavioral Health professionals are always here to listen and assist you. To schedule appointments in Yreka, please call our confidential appointment line at 841-3141, in Happy Camp at 493-1450 and in Orleans at: 627-3452. 



# Karuk Dental Department




**O**ur Dental teams have been working hard since we have opened Saturday Dental services in Yreka as well as full Dental Services in Orleans! We are very pleased to have Dr. Felker permanently in the Happy Camp Dental office as well as serving our Orleans patients once a month. We also excited to have Dr. Kim on Fridays and Saturdays in the Yreka offices. Make sure you call in for teeth cleaning appointments so your teeth are white as snow as we get closer to the holidays!

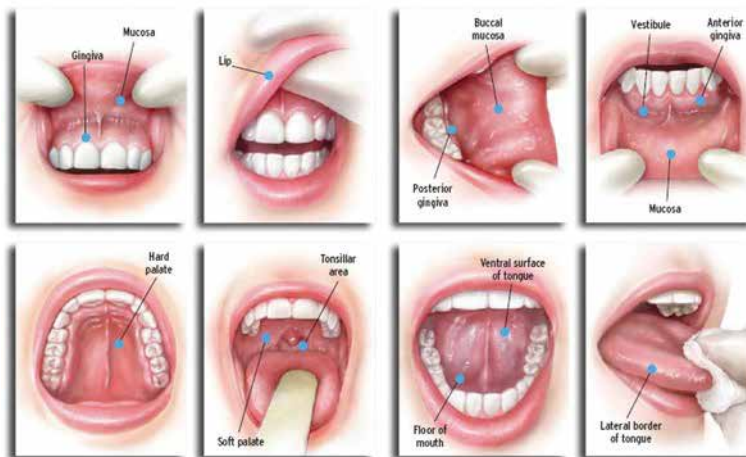
For more information about obtaining a Saturday appointment at our Yreka office, please call: (530)-841-3148 or 1-800-371-8080 to speak with our receptionist. There is an income based sliding fee discount program available at Karuk Tribal Dental Clinics.

There will be a dentist or hygienist in Orleans every Wednesday, pending road conditions or unexpected changes in provider schedules. Karuk Dental Clinics are transitioning from dental x-ray film to digital x-rays and that is going well.

Our two newest Registered Dental Assistants, Shannon Jones and Kayla Bridwell have passed the first part of a dental sealant certificate training. They are in the process of completing their certification. Congratulations Shannon and Kayla!

## Advice for Good Oral Hygiene:

- You only need to Brush and Floss the Teeth You Want to Keep!
- Don't wait until something hurts; schedule your routine exam every 6 to 12 months.
- See Your Hygienist every 3-4-6 or 12 months, whichever timeframe they recommended for you.
- If you wear dentures, be sure to see a dentist at least once a year to check them and for an Oral Cancer Screening. 



# Karuk Tribe Housing Authority

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority is in the midst of another very busy construction season!



*Tax Credit Playground*

## **Yreka:**

The Karuk Homes I Low Income Housing Tax Credit project is approaching the end of construction. Twenty-six of the thirty homes have been constructed and occupied, with only four remaining to be built by August 31, 2017. The

project also added two new playgrounds for tenants to enjoy.

Phase Two of the Kahtishraam Wellness Center was completed in July 2017. This added a press box above the

gymnasium, exercise room, new office space that allowed for the relocation of the Computer Center, additional bathrooms in the lobby, a staircase to the second floor, conference room, bathroom, and additional office space. As you can see on the rooftops, we also added solar panels to offset energy costs of the facility by as much as 75%! The parking lot completion and hopeful expansion is on the Transportation Department's Inventory to be completed in the summer of 2018.

**Reminder:** Both the Wellness Center and Computer Center are signed up with Remind, a messaging tool that allows staff to share updates and reminders with residents and interested community members. All personal information is kept private. Staff will not see your phone number, nor will anyone else. *Send a Text Message to 81010 with the message @kahtishr for Wellness Center updates or @khccc for Computer Center updates!*





## Happy Camp:

The Force Account Crew continues the construction of two, one bedroom units at the Second Avenue property. These are the first small homes of their kind for KTHA meeting the very high demand for individuals and couples without children who are in need of safe, sanitary housing.

We continue to move forward with the construction of a Community Center in Happy Camp. It will add a gymnasium, kitchen, business center, and exercise room. It is a long awaited project.

Plans were finalized for two vacant parcels in Happy Camp (at the corner of Indian Creek Road and Indian Meadows Drive and Hillside Road behind the Elementary School) allowing for the future installation of infrastructure to allow for the construction of up to 16 homes as funding becomes available in future grant years.

## Orleans:

We are very excited to be in the process of acquiring land to allow for the addition of single family homes to the community. Due to the moratorium on new water connections, it has been too many years since this was possible. By purchasing a lot with existing water connections we can finally make progress on the high need for affordable housing for low income families in that community!

## Staffing:

KTHA has welcomed several new employees to our team since the last newsletter article. Andrew Patterson accepted the Landscape/Maintenance Engineer position in Orleans. Deborah Johnson accepted the On-Call Custodian position in Happy Camp. Walter Johnson and Jared Livingston accepted the Construction Crew Member positions. Adia Supahan accepted the Executive Assistant position in Happy Camp.

Our Summer Youth Program Workers for the 2017 season were; Aarika Croy, Emmylia Croy, Micaela Escobar, Malford Harrison, Hazel Hockaday, Lydia Jerry, Jordan McCartney, and Maricela Rodriguez. They worked very hard to assist our staff.

## Housing Meetings:

Please attend the next Board of Commissioners meeting in your community. Our meetings rotate monthly between the Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka offices.

For more information on meeting locations, please

contact either Suzie Cost, Yreka KTHA Receptionist at: (530)-842-1644 or Dorcas Harrison, Happy Camp KTHA Receptionist at: (530)-493-1414. All meetings begin at 10am, with tenant issues heard at 1pm unless otherwise announced. 🦅



# Pamukunyafusayêpsha vúra uum yâamach ukyâahahitih “Their good dresses were made pretty”



*Jadalyn Casey proudly wears her regalia*

Over the past year and a half, young girls from Karuk communities were given the opportunity to work with mentors and cultural experts to make traditional ceremonial dresses (Yafus). This process involved gathering and preparing materials for ceremonial regalia. Elders and community members shared their knowledge and skills with their apprentices to pass on traditional knowledge.

Participants were fortunate to spend focused and group time to work on their ceremonial dresses, making connections to past, present and future. There were several community members who joined the group field trips and processing workshops who were inspired as well. It wasn't unexpected, but there were many obstacles, including Elder health and schedule conflicts due to work, sports, etc.

The larger group traveled to the high country to gather bear grass, where it had burned previous years. They also traveled to Fort Bragg and used a special use permit to gather abalone, olivella, and other shells during low tide. Workshops were presented in Orleans and Yreka on processing abalone. Pine nuts were also collected and processed. A group trip to Trinidad and Requa provided valuable learning and bonding. On these trips they also visited museums (People's Center, Siskiyou County, Trinidad and Trees of Mystery) for inspiration. The Internet was used to research and communicate. Each young girl and her group spent time working on their regalia within their communities on a regular basis.

The results of the project were presented at the 21st Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion on July 22, 2017. Youth presented their dresses and explained how they were made and the knowledge they gained. Over the course of the project, they discovered that dress styles have changed over time. Dresses displayed in museums that were made pre contact had much more basket weaving techniques applied, such as bear grass wraps. As well as more strands of cedar berries and other materials, and less leather coverage. Newly made dresses covered more and used more deerskin. On average, traditional dresses take anywhere from two years to make and a life-time to collect, mend or add materials. Apprentices gained a better understanding of the appropriate seasons for gathering materials to be used in dress making.

Although this project is coming to a close, participants will continue to work on their dresses and use in ceremonies. It was a wonderful opportunity and they were grateful to have the opportunity to spend time creating and connecting with each other. All have grown closer and feel more connected to culture.

Yootva - Thanks to the generous support of the MICA Group Cultural Resource Fund, and funding from Story Corps and TANF. Many memories were made connecting and our communities are richer with more regalia and knowledge for the future. We look forward to sharing more on the Sîpnuuk Digital Libraries site: <https://sipnuuk.mukurtu.net/> 🏹



# Happy Camp Community Computer Center


**T**he Happy Camp Community Computer Center is a great resource for the public to utilize. Staff are Pearson VUE Authorized Test Administrators. Pearson VUE is the global leader in computer-based testing. We are authorized to administer the GED test in the state of California and are also approved to make authorizations on the GED website. If you wish to take the GED test, come in to the Computer Center and register to take the testing. We also offer video-conferencing through College of the Siskiyous.

We also offer online trainings such as Traffic control, food & beverage safe serve certifications, hospitality, Microsoft Office and Excel, to name a few. We also have language software available to the public. You can choose from over 30 languages. This is free to the public Monday through Thursday, 9-10am. Karuk language is offered on Fridays from 9-10am to those who wish to come participate.

The Happy Camp Computer Center is also equipped with 20 plus computers, 2 copiers, fax, as well as a

1055cm plotter that allows us to print up 36" in width and various lengths exceeding 36". We also have software that allows us to convert VHS/DVD to a digital format. This is a good way to preserve movies. VHS tapes can start to decay after 10-25 years. Some services come with a small fee.

We offer assistance to Tribal and community members with filling out job applications, resume building, and assistance in acquiring reference letters. We also help to evaluate skill levels and job search. It is a high priority of ours to offer employment and job training skills to the public. It is the goal of the Happy Camp Community Computer Center to ensure that all Tribal and community members are provided with the information and access to services that will help them to obtain a better quality of life.

For questions, or more information on services offered at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center, through KCDC, please contact Frank Snider, Workforce Coordinator at (530)-493-1485. 



# Tribe Petition To Add Spring Chinook To Endangered Species List

*UC Davis Researchers Prove Springers are Genetically Distinct from Fall Chinook*

University of California, Davis Professor Michael Miller lead a team of researchers who recently published a report in the journal *Science Advances* that describes the genetic difference between spring and fall Chinook not only in the Klamath, but throughout the Pacific Rim. The data provides new insights to researchers into salmon evolution and confirms what Karuk have known for time immemorial: springers are not the same fish as fall chinook. “Anyone can taste the difference between ishyaat and áama,” states DNR Director Leaf Hillman. “But for years fisheries agencies have told us they can’t protect ishyaat (spring Chinook) because there’s no real difference. It’s about time western science caught up to us.”

Springers once migrated up the Klamath in the hundreds of thousands, with many reaching spawning grounds in the Williamson, Sprague, and Wood River systems above Upper Klamath Lake. Dams cut off most of the spring run habitat.

Miller’s work used scale samples collected by Karuk fisheries in the Salmon River as well as samples from other partners in rivers such as the Eel, Siletz and North Umpqua. Although previous research comparing DNA samples from spring and fall salmon failed to identify a genetic difference, Miller did. “New molecular techniques allow researchers to sequence entire genomes from an individual animal quickly and cheaply, then, computer programs quickly compare the DNA sequences between individuals. Miller did this hundreds of times and found one small region in the DNA that always differs between spring and fall chinook,” explains Karuk Natural Resources Policy Advocate Craig Tucker. Tucker’s graduate research used similar experimental techniques to study molecular evolution. “Even more interesting is that the genetic difference is in a gene that plays a role in fatty acid production and no one knows better than Karuk that the reason springers taste so good is because they have a much higher oil and fat content. It all makes perfect biological sense.”

Beyond providing a better understanding of salmon evolution, the work was cited by the Tribe as the basis for

adding spring Chinook salmon to the Endangered Species List in a recently filed petition to the National Marine Fisheries Service.

Dams block the vast majority of spring Chinook habitat in the Klamath system, leaving the Salmon River and the South Fork Trinity as virtually the only places springers can survive all summer before spawning the fall. This year the Salmon River fish dives counted only 110 fish, the second lowest count on record. “We must have a spring Chinook recovery plan or else these fish that fed our People for countless generations will be lost,” says Hillman. “By adding Klamath spring Chinook to the Endangered Species List the agencies will have to develop and implement a recovery plan.”

There is good news. Fisheries experts agree that the most important thing we could do to recover spring Chinook is remove Klamath River dams. Dam owner PacifiCorp has applied to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission for permission to surrender and remove the dams. The project is currently under environmental review by California, Oregon and at the federal level. “Since dam removal will require no federal money, we think it’s likely that FERC will approve PacifiCorp’s request,” says Hillman. The plan is to execute the dam removal in 2020 using \$250,000 from PacifiCorp and \$200,000 from California water bond.

“If we can get a few more wet winters between now and 2020, we think springers will survive to repopulate the Upper Basin,” concludes Hillman. 🏹




# KARUK HERBARIA: Happy Camp and Orleans Collections of Native Plant Specimens

**P**lants play a major role in Karuk Culture. The aboriginal territory of the Karuk People is one of the most ecologically diverse bio-regions in the world. Karuk people have been respectfully living with these plants by eating them, making baskets, medicines, tools, etc. since time immemorial. Plants have taught us not only how to survive, but how to thrive.

We can learn more about the plants in our area by using the Western Science method of going out into the field collecting the plant, writing down descriptive data and identifying the scientific name. Then mounting the plant and data onto thick mounting paper, and storing the final sample in a cabinet for safe keeping and further study.

In the spring of 2015, Dr. Megan Mucioki from UC Berkeley & Jepson Herbaria started working with Ben Saxon, Biological Technician for the Karuk Department of Natural Resources, as co-collectors for the Karuk Herbaria. The first plant collected was Pacific Dogwood (uyáhaamah), *Cornus nuttallii*, from Ben's brother's driveway. Ben knew that this was not a coincidence, because they were cleaning eels. Karuk traditional ecological knowledge tells us that when the Dogwood blooms, it means the eels are running.

To date they've collected 111 species each for the two collections of Karuk Herbaria, and have taught over 200 people - young and old - how to collect, press and mount Native plant specimens. The legacy of Karuk Ethnobotany will survive and continue for many generations to come. Yóotva to Dr. Tom Carlson of UC Berkeley, Jepson Herbaria, and the Klamath Basin AFRI Food Security Grant. 



# Karuk Department of Natural Resources' USDA-funded 5-Year Food Security Project

It is with a mixture of sadness and pride that Karuk Department of Natural Resources reports out to the Karuk People on our portion of a multi-agency, university and tribal USDA-funded grant known as the Klamath Basin Food Security Project. Led by Dr. Jennifer Sowerwine from UC Berkeley, the 5-year project ended on August 31, 2017.

Post the initial award celebrations the summer of 2012, the Karuk Tribe was slow to begin its first year. Renegotiated and reduced due to federal budget limitations, the Project's first year funds were finally appropriated in March, allowing for dedicated project planning and pilot

programming. While just one event had taken place with 70 participants by the end of year 1, the creative juices were flowing for the years to come.

Year 2 began with fall activities led by Ron Reed featuring our native foods, salmon and acorns. With support from Margo Robbins, the Tribe was able to persuade the Orleans Elementary School to shift the focus of a UC Cooperative Extension-led "4-H" objective to embrace program that educate youth about their cultural heritage, including traditional foods and medicines. Two highly knowledgeable Karuk practitioners were hired as Bio-Technicians: Jesse Goodwin Sr. and Norrine McLaughlin. In addition, an objective scope-of-work, contract professional services, and a content management system that would protect sensitive cultural data were secured for a "regional food security library." By the end of year 2, we had expanded the number of events to 23 and our participant totals to 362.

With each successive year, the numbers grew, as well as the interest in our project's scope. Year 3 we implemented 32 events with the participation of 531 community members. Tribal members and descendants entrusted us with treasured memories and knowledge of cultural practices, added their creative ideas and suggestions to our planning sessions, and lent helping hands to effect an ever-expanding project scope. The first lessons for our K-12 Native Food System Curriculum were piloted, and additional grant awards allowed for activities in the framework of a collaborative Farm-to-School project with the Mid Klamath Watershed Council, and a Sierra Health Foundation project to develop a nascent Native Plant Demonstration Garden at the People's Center, a bucket-garden with the on-site support from Lisa Aubrey at TANF, and a community garden in collaboration with the Happy Camp Elementary School.

In Year 4, those numbers quadrupled: we were able to carry out 140 events with 1,934 participants. Highlights included the public launch of the Sípnuuk Digital Library, Archives, and the official opening of the Karuk Herbaria – an objective led by Ben Saxon (Karuk Tribe) and Megan



Mucioki (UC Berkeley). A total of 38 lesson plans had been approved for publication, including supplemental materials such as a short video documentary about “Fire and Acorns” developed by Karuk Tribal Youth, Basil Conrad with the guidance of contractor, Stormy Staats. Upon the documented successes of our work to date, we were able to receive a number of federal and private grant awards, including projects funded by the National Park Service, the Institute of Museum and Library Services grants, the US Fish and Wildlife Services, and the US Forest Service.

Another grant award at the beginning of Year 5 brought fresh wind and expanded capacity to the Department of Natural Resources: years of environmental education programming and the proven effectiveness of our culturally responsive and academically challenging K-12 Curriculum led to an award from the US Department of Education for a 4 year project. The Karuk Department of Natural Resources was able to realize one of the goals of its 5-year Strategic Plan after only one year, hire three new employees for the Píkyav Field Institute, finalize an additional 56 lesson plans, and implement 92 lessons at our partnering local schools.

Now under the umbrella of the Píkyav Field Institute, the collaborative projects led by the Food Security, K-12, Higher Education, Workforce Development, and Sípnuuk Divisions enjoyed the support of some truly talented, knowledgeable and engaged community members, school teachers, parents and elders. As unanimously agreed, we couldn't have been able to affect such overwhelming success without Cultural Practitioners; Kathy Barger-McCovey, Verna Reece and Stormie Polmateer. A total of 5,771 community members participated in our 607 events.

Fortunately, the end of one thing is the beginning of another: with two recently awarded grants upon the laurels of these activities, the Department of Natural Resources will be able to retain all of our Food Security and Píkyav Field Institute employees. Yóotva for your continued support of eco-cultural revitalization and our efforts to reestablish food security in the mid Klamath Basin!

Please look for more information about events at tribal offices and on the web, or contact Píkyav Field Institute Program Manager, Lisa Hillman: (530) 627-3446, [lisahillman@karuk.us](mailto:lisahillman@karuk.us). 🏹

# 2017 Salmon Run

**T**he Annual Salmon Run was bigger than ever this year. From the mouth of the Klamath River, all the way to Klamath Falls, OR; runners and event organizers collaborated, bringing hundreds of people of all ages together to help raise awareness. Klamath River Restoration efforts are not just a seasonal chore of few, but a lifestyle of many. Running for the salmon has been the consistent message along with Dam removal. This year, however, we added our support to opposing a Liquid Natural Gas pipeline that is planned to run beneath the Klamath River near Klamath Falls, OR. Runners began at the mouth of the Klamath River carrying a hand carved wooden salmon. The Salmon was passed, relay fashion, upriver over 230 miles. The event brought members of several Tribes, as well as friends of the Klamath River together, with a gathering at the Proposed LNG pipeline site in Klamath Falls, OR. Karuk Tribal Chairman Russell Attebery joined Don Gentry Chairman of the Klamath Tribes in welcoming the runners to the end of the run. Each Chairman spoke and encouraged continued unity for Klamath River restoration and healing for the salmon. It

would take another page to acknowledge all of the people who helped organize this event. From media coverage to providing food and lodging for runners and to all the Salmon Runners: Yootva for all of your help. This year our message reached the Sacramento Bee and the overall turnout spoke for itself. It was a true joy to see how many people came out to run and support this year's event. Crispen McCallister. 🏹



# Ayukîi from the Karuk Community Development Corporation!

**T**he mission of the Karuk Community Development Corporation (KCDC) is to strengthen, sustain, and diversify our tribal economy and to improve the quality of life in our communities.

KCDC takes pride in the fact that we are here to assist tribal and other community members in realizing their entrepreneurial dreams and goals.

Whether assistance is in the form of computer classes, job skills, assisting with a business plan or small business loan, or referral to others who can better assist you, we are here to help! In the second quarter of 2017 we were able to assist and/or refer 7 prospective business owners. Each quarter we hope to highlight a business that we have assisted and to spread the word and help them get a productive start for their business. This quarter we are very pleased to introduce you to BaDundle.com, a native owned business located in Orleans. Joe and Elaina O'Rourke came to KCDC with a well written and thought out business and marketing plan. We were excited



to help with their start-up. BaDundle is a new option for parents: a quick, easy, and convenient way to purchase all the clothing a baby needs in one simple solution. To read more about BaDundle, please see the article about them in this newsletter edition or for more information please go online to [www.BaDundle.com](http://www.BaDundle.com).

Additional news from KCDC includes the biomass feasibility study now underway and being done by the Humboldt State Schatz Energy Research Center. An EDA grant that has been awarded to KCDC to develop a CEDS (Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy) over the next year, for the Karuk Tribe, KCDC and the surrounding communities.

We are also looking for Tribal Members that may be interested in working for themselves to develop a rustic furniture business. KCDC started and operated Karuk Tribal Design Works until they closed their doors sometime in the 90's. We currently have Design Works equipment, including forms for lamp shades, sandblasters, etc., for sale or lease. If you or someone you know are interested, please call Karen Derry at (530) 493-1475.

We will soon be advertising for a Digital Print Press Operator for our start-up printing business in Happy Camp and are currently advertising for On-Call Sales Clerks at the Amkuuf Shop in Yreka.

For more information about KCDC and what we are working towards, please don't hesitate to call us at (530) 493-1475. We look forward to hearing from you! 🏹



*Left to right: Randy White, KCDC Vice-Chairman, BaDundle owners, Elaina Supahan O'Rourke and Joseph O'Rourke.*




# Congratulations to BaDundle.com!



**B**aDundle.com is a family vision that started with Elly O'Rourke, a Karuk Tribal member from Orleans CA. Elly had recently given birth to her youngest son and while pregnant, had done the task of sorting, washing, and organizing all the baby clothes that had been passed back to her by her twin sister, Nisha Supahan. The twins had a system between them, baby clothes had been passed back and forth for years when needed and when not in use they were organized and stored in their mom and step-dad's "game room". Between the twins, 9 babies had shared clothing over the last 13 years. The game room started to be overrun with baby clothing and supplies. Shelves had to be constructed and totes purchased. There wasn't much room for games between pregnancies. Elly started bringing the clothing to her own home to prepare for the new arrival.

Elly began to think about what other parents do when it comes to all things baby clothing; purchasing, storing, reusing, disposing of, etc. It's a constant cycle, switching out baby's wardrobe. Elly started dreaming of building a business that provides a helping hand to parents when it comes to the overwhelming task of baby clothing. Her husband, Joe O'Rourke, Yurok Tribal Member, was totally on board. They talked to family and friends, and brainstormed a business plan in the evenings between work, school and family time. Elly's twin sister, Nisha Supahan and her husband Toby Linwood jumped right in

to building the business with them. The 4 of them, each with a different talent and strength, work together fluidly and also have the support of all of their parents and the Karuk Tribe. The Karuk Tribe's Community Development Corporation (KCDC) made this dream a reality by providing the first business loan to the new company. They also received assistance from the Karuk TERO Department and the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority also jumped on board with assistance through the county business licensing process. "BaDundle.com" was born.

BaDundle is a convenient way to purchase all the clothing a baby needs in one simple solution. They will ship (via UPS) a box full of hand selected, new or nearly new clothing, to their customers, with everything that is needed for a baby's wardrobe with plenty of outfit options. Customers can choose the type of BaDundle Box that fits their needs and budget, from a 1-box purchase to 4 or 8 box subscriptions. They can choose from new or nearly new clothing and the amount of clothing that they need. BaDundle offers clothing in sizes newborn to 24 months/2T and offers 2 sizes of boxes. The big box will be sure to give customers enough clothing for 2-weeks without laundry, and the small box will give customers enough clothing for 1-week. The Box will include all the clothes a child needs with a variety of outfit options, clothing separates, and brands to eliminate worry about not having enough. BaDundle also offers a pre-wash option that will allow customers to dress their baby right out of the Box. The BaDundle Box is water resistant, stackable, and can be stored and saved until baby is ready. Clothing from the box can be worn and when outgrown can be kept or returned in the same box. Any baby clothing can be included in the box (from newborn to 24 month/2T sizes) that is no longer wanted, even items that weren't in the original box. BaDundle will sort clothing returned and give credit towards a new box, donate to a child in need, or recycle the clothing, keeping them out of landfills. We are providing a full circle of support for all things baby clothing. Bundle for your Baby Delivered to your Door! We will be launching in SEPTEMBER with pre-orders, find BaDundle online at [www.BaDundle.com](http://www.BaDundle.com), on Facebook @BaDundle, or call toll free 1-833-2BUNDLE. 



# TERO Department

**T**ERO would like to say “Yōotva” to all departments and Tribal entities that helped make our 2017 Karuk Tribal Reunion a success. Aside from being “on the warm side” we believe everyone had a great time. There were over 500 people who signed in at the Welcome Booth, which is phenomenal. We were certainly busy throughout the day, giving out over 600 T-Shirts and watching the enjoyment of all who participated in painting TERO/Child Care T-shirts. A special “Thank You” to the TERO Commission who assisted with the TERO booth!

TERO also handed out Karuk Language promotional items which seemed to be well received. The Karuk Child Care Department also distributed infant Child Care Bags which included an assortment of baby/child care products to eligible Native American expectant and new mothers.

There were a total of 144 TERO Reunion Surveys completed for the purpose of collecting current information on employment interests with the Rain Rock Casino. Of the 144, there were 57 surveys which expressed interest in casino employment. The surveys showed a range of interest in various fields of employment. Since there are currently seats to be filled on the Rain Rock Gaming Commission, the survey also included a section for those interested in being on the Commission. There are two Gaming Commission trainings set to take place, one in August and another on September 12, 2017 in Yreka. If interested or for more information contact the TERO Office.

Upon completion of the survey, respondents were given tickets for a chance to win a \$100.00 bill at the raffle drawings which were held at the end of the Reunion. There were 10 Lucky Winners! Congratulations: Teresa Valin, Jen Chamalvide, Rose Butterfly, Maya Courts, Richard L.

Bailey Jr., Carmen McCullough, Jackie Otten-Day, Deanna Marshall, Tanya Busby and Anthony Ballard!

The completion of the Rain Rock Casino will be here before we know it, so if you are interested in employment go to [www.RainRockcasino.com](http://www.RainRockcasino.com) and enter in your name and email address to receive notifications of job fairs and job opportunities! Don't forget to check in with the TERO office if you are looking for work! TERO: 530-493-1600 EXT: 2030.

YŌOTVA! 



# Education Department

**A** yukii Students and Families!  
The Karuk Tribe Education Department and the Education Committee congratulate all 2017 graduates! In collaboration with the Karuk TANF Program, we provided graduation stoles to twenty-six Karuk Tribal Members and Descendants.

Also, congratulations to the winners of the Ishkiit Pukuthipvaarami (Returning Home for Luck) Scholarships. They were each awarded \$250 at the Karuk Tribal Reunion. Recipients were; Frankie Snider, Daniela Sanchez, Gregory Hobbs, Grace Bruschi, Kristin Aubrey and Bobbisue Goodwin. The deadline to submit for the scholarship was July 31, 2017. Each will receive an award letter and checks will be distributed to their college financial office.

The Summer Tutoring Program was held in Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka from July 5 through August 11, 2017. There were over thirty Kindergarten through Eighth Grade students who utilized Khan Academy, ABCya, PBSkids among other online learning websites. Students also participated in hands-on learning activities such as STEM experiments, art projects, and more!

A highlight for youth was Outdoor Summer Movie Night which was held in Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka. Families enjoyed indigenous-themed movies under the stars with popcorn and light snacks.

The Karuk Youth Leadership Council traveled to San Francisco for their end of the year trip that they fundraised all year for. Students attended Native American Night with the San Francisco Giants, toured Stanford University, crossed the Golden Gate Bridge, and visited Pier 39.

Yav Kuma Itapan (Math & Science Camp) was held in Yreka and Happy Camp, August 1-5, 2017. Camps were at full enrollment with twenty-five 5th through 8th grade students, ranging in age from 10 to 13 years old. Students' determination to complete their math homework resulted in choosing a prize to take home at the end of camp. Thank

you to students and their parents for ensuring daily attendance. Thank you to numerous volunteers and departments (College Options, Pikyav Field Institute, MKWC), who assisted in making the camp a success. To end the week long camp, students attended a field trip to the Wildlife Safari in Winston, Oregon. Thank you Dion Wood, TERO Director, for providing resources for the camp.

As the school year begins, we are excited for another busy year. We are getting a jump start on assisting high school juniors and seniors with their FAFSA, College and Scholarship applications. We will hold Financial Aid Nights in Orleans, Happy Camp, and Yreka in the near future. Dates will be posted as they become available on the Karuk Education Department Website; [www.karukeducation.us](http://www.karukeducation.us). If you have questions, or for additional information please contact: Rose Butterfly, Education Program Coordinator at: [rbutterfly@karuk.us](mailto:rbutterfly@karuk.us); or (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2034 🦋



# Charlene Naef Honored at NAIHC Annual Convention

The National American Indian Housing Council (NAIHC) honored Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA) Board of Commissioner, Charlene Naef, with the Virginia Kizer Award for outstanding lifetime service and devotion to Tribal Housing at this year's Annual Convention held in Nashville, Tennessee this June.

Charlene has served as a KTHA Commissioner for more than twenty-two (22) years. During that time she has always kept the needs of her Tribal community in the forefront of her drive to achieve excellence in Tribal Housing for our families! Her continuous service has

been instrumental in ensuring our forward progress and successful programs.

The criteria for recipients of this prestigious award include: Extended Service to Tribal Housing, Significant Accomplishments and Contributions to Tribal Housing, and Notable Personal Qualities such as Leadership, Integrity, and Involvement.

The KTHA Board and Staff thank her for her contributions and years of service to our membership and communities; Yootva and Congratulations Charlene! 🏆



*L-R: NAIHC Chairwoman Sami Jo Difuntorum, KTHA Commissioner Charlene Naef, NAIHC Executive Director Anthony Walters.*

# Karuk Housing Community Computer Center

The computer center is continually working towards KTHA mission and will promote and sustain the culture, education, language, health, welfare, self-sufficiency, and economic independence of its residents

Same great programs--new location. We have moved 1403 Kahtishraam, Yreka CA 96097. Stop by and check out our new building.



**Our Youth learning how to gamble and sing songs**



**Our Youth learning about bark skirts and community members sharing their language.**



**Language speakers and learners continually work on Karuk Language**

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# Introducing . . .

## Pihneftuuf Elston

**A**yukii! Hûut-kich? My name is Pihneftuuf Elston. I am a Karuk Tribal Member. I have spent most of my life in Happy Camp. Last year I started working with the THPO Department as an Archaeological/Cultural Resources Technician. As part of the Cultural Resources crew, we look for artifacts and cultural resources, such as; Hazel, Woodwardia, Bear grass, Oregon grape and Tan/Black/Live Oaks. This is the first step in a series of projects we will be conducting along with the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRK) to help revive and rejuvenate the forest and cultural resources. After the surveying is complete, we will be using prescribed fire at a low intensity. Our hope is to have a plentiful amount of healthy basket materials to work with as well as Karuk foods sources, and to help keep the forests from having such large and devastating fires. 🦅



**In Loving Memory of Susan Betty Ferris**

**January 19, 1954-May 12, 2017**

**M**s. Ferris was born in California and was a Karuk Tribal Member. She was a generous, loving and caring mother/grandmother. She will be missed by all who knew her. She is survived by her loving companion and best friend, Ricky Portwood; Children, Leah Portwood, Samuel Katz, Daniel Katz, and Isreal Katz; Sister, Toni Halla; 8 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren.

**D**onald Marvin Miller, of Willow Creek, California, passed away on July 23, 2017 at 55 years of age. He died tragically due to a vehicle collision near the home where he was raised at Suzy Q Ranch. Don was the son of Donald E. and Barbara Miller and was born on August 22, 1961, in San Francisco. Growing up, his years were spent mostly spent by a river, the sea, and the mountains.



Don is survived by Sister, Kelly Totten and her husband, Joseph, and sister, Karen McClelland, and her husband Robert, along with many nieces and nephews who loved him. He is preceded in death by his mother and father, Barbara and Donald Miller, his Grandmother and Grandfather Lucinda Ike Miller and Duane Miller, and his loving companion, Suzanne Wallen. Don will be missed by all who knew him. The family is grateful for the outpouring of condolences by friends.

# Announcements



**J**ason Hockaday, Karuk Tribal Descendant, graduated from Southern Oregon University on June 17, 2017, with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Anthropology, along with a Certificate in Native American Studies. Jason graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors. He is the son of Kenneth and Kathy Hockaday. He is very active in learning the Karuk language and the history and has attended many language classes, field trips, and cultural activities. Congratulations Jason, Take pride in all of your accomplishments!



**B**rett Burcell graduated from Happy Camp High School on June 9, 2017. He will be attending College of the Siskiyou in the fall and hopes to earn an AA degree in Administration of Justice.

Brett is the son of Janet Burcell, Grandson of Tracey Burcell, Al & Karen Burcell, and Cindy Sturdevant and is the Great-Grandson of Jeanne Burrer. We are all very proud of you! Love, Mom, Tyler, Brynlee, your grandparents and all of the rest of your family!



**N**ikkita Harrison graduated from Happy Camp High School. Her family is very proud of her accomplishments. She plans on continuing her education and attending college. We love you Nikki!



**A**lexia Rose graduated on Thursday, May 25, 2017 from Grangeville High School in Idaho. She plans on attending Portland State. Her family and parents Cedar Ann and Erik Rose are very proud of her accomplishments and future educational endeavors.



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