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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



Kristen King
Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2017-Nov. 2021



Renée Stauffer
Orleans District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2015-Nov. 2019



Arch Super
Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2017-Nov. 2021



Sonny Davis
Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2014-Nov. 2018

Notes From The Chairman

Ayukii huut kich Tribal Members,
I hope all is well with our membership and families.

HR 3535

I would like to take this opportunity to update the Tribal Membership on rumors that have recently been circulating about the new bill being fast tracked by Congressman Doug LaMalfa and his staff. The bill is HR 3535 and it is designed to reinvent a reservation in Siskiyou County for the Ruffey Group (AKA The Etna Band of Indians). There has been a lot of misinformation out there on social media and I would like to speak the truth as I know it, to Karuk Tribal Members.

The Karuk Tribe has been falsely accused by the Ruffey Group as opposing the recognition of another Tribe. The Karuk Tribe has merely asked for a second hearing because this bill was being secretly rushed through congress without consulting with the other Tribes in the area. The questions that need to be answered are being avoided. The bill says the Ruffey group could put 441 acres anywhere they want within Siskiyou County, as well as possible parcels in other parts of the County.

HR 3535 is basically giving a new Tribe a blank piece of paper so they can create their own reservation that could exclude Karuk Tribal Members and Descendants, when the last known members of the Ruffey Rancheria were Karuk. We do not know how their Chairman was elected or appointed. We do not know who the Ruffey Council members are, nor do we know what their membership criteria will be.

Congressman Doug LaMalfa's staff has been avoiding our requests for meetings; this is because there are underlying motives to this restoration project. Will they oppose dam removal? They say, "No comment." Will they claim water, land and gathering rights? They say, "No comment." So if anyone asks either in person or on social media, let them know that we are not opposed to Tribal restorations. We will, however, demand a fair and reasonable process, one that takes into consideration our Tribal sovereignty and answers these critical questions.

Karuk Tribal Reunion

The 22nd Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion will be held on Saturday, July 7, 2018 in Happy Camp, CA. Departments of the Karuk Tribe have been hard at work organizing the reunion. We have seen an increase in the past few years of attendance. It is an honor to visit with our relations and to come together to share our culture with Karuk Tribal Members from all across the country. Please review our tentative schedule of events which we have included in the newsletter.

Native Vote

Your vote counts! There are over five million Native Americans registered to vote in the United States. Our votes count in the national elections. Each year at the National Congress of American Indians Conference they hold a reception to encourage Native Americans to register and vote. Tribal voting locally becomes even more important. Karuk Tribal Members and Descendants have more than enough voters to sway an election in our local districts.

Master Stewardship Agreement

The Karuk Tribe has entered into an Agreement with Six Rivers National Forest. The Department of Natural Resources did all the leg work, so special thanks to Leaf Hillman, Bill Tripp and their staff. This agreement will bind a partnership with the Lomakatsi Restoration Project. Since 1995, they have trained hundreds of workers to become trained, skilled restoration workers to implement ecological restoration prescriptions. This program will focus on our youth and helping communities. The Youth Ecological Stewardship Training and Employment Program helps young people gain invaluable workforce experience and an opportunity to explore careers in natural resources, ecosystem restoration, science, ecology and traditional cultural knowledge. I hope to have more to report on this project in the near future.

We encourage the membership to contact our program Directors and Council Members with any questions you may have about Tribal Programs, events and activities.

Yöotva kura suva nik, Chairman Buster Attebery 

Election Committee of the Karuk Tribe

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

NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on **Tuesday, November 6, 2018**, the Karuk Tribe will conduct a General Election. Candidate packets will be available at Tribal Administrative offices in Happy Camp, Yreka, and Orleans on **Wednesday July 11, 2018**. **There will not be a Primary Election due to the number of candidates running for Vice-Chairperson**

Polling places will be open from **7 AM to 7 PM** at the following locations:

Happy Camp: Multi-Purpose Room (Old Gym), 64236 Second Avenue;

Yreka: Kahtishraam Wellness Center, 1403 Kahtishraam; and

Orleans: Community Center, 39051 Highway 96.

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:

Vice-Chairperson (Paid Position)

TERM: November 2018 - November 2022

Yreka District Member at Large

TERM: November 2018 - November 2022

ABSENTEE BALLOTS: Requests for absentee ballots must be submitted in writing with a current return address **and must be received no later than Tuesday, October 23, 2018**. If you are already an absentee voter, please make sure your address is up to date with the Enrollment Office to ensure you receive an absentee ballot.

It is highly recommended that absentee ballot requests be received by the Voters Registration Office before the above due date for those members who live outside the Aboriginal Territory due to the amount of time it takes for the mail to reach Happy Camp. Contact the Election Committee at (800) 505-2785 ext. 2039 or visit www.karuk.us/ to obtain required form(s).

Send Absentee Ballot Request to:

Karuk Voters Registration Office

PO Box 815

Happy Camp, CA 96039

CANDIDATES: Must submit their completed candidate packet and pay the \$75 processing fee to the Karuk Election Committee by **Tuesday, September 4, 2018 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 drug screening test **PRIOR to 5pm, Tuesday, September 4, 2018**.

For more information, we encourage you to call the Voter's Registration Office at: **(800) 50-KARUK ext. 2039**

Ayukîi from the Enrollment Office,

There are currently 3,749 Enrolled Tribal Members and 4,630 Enrolled Descendants.



Mildred Grant
Chair



**Jeanerette
Jacups-Johnny**
Vice Chair



Corina Alexander
Secretary



Charlene Naef
Member At Large



Robert Super
Council Vice Chair

Our office offers an array of services.

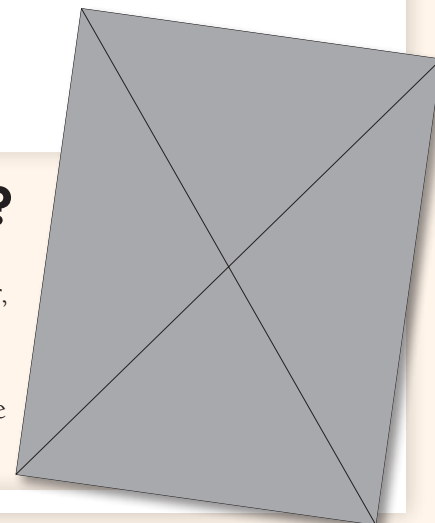
- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verifications for enrolled Members and Descendants.
- Collect Census Data on all Tribal Member households (we do not release any personal information only non-identifying information). Please update your census with our 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 and mspence@karuk.us. We would love to hear from you. 🏹

Yootva,
Robert Attebery
Enrollment Officer

Do You Have An Article For The Newsletter?

Attention 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. 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.



Rain Rock Casino- It All Begins With You!



The Rain Rock Casino officially opened its doors to Karuk Tribal Members on Saturday, April 14th, 2018. It was a day filled with joy as a project years in the making became reality. Doors officially

opened to Tribal Members of all ages just a little after 11:00 am and featured an open house style greeting. Rain Rock Casino staff was on standby to answer questions and whole heartedly greet the owners of the newest Karuk Tribal business adventure. Tribal Members were treated to samples of the Rain Rock Restaurant, live music by the local band “Honey Glove” and the absolute beauty of the facility.

At 3:00 pm, Karuk Tribal Council provided the opening blessing and shared their heart felt remarks about the journey of the Rain Rock Casino. Shortly thereafter, the casino closed the floor down to everyone under 21 and casino operations kicked into full gear. Slot machines were turned on for live gaming and the playing cards hit the tables with live bets. Karuk Tribal Council members were the first to get in on the action and test out

the new machines. Opening activities continued well into the morning hours of Sunday, April 15th, 2018. The Rain Rock Casino is a 24 hour a day operation and doors have stayed open ever since.



The Player's Club enrolled an endless line of guests into the My Rewards Player's Club, while the Rain Rock Restaurant kept the food coming to the casino floor as fast as they could. Tribal Members enjoyed photo ops to remember the day as a historical day for the Karuk Tribe. Within hours, the first Jackpots were hit and the excitement spread like wildfire throughout the casino and the community. By the evening hours, word spread to Siskiyou County and beyond and guests arrived by the masses.

The Rain Rock Casino also held the official ribbon cutting ceremony commemorating the opening of the casino to the public later in the week. Karuk Tribal Chairman, Russell Attebery announced that, “Rain Rock Casino employs over 200 staff members which will





receive nearly six million dollars in payroll, most of which will be reinvested back into Siskiyou County.” Chairman Attebery also hopes that Rain Rock Casino will, “Expose the beauty of Siskiyou County to people all over the world.”

Expose the beauty of Siskiyou County it has! Nearly 15,000 guests have visited Rain Rock Casino in the first few weeks of the Grand Opening and the community impact is plainly visible. Tourism to the county has already seen a pleasant spike in activities with organizations like the Siskiyou County Museum seeing fresh new faces from the Medford area. Hotels in Yreka have also seen a great increase in business and are looking forward to a fantastic summer with the new casino in the area.

Rain Rock Casino has many events and promotions planned that promise to make it a hot destination. Stay up to date on the latest and greatest news! Check out Rain Rock Casino online at: www.rainrockcasino.com or on Facebook at: www.facebook.com/rainrockcasinoyreka for more information and promotions! 🏹



Updates from Grants and Agreements Division



Ayukii koovúra, Highlights from activities in recent months include the 10-year **Karuk Tribe – USDA Forest Service Six Rivers National Forest Master Stewardship Agreement (MSA)** developed by Karuk Watershed

Restoration Coordinator Earl Crosby, who took the lead in coordinating and writing this MSA together with Deputy Director of Eco-Cultural Revitalization Bill Tripp. On May 2, 2018, the Karuk Tribal Council approved the Karuk – Six Rivers MSA at a DNR Council Meeting in Orleans, California. The document was presented for Council approval by Earl Crosby, DNR Director Leaf Hillman, and Merv George, who presented to the Karuk Tribal Council for the final time in his capacity as Six Rivers National Forest Supervisor before his departure for the Rogue River-Siskiyou National Forest the following week.

The success of the Karuk – Six Rivers MSA development comes at a timely juncture for the Karuk Tribe and the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRP), a cooperative group of federal, state, tribal, and non-profit agencies working toward a shared system of values for adaptive landscape-level management practices. In fall 2018, the Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project is set to enter implementation phase, and the MSA will build capacity needed to achieve critical project milestones for the WKRP: “While the Master Stewardship Agreement is largely symbolic, it does provide an overarching framework to guide development of our collaborative work in the forest, as well as representing the mutual commitment of our respective governments to continue to work together into the future,” said project leader Earl Crosby on the MSA’s finalization.

Congratulations are also in order to the Píkyav Field Institute for the UC Berkeley College of Natural Resources and Karuk Tribe’s recent \$1.2 million **USDA Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) Grant Program** award! The *xúus nu’éethi – we are caring for it* project will

support collaborative research and education on cultural agroecosystems in the Mid-Klamath River Basin as they intersect with climate change. Principal Investigator Jennifer Sowerwine, Cooperative Extension Specialist at UC Berkeley and co-founder of the Karuk-UC Berkeley Collaborative, will co-lead the 3-year project together with Lisa Hillman, Program Manager of the Karuk Tribe’s Píkyav Field Institute.

Grants submitted since the previous newsletter updates include a \$35,000 digital mapping and storytelling proposal to the **MICA Cultural Resource Fund Phase 3 Grant Program**. If selected for funding, the Píkváhaansas (“Storytellers”) Project will support the DNR’s Píkyav Field Institute and Cultural Resources programs to engage local K-12 schools in digital mapping, storytelling, bilingual play performance, and cultural site protection activities. The Píkváhaansas Project has been designed as a pilot project utilizing Karuk creation stories to impart the use of Traditional Ecological Knowledge (TEK) and Western science in the promotion and preservation of cultural sites and resources that can sustain the perpetuation of invaluable Karuk traditions. DNR’s Cultural Resources Program has also furthered its environmental education efforts in an awarded proposal from the **USDA Forest Service’s Pacific Southwest Region Forest Health Protection Program** for Sudden Oak Death (SOD) Blitz activities, and is currently seeking to bolster support for SOD activities in the coming year through a proposal





submitted to the EPA Environmental Education Program by the Mid Klamath Watershed Council in partnership with the Karuk Tribe in spring 2018.

One of the goals within my current role is to provide grant application planning and development services across Tribal Departments. Due to the hard work and team effort by Karuk Tribal Health and Human Services staff, the Tribe was recently notified of an award for \$1.3 million through the **2018 Health and Resources Services Administration Service Area Competition**. Yōotva and congratulations to the Health Program for their success in gathering support for our essential Tribal health services!

Recently, I have also had the pleasure of working with the recently established **Karuk Language Committee**, which convened for its first meeting on March 24, 2018. I am excited to be learning from the Committee Members and advisors in my work with the group this coming year, and to be assisting in my capacity as a grant writer by completing research for funding announcements and opportunities, as well as by engaging with both Committee Members and the Council to complete project and proposal development to garner funding support for the Karuk Language Program and community-based Karuk language initiatives.

Please contact Sinead Talley at (530) 627-3446 ext. 3020 or email stalley@karuk.us with any questions, information requests, or ideas for proposal development. Yōotva! 🏹

Orleans Medical Clinic

We would like to give a warm welcome to our new clinic staff members. We welcome Dr. Young-Tripp to our team. She accepted her position at the end of April and will be seeing patients on Tuesdays in Orleans. She will see patients every weekday at the Orleans Medical Clinic starting in June 2018. We would also like to welcome Mini Robbins, LVN, who accepted her position in March 2018. We are excited to have her as part of our team. Welcome aboard!

Travis King is our seasoned team member who has worked for the Karuk Tribal Health Program as a Receptionist, Medical Coder, and Medical Assistant. He has also been a vital part of the Orleans Volunteer Fire Department as an EMT for many years. Lucy Johnson-Avila is our Receptionist and is training as a Medical Assistant. Vi Long is our Clinic Transporter. She provides transportation to patients who have referrals from our health program. She has also been a huge advocate connecting people with other services that are available in our area. Melodee Conrad is our Elders Worker/CHR. She provides outreach to community members. Babbie Peterson is our Medical Clinic Manager. She also provides referrals and maintains medical records.

For an appointment with the Orleans Medical Clinic, please call: (530)-627-3452. We strive to provide our community with quality health care. 🏹



Pictured Orleans Medical Clinic Staff: Dr. Tyson, Dr. Young-Tripp, Mini Robbins, LVN & Travis King, MA.

Karuk Human Services Department

A strong tribal community relies on the health and wellness of all our members. Over the past year, with the support of the Council we have added staff and improved services to our communities in Orleans, Happy Camp and Yreka. Our department includes behavioral health services including mental health, medication management and substance use disorder. In addition, the Karuk Child Welfare Services program offers advocacy in State Court ICWA cases, family preservation, time limited family reunification as well as referral services to other programs. We also work to recruit tribal foster and adoption homes for tribal children who are in out of home placements.

Place Where Our Language is Spoken and Our Stories Are Told

The Karuk Tribe's Human Services Department partnered with the Institute of Native Knowledge on April 4, 2018 to bring several of our Karuk language speakers to Happy Camp for a fun day of culturally centered activities with Karuk children and their families. Participants enjoyed expressive arts, which included cracking acorns, storytelling, drumming and regalia making. Participants also broke out into gender specific groups and discussed gender roles within the traditional context of Karuk Culture.

We want to extend our appreciation to those cultural practitioners who shared their knowledge and spent time with our families: Julian Lang, Crystal Richardson, Lulu Alexander, Tamara Alexander, Phil Albers Jr, Maymi Preston-Donahue, Florraine Super, and David Tripp. Yootva! We look forward to more activities like this!

We have offices in all three major communities within the Tribe's service area and you may contact the Karuk Human Services Department at the numbers listed below.

1515 S Oregon Street
Yreka, CA 96097
(530) 841-3141

533 Jacobs Way
Happy Camp, CA 96039
(530) 493-1450

825 Asip Rd
Orleans, CA 95556
(530) 627-3452



The Power of Your Vote

Every Native Vote Counts!

Close elections are won and lost at the local precinct level. In 1960, John F. Kennedy beat Richard Nixon by one vote per precinct. One vote!

What if there was a candidate you supported and that person lost by one vote? And, you were too busy to vote or didn't bother to register. It could happen.

Voting matters when it comes to your rights and interests at the local, state, and federal level. Your vote matters. Voting is your voice in determining how our government is run. The website <http://www.nativevote.org/> provides background on the power of the Native vote. Several US Senators and Representatives credit the native vote for putting them in office!

Here are the three steps to take to voting:

Step One: Register to vote or determine if you are already registered to vote

Find out if you are registered to vote. Each time you move, you need to change your voting address with the County Clerk. You can access your information by calling, or by visiting the California voter status website: <https://voterstatus.sos.ca.gov/>

If your information is correct, great! If you need to change the information or you are not registered to vote, you can do so in two ways.

Register to vote if you are not registered or need to make a change. The two ways to register to vote are 1) completing a written form or 2) completing an on-line form.

Complete a Written Registration Form. You can obtain a voter registration form from the local library, DMV, county clerk's office, or our Karuk Tribal TERO Office in Happy Camp. Just complete the form and mail it in to the county clerk (postage is paid).

Complete an On-line Registration Form. You can register on-line using the California Secretary of State's website: <https://registertovote.ca.gov/>



Step Two: Review the Ballot


How do you figure out who and what to vote for? A couple of ways.

- You will receive a "Voter Information Guide" which will provide you with background information on the candidates and the propositions. You can read through this information and make your decision.
- You can attend informational meetings or candidate forums where ballot information is provided.
- And, you can talk to friends and family who may have attended meetings and met the candidates to discuss ideas.

Step Three: Vote

The next election date is Tuesday, November 6, 2018. This is considered a non-presidential year election where we will be voting on some key races in California, to include: Governor, Lt. Governor, US Senator, US Congressional Representative, and Attorney General (and others) as well as state propositions.

You can either "vote by mail" and send in your ballot before the election date, or you can go to the polling place. (Note: In Siskiyou County, there are many residences that do not have a polling place and all voters in that residence must vote by mail only.)

Just remember: You have the power to create a country we want. Exercise your right to vote! 

Yootva! (Thank you) From the Karuk Basket Weavers

The 15th Annual Karuk Basket Weavers Gathering was a huge success. Well over 300 attendees made it to Happy Camp March 23-25, 2018 from all over California and neighboring states, despite the rain and snow. We have some very dedicated weavers. We noticed a lot of youth participation! It is encouraging to have so much involvement from our young people as they are going to be our next weavers and gatherers.

We want to acknowledge the hard work of our volunteers, Tribal Employees and Tribal Council who made the gathering so successful and fun. Kathleen Davis and her kitchen crew made wonderful meals and kept everyone warm and fed throughout the weekend. The Maintenance Crew made sure the administration grounds were nice and tidy, placed our signs, banners and tent up. They always put in good work to get everything ready. Council Members Kristen King and Renee Stauffer were outstanding in assisting with ticket sales. Council Member Sonny Davis provided beautiful prayers throughout the weekend. Chairman Russell Attebery came and spoke about how important our basket weavers are in perpetuating our culture. Thank you Tribal Council for your support!


Thank you to everyone who donated handmade items to the raffle! From beautiful baskets, to blankets, jewelry, and much more. Your donations were absolutely beautiful. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets as the



proceeds offset the cost of the gathering. Thank you to our fellow Basket weavers who inspire us in their weaving.

Last but not least, we want to thank our teachers, Wilverna Reece and Paula McCarthy. The knowledge that they share with us is so invaluable. These ladies put so much time and dedication into weaving. Being in tune with the seasons, knowing the right times to gather each material is so important. Holding these gatherings every year is no small task and these weavers have been holding these annual gatherings for a long time. It is more than just basket weaving it is carrying this on to the future.

For more information about the Basket weavers Gathering, or to donate handmade items for next year's raffle, please contact Brittany Souza at (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2016.

Yootva!!! 





Karuk Tribe Housing Authority

Programs

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority currently offers Low Income, Elder, and Emergency Rental Homes and Lease Purchase Homes in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans, First-Time Homebuyer Loans, Down Payment Assistance Grants, Elder and Temporary Rent Vouchers, Home Replacement Grants, Home Rehabilitation & Weatherization Grants and Loans, and Home Improvement Loans to eligible low income applicants.

We encourage Tribal Members who have any unmet housing need to apply for assistance. The median family income limits that determine eligibility for assistance are ***not as low as you may think***. Many working families are still at or below 80% of US Median Family Income Limits set by HUD. For example, a single person can earn up to \$38,080 (the equivalent of \$18.30 per hour) and still be eligible for assistance!

2017 United States Median Family Income Limits

| | 80% | 100% |
|-----------|----------|----------|
| 1 Person | \$38,080 | \$47,600 |
| 2 Persons | \$43,520 | \$54,400 |
| 3 Persons | \$48,960 | \$61,200 |
| 4 Persons | \$54,400 | \$68,000 |
| 5 Persons | \$58,752 | \$73,440 |
| 6 Persons | \$63,104 | \$78,880 |
| 7 Persons | \$67,456 | \$84,320 |
| 8 Persons | \$71,808 | \$89,760 |

KTHA also provides Student Rent Vouchers to eligible Tribal Members who are full time students pursuing higher education or vocational school. ***Applications are due by July 31, 2018 at 5pm to Susanna Greeno for the 2018-19 school year!!***

For more information on any of our programs, please visit the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Department website at www.karuk.us/ or contact Susanna Greeno via phone at 1(800)250-5811, Extension 3108 or email at susannagreeno@karuk.us

We continue to make progress on our construction projects underway for the season.

Yreka

The Open House for the Computer Center and Fitness Center added to the Kahtishraam Wellness Center was held

on Saturday, April 28. The new additions are officially open for use with assorted activities available for all age groups; contact our Wellness Center Coordinator, Jeanne Burcell, or Resident Services Manager, Florraine Super, for more information about this beautiful facility and their calendar of events! The Department of Transportation will be paving and expanding the parking lot this Summer.



Don't forget to sign up for Remind to receive the daily schedule and updates from our staff.



Happy Camp

Construction is nearly complete on the one bedroom units being constructed on Second Avenue by the Force Account Construction Crew; we anticipate getting final occupancy certificates during the month of May which is very exciting.



Work continues to progress quickly on the Community Center on Jacobs Way which includes a gymnasium, kitchen, business center, and exercise room. Construction is scheduled to be complete later this Summer. This project is being funded through the New Market Tax Credit program, a new source of funding for the Karuk Tribe and Housing Authority that has never been accessed before!



Orleans

We continue to make progress toward construction of new single family homes to meet the huge need for

affordable, safe, and sanitary housing for low income Tribal families in the downriver communities. We are anxiously awaiting word on how the additional \$100 million in competitive funds appropriated by Congress will be distributed. We are hoping that it will be available to fund infrastructure (power, water, sewer) development for multiple parcels of vacant land owned by the Housing Authority in Orleans.



YPD Police Chief Retirement

Brian Bowles retired from the Yreka Police Department on April 28 following 27 years on the force! He has been the Chief of Police for the past 14 of those years. The Board of Commissioners invited him to their May 7 meeting where they presented him with a parting gift as a token of their appreciation for his years of dedicated service to the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority community.



AMERIND Poster Contest

Annually AMERIND, the Tribally-owned insurance agency covering KTHA units, sponsors a youth coloring contest. Submissions are accepted by Housing Authorities throughout the country. All entries must have a safety theme. Each Housing Authority selects a first place winner from each age group and submits them to their local AMERIND Region. The Region then selects winners to progress to the National level.

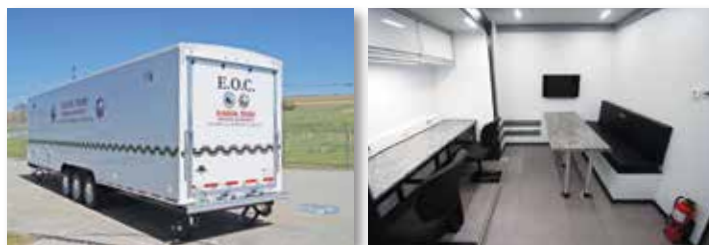
National level winners will have their artwork appear in AMERIND promotions throughout the next year, and receive a \$1,000 cash prize! KTHA received 8 entries, winners were Issac Super (age 7, Grade 1, Yreka) and Ruby Williams (age 10, Grade 5, Happy Camp). All



of the children who submitted entries received Art Kits to encourage their creativity.

Grant Funding

Randy White and Charles Sarmento, Security and Emergency Services Officers, continue to be successful in acquiring grant funds for KTHA. Most recently, with the support of Trista Parry, they received \$392,288 from the Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program from the Department of Homeland Security (FEMA) for the purchase of a 23' landing craft boat, 39' mobile emergency command center, transport vehicle to tow the command center, AED & trauma kits for each, as well as a satellite communication system with WiFi and cell service extender for the mobile command center. The grant will also provide funding for training in local white water rescue, multi-agency responses, emergency management, active shooter, and terrorist response methods. We hope to have the equipment on display during the Tribal Reunion on Saturday, July 7 in Happy Camp.



Housing Meetings

The currently seated Board of Commissioners are Robert Super: Chairman, Scott Quinn: Vice Chairman, Charlene Naef: Secretary, Dolores Voyles: Treasurer, Joseph Waddell: Council Liaison, Sherile Grant: Commissioner, and Teresa Valin: Commissioner.

Please attend the next Tenant Meeting in your community; the location rotates between Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka with all meetings beginning at 10am. Open Tenant Meeting dates for 2018 are posted on the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority Department page at www.karuk.us/ 

Karuk Cultural Monitors


We would like to acknowledge the Karuk Cultural Monitors. Here are two of our most experienced monitors: Cathy Meinert and Dennis Donahue. Others who have done monitoring in the past year are Roland Snapp, Neiko Robertson, and Pihneftuuf Elston. Other employees including Chook-Chook Hillman, Analisa Tripp, and Emilio Tripp have stepped in from time to time on short notice.

Monitors do an extremely valuable function of providing a Tribal set of eyes on ground-disturbing projects. Companies and agencies for which we have requested cultural monitoring include Siskiyou Telephone, Caltrans, PG&E, Klamath-Trinity Joint Unified School District, Humboldt County, and internal Karuk departments such as Housing, Maintenance, and water quality. It is vital on these projects to have someone who can observe what is going on, who is not beholden to the company doing the work, who maintains a commitment to the artifacts and features in the soil, and who represents the people from the past who made them. That is what Monitors do in their work.

Karuk Cultural Monitors are trained in a 2-day class: in 2014, 2015, and 2016, provided by Humboldt State University, but more recently it has been brought in-house and has been coordinated by Alex Watts-Tobin, THPO, and using cultural practitioners including Kathy McCovey, Phil Albers, and Chook-Chook Hillman. HSU has also continued to offer the Osteology training, which is their specialty. If human bones are found on a project, the County Coroner has to be called right away - and so, bone identification



is a very important component of the training, along with cultural resources, different types of artifacts and features, cans and bottles for dating historic places, and knowing the relevant laws.

The training is also the key qualification for the job description Cultural Resources Technician I, which is an entry-level position. It allows you to do monitoring, but also potentially to be brought on seasonally in order to do Cultural Resources surveys. The THPO had just completed a Monitor Training in Happy Camp in April 2018 with 10 people. For more information on Cultural Monitor trainings call Dion Wood, TERO Director at (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2030, or Alex Watts-Tobin, THPO at (530)-627-3446. 



TERO and Child Care Department News

TERO Department Mission: The Mission of the Karuk Tribe TERO is to promote and establish self-sufficiency and equality in hiring Karuk Tribal Members and Descendants through enforcement of the Karuk Tribe Workforce Protection Act.

TERO Department Vision: The Vision of the Karuk Tribe TERO is for all members to be self-sufficient, having gainful employment free from discrimination for all future generations.

The current TERO Commission consists of six Karuk Tribal Members representing our three districts. Commissioners are; Lavon Kent, Ronald "Red" Hockaday, Debbie Whitman, Council Members; Alvis "Bud" Johnson, Renee Stauffer and Arch Super. We appreciate their commitment and service to TERO and the Karuk Tribe! Dion Wood is the TERO Director and Judy Waddell is the TERO Deputy Assistant.

This summer will be a busy one for the TERO office! There will be lots of road work coming and we have a need for journeyman Flaggers and Laborers! If you meet this criteria or are close to becoming journeyman level be sure to register with the TERO office for potential work! We will have the opportunity to assign flaggers and laborers for roadwork near Orleans and Happy Camp this summer.

Driver's License Assistance: If you have barriers to getting your Driver's License and live within the Tribe's service area, give the TERO department a call to see if we can help!

Vocational Education Assistance: If you are considering going to a vocational school, contact the TERO office! We have a great program we call the 50/50 Program. We will pay 50% of your tuition need once you pay the initial 50% of tuition. Give us a call for more information and to find out if your vocational educational plan is eligible for this assistance.

The Child Care Program is administered through the TERO office. There are certain eligibility requirements.

- Child must be enrolled in a Federally Recognized Tribe or be a Descendant child of an Enrolled Member.
- Must meet income requirements - Total household adjusted gross income and family size.
- Must reside within the Tribe's service area of Siskiyou county or northeast Humboldt county.
- Must provide immunization documentation.
- Other documentation may be needed depending on your situation.

When determined eligible for the Child Care Program you will be eligible for one year. Parents choose the care provider and the Tribe will pay up to a certain amount for child care services.

Please contact Dion Wood, TERO/Child Care Director at: 800 505-2785 Ext. 2030 if you have any questions. 🏹



Newly Formed KDNR Wildlife Division & the Elk Monitoring Project

Ayukii from the newly formed Wildlife Division of the Karuk Department of Natural Resources, the Karuk Tribe received a 1.4-million-dollar grant to be used over the course of 3 years to monitor the elk population within and around their winter range of the Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project area. This will involve camera trapping with trail cameras, fecal sampling and elk collaring. In late April 2018, Emilio Tripp accepted the position of Wildlife Division Biologist and Ben Saxon accepted the position of Natural Resource Technician III and both will be working to accomplish the goals of this project.

They are both honored and humbled to have this opportunity to assist this newly formed KDNR Wildlife Division thrive and be sustainable. They aim to do that by accomplishing the goals of the grant with focus, excellence and vigor. Upon their first week of working together they have come up with a draft mission statement for the Wildlife Division and a draft mission statement for the Elk Project.

Karuk DNR Wildlife Division Mission Statement:

The mission of the KDNR Wildlife Division is to

protect, conserve, and restore the native wildlife and their associated habitats within the Karuk aboriginal territory; this will promote the cultural and spiritual well-being of the Karuk community, promote a traditional healthy relationship of compassion and mutual dependence between our native Wildlife (araaras) people and Karuk (araaras) people, and promote a legacy of respectful coexistence for all future generations of Wildlife and Karuk communities.

Elk Project Mission Statement:

The mission of the Elk (Ishyuux) Project is to collect the data necessary to monitor the elk population and the effects of the treatments that the Somes Bar Integrated Fire Management Project has on the elk population within and around the project areas to assist in revitalizing and maintaining healthy elk herds and individual elk that live within the Karuk aboriginal lands for the benefit of the Ishyuux people and Karuk people for future generations to come.

Yootva,

KDNR Wildlife Division Staff 



Looking Forward: Karuk Language Committee

On March 24, 2018, a group of Karuk language speakers, educators, advocates, advisors, Tribal staff, and Tribal Council members came together in their respective capacities for the first meeting held by the Karuk Language Committee. Members of the Language Committee include Julian Lang, Nancy Steele, Arch Super, Lulu Alexander, Frank Thom, Florrine Super, and Sally Bartosiewski. These members offer a wealth of knowledge, experience, and dedication for language, and further provide perspective and representation across our diverse Karuk communities. In convening this spring, this group has already taken important steps toward guiding the development of the Karuk Language Department, generating a programmatic support base for community-based Karuk language initiatives, and working toward a vision of health and vitality for the Karuk language, which lies at the core of Karuk cultural identity and connection to the lands which have sustained Karuk people since time immemorial.

At the May 5th meeting, the Karuk Language Committee's purpose was discussed and officers were elected, with Julian Lang appointed as Chairman, Nancy Steele as Vice-Chairman, and Arch Super as Secretary/Treasurer for the Committee. Discussions held by the Committee thus far have examined existing needs for programmatic and organizational capacity-building activities, including strategic planning, grant application, curriculum development, and training to help increase effectiveness during classroom lessons throughout Karuk territory and beyond to reach the Tribe's geographically dispersed membership. Other areas highlighted the need and desire for the Karuk language community to continue growing, as well as to have designated space and regularly scheduled community language classes in areas where those services are currently not accessible.

In looking to the future, Chairman Julian Lang offered thoughts on the group's development and purpose:

“After having taught the Karuk language since 1980 to folks of all ages; after working with elders since the 1960s (primarily my family, my grandmother's friends and relations while a child) all of whom are now passed away; and after accepting the sense of responsibility to keep our language alive that those elders

impressed on me and others of my generation, I am very happy to help with the newly established Karuk Language Committee.

Members of the committee are all involved in language

teaching and learning—some more, some less—but all are strongly committed to the furtherance of our language. We have all shared many hours with our fluent elders over the years and I hear echoes of those elders' teachings at our meetings.

Being new we are organizing ourselves. We elected officers for the committee. We will meet again in a few weeks to adopt our statement of purpose and take our first baby steps in helping create an action plan that helps sustain our current community-based language efforts, and guide development of a sustainable language program. We hope to have a presence at the Karuk Tribal Reunion in Happy Camp on July 7th. To be honest it's all very exciting for the members of the committee. The members represent over 80 years of combined experience working with our language. Our language learning community has grown by 200%-300% now that we are using web-based apps. We are poised to increase Karuk language usage, and with the input of our committee working in conjunction with our tribal government and administration, we have high hopes that our language will be spoken more and more.”

Yootva to the Committee members for their continued commitment and work in the community-based process of engaging, inspiring, and teaching so that Karuk can be spoken by our people and shared goals for Karuk language preservation can be progressed to enhance the collective and individual health, vitality, and holistic wellness of Karuk communities for generations to come. Please reach out with questions, ideas, and requests for information on upcoming Karuk language activities to your local Committee representative, and be on the lookout for more news from the Karuk Language Committee coming soon! 🏹

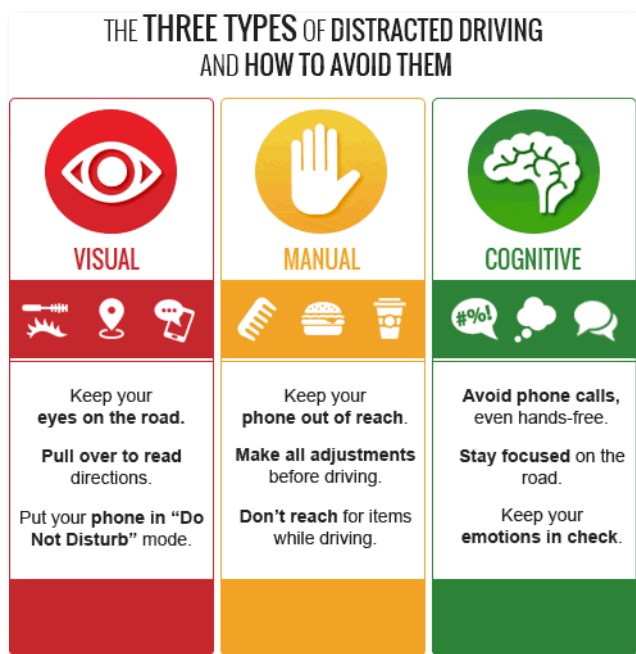


Safe Driving Tips from the Department of Transportation

By its very nature, driving demands an extremely high percentage of your attention (if not all of it)...especially on our river road. Yet, as you get more experienced and comfortable with driving, you might find yourself more willing to spread your attention across numerous distractions.

Still, no matter how experienced you are, the more you become distracted while driving, the more your risk of getting into a car accident exponentially grows.

When it comes to understanding and avoiding distracted driving, it's best to look at the three types of driving distractions:



Visual Driving Distractions

Visual distractions cause your eyes wander off of the road. For instance:

- Looking for items on the floor of the car.
- Checking and adjusting your GPS.
- Changing the radio station.
- Adjusting your temperature controls.
- Taking in the view.
- Doing your makeup.

Manual Driving Distractions

Manual distractions cause you to take one or both hands off

of the wheel. Some examples include:

- Eating and drinking.
- Adjusting your child's seatbelt.
- Smoking.
- Searching through your purse or wallet.
- Turning knobs in your car.
- Taking photos.

Cognitive Driving Distractions

Cognitive distractions cause your mind's focus to drift away from your driving.

Here are some common cognitive driving distractions:

- Talking to another passenger.
- Thinking about something that is upsetting.
- Road rage.
- Daydreaming.
- Being under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

Drowsy driving can also be considered a form of cognitive distraction, but is typically regarded as a separate problem of its own.

Texting While Driving

You may have noticed that some activities fall under more than one of the distracted driving categories. These activities are extra dangerous, as they tend to take more attention away from your driving than distractions that fall under only one category.

Texting while driving is an especially dangerous habit, as it falls under all three types of distracted driving.

While texting, you are distracted:

- Visually as you look at your phone rather than the road and cars around you.
- Manually as you type your messages rather than keep your hands on the wheel and ready to react.
- Cognitively as you concentrate on your conversation rather than the situation unfolding in your driving environment.

Avoiding Distractions While Driving

Clearly there are several distractions that can take your attention away from driving. The good news is there are ways to avoid them.

Keep these tips in mind to help you drive distraction free:

- Stay calm.
Anxiety and stress can be a big distraction. Take deep breaths and keep your focus on the road.
- Pull over.
If, for whatever reason, you can't seem to keep your focus, find a safe place to pull over and take a break. Avoid pulling over on the side of a busy street, or in dark and isolated places.
- Keep the peace.
Driving is not the time for arguments, which can be VERY distracting. Save the fight for when you are in a safer setting.
- Use your passengers.
When possible, put your passenger in charge of tasks like temperature control or changing the music.
- Know your dials.
This is especially important when you are driving a new car or a car you are not used to driving. Get to know the car's controls BEFORE you start driving. This will help minimize distractions in cases where you must use one of the car's controls.
- Use your radio presets.
Most car stereos allow you to preset stations so that you only have to press one button to hear what you want.
- Make adjustments before you start driving. These include:
Mirrors.
Seat.
Steering wheel.
- Stay off your phone.
Cell phone use, whether for texting or talking, is a huge distraction. Put your phone away, and do not let yourself use it until you are out of your car. There are even some smartphone apps that will help keep you from driving distracted.
- Be rested and satisfied.
If you are going for a long trip, make sure you have had plenty of rest, food, and drink.
Remember to factor meal times into your schedule so that you don't feel pressured into eating while driving to make it to your destination on time.
- Set up your GPS before you start driving.

Visit www.dmv.org and <https://www.nhtsa.gov/risky-driving>

For more information about safety on the road, or ongoing roads projects, contact the Karuk Department of Transportation, Director Misty Rickwalt (530)-627-3016 Ext. 3333 



Education Department

Ayukii, the Karuk Education Department would like to introduce our new staff members if you have not had a chance to meet them yet. Michael Dyer, Education Program Coordinator, is in Happy Camp and often travels from Orleans to Yreka. Sara Bell, Student Services Coordinator is located at the Kahtishraam Wellness Center in Yreka and also holds office hours at Yreka High School. Chena Ariza, Student Services Coordinator, is located at the Happy Camp Computer Center and provides services at Happy Camp High School and Happy Camp Elementary School and in the Orleans area.

The Education Department offers Tutoring, works one on one with students, run college and career readiness programs, college tours, and plans events for youth. We are very excited about this past school year and feel like there are a lot of great students out there that will go very far! We want to assist in their achievements with resources and programs that we offer.

A highlight was the Cal Day College Tour Trip that we took students on in April. On this trip, we were able to visit Woodland Community College (which houses California Tribal College), UC Berkeley, and San Francisco State University. They were able to meet students and faculty, see presentations from Native American Student Development Programs, and get a tour from a Happy Camp local who is attending San Francisco State University. We are planning at least one more College Tour to local colleges, so please stay in contact with the Karuk Education Department if you are interested in attending a College Tour Trip.

We will run a Summer Enrichment Program in Yreka, Happy Camp, and Orleans. This enrichment program will be in partnership with Youth and Families Activities Program and will focus on promoting summer learning and retention, positive youth development, and empowering leadership. Please be sure to stay in contact with the Education Department and stay up to date on programs and opportunities.

We are now accepting applications for the Karuk Higher Education Scholarship. This scholarship is available to enrolled Karuk Tribal Members who attend Community College or University fulltime and maintain

a 2.0 GPA. We encourage all who are currently in college or university, or plan on attending to please apply. The Deadline for the application is July 31st!

More information from the Karuk Tribe's Education Department can be found on our website at: www.karukeducation.us. If you have any questions or would like additional information, please contact: Michael Dyer, Education Program Coordinator, Email: mdyer@karuk.us, Phone: (530) 643-3811 



Karuk Tribal Head Start



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For the 2018/2019 School Year

Accepting Applications for the Happy Camp and Yreka Head Start Centers

SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE

Services Provided:

Early learning opportunities fostering Social/Emotional/Physical Development

A developmentally appropriate learning environment-school readiness

Health-Dental & Vision Screening

Parent/Family Support/Family Engagement

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Healthy & Nutritious Meals, Free of Charge

Qualified, Experienced Teachers and support staff

The Karuk Head Start Serves all Children, Tribal and Non-Tribal

To enroll in Head Start, children must be three years old on or before September 1, 2018

Applications are available at any Karuk Tribal Office.

For more information, contact the Karuk Tribe Head Start:

Happy Camp: (530)-493-1490

Yreka: (530)-842-9225

PO BOX 1148 Happy Camp, CA 96039

1320 Yellowhammer, Yreka, CA 96097



Ayukîi from the Karuk Community Development Corporation!

Congratulations to the Karuk Tribe on a successful opening of the Rain Rock Casino! The décor was beautiful and the food was great. Well done!

In other news, our Karuk Head Start program is wrapping up another successful school year in Happy Camp and Yreka and we are accepting applications for the 2018/19 school year. If you have a child or know of a preschool age child that would like to attend Head Start, please call us at (530) 842-9225 to begin the enrollment process. Our Yreka Center has expanded from a.m. and p.m. classes in one classroom, to two classrooms with concurrent classes. We would like to thank the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority for accepting our proposal and allowing us to rent their old computer center for our new classroom. Yōotva!

Our Head Start Director Priscilla Stack, is planning her retirement for June of 2019. We want to get the word out and are beginning our search for a new Director. Head Start Standards section §1302.91 (b) reads as follows: A program must ensure an Early Head Start or Head Start director hired after November 7, 2016, has, at a minimum, a baccalaureate degree and experience in supervision of staff, fiscal management, and administration. If you or someone you know meets the qualifications and are interested in working for a Tribal Head Start beginning in 2019, please give us a call at (530) 493-1475 ext. 5103. We would love to hear from you.

The biomass feasibility study deadline was extended to May 31st, 2018. We are looking forward to receiving the final product from the Schatz Energy Resource Center at Humboldt State to determine whether or not to move forward with the project. Please look for additional information in the next newsletter or you may give us a call for the results.

The Amkuuf Shop move has been delayed due to circumstances beyond our control. Tiny Homes in Southern Oregon was awarded the contract and is building our new shop that, when completed, will be moved to our new



location. Ground work and paving will be completed soon and if all goes well we anticipate moving into our new building at our new location by June 15th, 2018. We will be hiring one additional On-Call Sales Clerk for 16-hours per week. Please check the Karuk Tribe jobs listing for additional information.

The Happy Camp Community Computer Center is operated by Workforce Developer, Frank Snider (pictured below). Frank is certified to provide GED testing at the Computer Center as well as college mid-terms and finals. He is also certified to provide “Building Native Communities: Financial Skills for Families” classes and is working in coordination with the Karuk Tribal TANF program to provide financial education classes for families in our area.



Frank also monitors College of the Siskiyous (COS) distance learning classes via video-conferencing at the Center. For more information on classes offered please go to <http://www.siskiyous.edu/>

For more information about KCDC or our programs please call us at (530) 493-1475. 🏹

Department of Natural Resources, Píkyav Field Institute

Of the many projects that our a multi-dimensional five division environmental education is currently implementing, we would like our Karuk membership to get ready to see some of the video productions our Tribal Youth have been preparing. These cultural heritage preservation videos align with our K-12 Nanu'avaha (Our Food) Curriculum lesson content, and represent some of the deliverables for the "Nanu'avaha: Karuk Tribe's K-12 Curriculum Oral History Documentation Project" funded by the National Park Service.



Tahsa Tripp has been working on her regalia video documenting skills and knowledge pertaining to skinning and tanning regalia species hides. This

video will be included in our "Animal Use in Ceremonies" lesson for Grade 7, and also features some relevant Culture Cards with Karuk Language. Cards can be purchased at the People's Center. Here featured is the Ring-tail Cat.

Several young videographers have been recording information given by Cultural Practitioners on how to find cooking rocks.



These specific rocks are most easily found on the river in the morning: the right kind retains the dew's moisture longer than those that would crack in the heat of a cooking fire.

Kade Saxon is finished up his Manzanita Berry video, featuring an interview with a Cultural Practitioner on the species, harvesting etiquette, best practices in managing for quality berries, and the process involved with making

traditional berry cider. Here featured are students from Orleans Elementary School and Jeanerette Jacups-Johnny.



Jesse Goodwin Jr. is shown here practicing his filming skills during one of the videography workshops. He has chosen to document the

harvest, processing and traditional management of the so-called "Indian Potato," or brodiaea species.

From left to right, Kade Saxon and Chaas Hillman at the Píkyav Field Institute, logging in the long hours needed for editing their videos. Chaas is documenting the use of low-intensity fires essential for quality Native food habitat management, and his tip for budding videographers: "Hold the camera steady and don't film more than you need!"



It's a lot of work editing footage, but we need all kinds of effort to support the preservation of our Cultural Heritage! For more information about this and other Píkyav Field Institute projects, contact the Program Manager Lisa Hillman at the Department of Natural Resources: (530) 627-3446, or lisahillman@karuk.us. 🏹

Purchased Referred Care Eligibility

The following is an explanation of the eligibility criteria for the Karuk Tribe's Purchased Referred Care 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 Purchased Referred Care 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 Purchased Referred Care at: (530)-493-1600 Anna Myers, PRC Supervisor Ext. 2156, Cat Turner, PRC Clerk Ext. 2155, Yukon Sakota, PRC Clerk Ext 2151. 

Karuk Tribe Employment Opportunities

We encourage you to visit the Karuk Tribe's website at www.karuk.us and our Facebook page at 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.



Trista Parry, Human Resources Director, Phone: (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2010, Fax: (530)-493-5322,
Email: tparry@karuk.us.

Vickie Simmons, Human Resources Director, Phone: (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2041, Fax: (530)-493-5322,
Email: 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

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Introducing . . .

Velda Williams

Ayukii! Hello, my name is Velda Williams and I am the new CEO of the Karuk Tribe Health & Human Services. I am an enrolled member of the San Carlos Apache Tribe located in southeastern Arizona. I previously worked in San Carlos as the Executive Director of the Tribe's Department of Health & Human Services for ten years and have also worked in health administration roles with the Muckleshoot Tribe of Washington, the Gila River Healthcare Corporation in Arizona. I have also worked as a Social Services Director for the Yavapai Apache Tribe in Arizona and the Coeur d'Alene Tribe in northern Idaho. I also formerly worked with the Gila River Indian Community in Arizona as the Community Services Department's Deputy Director. I obtained my Bachelors of Science degree in Sociology from Evangel University in Springfield, Missouri and completed my Master's in Healthcare Administration from the University of Phoenix.



Karuk Tribal Health And Human Services consists of three clinics for medical and dental services, as well as behavioral health, substance abuse programs. Other programs include CHR, Purchased and Referred Care (PRC), Non-Emergency Medical Transportation, Diabetes Prevention and the Senior Nutrition program. Part of my job is to also ensure that our programs are operating efficiently and that our clinics are meeting healthcare regulatory compliance. KTHHS has a number of grants and contracts from both the federal and state governments and it is my responsibility to ensure we are meeting our contractual obligations while also providing the best patient care and customer service possible.

I am happy to be here serving the community. Should you need to contact me directly my phone number is (530) 842-9200, Ext. 6125. Yootva! 🏹



Chelsey Preston

Ayukii! My name is Chelsey Preston. I am the new Victim Services Program Advocate I, for the Orleans area. I grew up and have lived in Orleans most all of my life. I recently returned and look forward to helping the community. The Karuk Victim Services Program is available to any victim of crime who is enrolled in a federally recognized tribe within the Karuk Tribe's service areas, Siskiyou County, Orleans to Weitchpec. The program helps eligible victims of crime with support and advocacy, emergency intervention; assist in getting emergency food, clothing and shelter, filing temporary restraining orders, court accompaniment, court process info, and assisting in filing applications for victim compensation. Feel free to come to the office or call to schedule an appointment. Transportation is also available if needed.

My office is located in the building in front of the Orleans

Elementary School. Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8:00am-5:00pm

Phone Number: (530)-627-3676 Email: lpreston@karuk.us 🏹

Yukon Sakota

Yukon Sakota accepted the position of Purchase Referred Care Clerk on February 16, 2018. She is currently attending College of the Siskiyou and is studying in Social Work. Yukon's office is located in Happy Camp and she can be reached at (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2151 🏹



Obituaries



Chester Vaughn Brookins

Chester (Chet) Vaughn Brookins, 78, passed away peacefully at home on September 19th in El Dorado Hills, CA. He was born on June 9, 1939 in Sacramento, CA. He was a member of the Karuk Tribe (Klamath River) and took great pride in his heritage.

Chet grew up in Sacramento, CA. He received his Master's in Business Administration from UC Berkeley. He served in the US Coast Guard until 1960. In 1971 he took a leave as Deputy with the Sacramento County Sheriff's Department to work in a civilian capacity in Saigon. He lived in and traveled to many countries. He served as Affirmative Action Program Director for Beck Construction during the completion of the Strauss building in San Francisco, and was instrumental in getting the first female apprentice placed in the carpenter's union. He also helped open the apprenticeship programs of the Operating Engineers and Glazers. He was a member of the Teamster Union, and served as president for Local 315 during the early 90's. He was Managing Director of Relations Research, a human resource consulting firm specializing in work place violence issues until his retirement. The various organizations that Chet was involved with during his career included the Human Rights Employment Committee, Apprenticeship Opportunities Foundation Personnel Committee, Native American Advisory Committee, and was a past member of the Governor's Advisory Council on Indian Affairs. Later in life he was a member of The El Dorado County Sheriff's Posse and a 4th Degree Knight of the Knights of Columbus fraternity organization of the Catholic Church.

Chet is survived by his wife Nancy Brookins. They were happily married for 22 years. He is also survived by his brother Donald Saindon (Rosemary); daughters Candi Jinnette (Michael); and Joylene Brookins; Grandsons Marcus Ortega and Michael Jinnette, II; along with nieces, nephews, other relatives, and many dear friends.



Eva Mae Wicks Mastel

Eva Mae Wicks Mastel passed away April 5th, 2018, in Hoopa, Ca at 94 years old. She was born August 6, 1923, in Oro Fino, CA. She was the great-granddaughter of Shasta leader Chief Kimolly, Karuk-Lucy Powell of Happy Camp, & Dutch Ancestors the Swearingens of Happy Camp. She was married to Robert Mastel Sr. in 1940. They were married for 58 years upon his death. Eva & Bob lived in Trinity County close to 50 years. Eva was a member of the Burnt Ranch VFW Ladies Auxiliary, Trinity County Grand Jury, Burnt Ranch PTA, and California Rural Indian Health Board. She is survived by Sons Arthur E. Mastel & wife Liz Manatowa -Mastel of Medford, OR, Robbert G. Mastel of Hoopa, daughter Marilyn & Bill Landergen of Mad River, CA, 11 grandchildren, and numerous great grandchildren. Eva lived a full life and was loved by so many. She had a warm smile and a good word for everyone she met. A memorial service will be held in June in Fortuna, CA

Announcements



Micaela Escobar, Karuk Tribal Member, graduated June 9, 2018 from Yreka High School. She received a USI Scholarship and was one of the top 10 of her senior class. She will be attending Shasta College with studies in the medical field, and hopes to become a pediatrician. Micaela is the daughter of Ann and Pedro Escobar. We are very proud of her and all of her accomplishments! We love you; Mom, Dad, Brothers, Sisters, Nieces & Nephews.



Happy Camp High School Boys Basketball team brought home the division 7 championship. It's time for a new banner to go up in the HC gym. Good job boys!



The Karuk Tribal Council would like to acknowledge the service of one of our Tribal Members Eugene Aubrey Jr. He assists the membership with their commodity pick-ups every month and the generosity does not go unnoticed. Yootva Eugene for your dedication and service!



Annie Robin Neuner graduates this year from the University of California Irvine with a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science. Annie specialized in Computer Learning and Artificial Intelligence, and was able to use her education during the past summers to

work as an intern for the Karuk Tribe, helping populate our Sípnuuk Digital Library, Archives and Museum with cultural heritage materials and photos.

Annie is the daughter of Leaf and Lisa Hillman, and granddaughter of Janet and Barry Morehead. Her ancestry is traced to the villages are Panamnik, Katimin, Ameekyaaraam, Chimkanknee and Savorum – the stomping grounds of her “downriver” Karuk families including the Ferris, Wilder and Sanderson clans. After a short holiday with family in Orleans, she will begin employment with the Deutsche Bank in New York, New York. We hope to see her home as much as possible!

22nd Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion Agenda

64236 Second Avenue, Happy Camp, CA

Saturday, July 7th

- 7:30am: Run/Walk Registration
- 8:00am: Run/Walk
- 9:00am: Breakfast (No Charge– Everyone Welcome)
- 10:00am: Opening Ceremonies, Classic Car Show, Enrollment Office Open to Membership
- 10:30am: Program Booths, Health Fair, Cultural Tent and Kids Activities Open, Bike Rodeo
- 11:00am: Horseshoe Tournament
- 12:00pm: Elder's Lunch (Senior Nutrition Center)
- 12:30pm: Indian Card Game
- 1:30pm: Car Show Awards (Main Tent)
- 2:00pm: Program Booths and Health Fair Closes
Traditional Dress Show
- 2:45pm: Demonstration Brush Dance
- 3:15pm: Closing Ceremonies and Raffle Drawings
- 4:00pm: Dinner (No Charge– Everyone Welcome)
- 5:00pm: Evening Entertainment and Poker Tournament
- 6:00pm: Zorb Soccer– All Ages Welcome
- 9:00pm: Family Movie Night
- 11:00pm: Reunion Closes

Sunday, July 8th

- 9:00am: Suva Nik Breakfast (Gym)

Traditional Salmon & Acorn Soup Demonstrations located behind the People's Center!
Sampling available for Elders!

Cultural Activities Tent

Indian Card Games

Basket Weaving
Demonstrations

Karuk Language Activities

Salve Making

And More!

Parking will be available offsite at the Karuk RV Park behind the Administration Complex. Elder's Parking is available in front of gym and People's Center.



This is a Drug and Alcohol Free Event!

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