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Greetings from your Tribal Council



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Yreka
Vice-Chairman

TERM: Nov. 2014-Nov. 2018



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TERM: Nov. 2011-Nov. 2015



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TERM: Nov. 2012-Nov. 2016



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Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2012-Nov. 2016



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TERM: Nov. 2013-Nov. 2017



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Member at Large

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Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2013-Nov. 2017



Sonny Davis
Yreka District
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2014-Nov. 2018

Ayukîi huut kich Tribal Members!

Due to the overwhelming responses to this issue of the Tribal Newsletter, my comments will be short as I would like to leave room for the Karuk Tribal Member's articles and comments.

CASINO UPDATE:

We are still in negotiations with Finance and working with permitting on the offsite improvements and are hoping to get a decision back soon. We will have an update in the near future and are looking forward to starting construction very soon.

EDUCATION UPDATE:

First, I would like to congratulate all the new graduates and commend them for all their hard work this past year and remind them we have new funding available for Education. If you have any questions regarding funding or any other programs we have to

offer, please contact our Education Coordinator, Carissa Bussard, at phone number (530) 493-1600 ext. 2034 or her email cbussard@karuk.us.

I want to thank all our members for their comments and ideas and assure you my door is always open. If you have any further questions, you can contact me at (800) 505-2785 ext. 2019, Cell (530) 643-2625, or email at battebery@karuk.us.



Russell "Buster" Attebery,
Karuk Chairman
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Ayukîi, I will not be re-running for Secretary/Treasurer this year, due to some health problems. I want to thank everyone for your support in the last years. We are growing and moving forward, so it will be important to go out and vote! Most important as we move forward, has been a battle and fight with powers to be on the Casino Project, but it will be done like always. We need funding for Young Education, better Medical, and lots of important stuff. Remember to vote!

Suva-nik,
Joseph "Jody" Waddell
Secretary/Treasurer



We hope you enjoy reading about your tribe. If you would like to submit information to the newsletter, please call our Human Resources office for instructions or email mspence@karuk.us. We look forward to reading about your successes and triumphs.



Karuk Tribe wins Low Income Housing Tax Credit award to build 30 new homes

HAPPY CAMP, Ca. (June 11, 2015) — The Karuk Tribe is moving forward with a 30-home new construction project in Yreka, thanks to a recent award of Low Income Housing Tax Credits (LIHTCs) from the California Tax Credit Allocation Committee (CTCAC). CTCAC awarded the project, Karuk Homes I, with \$874,302 in federal LIHTCs and \$3,409,157 in California state LIHTCs for the \$11.4 million project, which is expected to start construction in early 2016.

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA), the Tribally Designated Housing Entity of the Karuk Tribe, is the developer of the project and will manage the design, construction, financing and leasing of the homes, which will provide much-needed affordable housing for some of the 97 households who are currently on KTHA's waiting list. This will be Karuk's first LIHTC project and was made possible by CTCAC's Native American Pilot Apportionment, which was created last year.

KTHA Board Chairperson Elsa R. Goodwin expressed her excitement about the project, "We are very excited about this new opportunity. These beautiful new homes will help enhance our tribal community in Yreka by providing affordable and high quality homes to low income families. With over 97 households on the waiting list right now, this project is greatly needed and a high priority. Our staff worked hard to make this happen."

Karuk Tribal Chairman Russell "Buster" Attebery also weighed in on the news, "Congratulations to the Karuk

Tribal Housing Authority Board and Staff on receiving the Tax Credit Award. Being able to build 30 new homes in the Yreka area is a huge accomplishment. This was truly a team effort, with the Karuk Tribal Housing Authority leading the way and other Karuk programs offering their support. This a giant step in accomplishing our goal of providing comfortable and affordable housing for all Tribal Members."

KTHA Executive Director Erin Hillman echoed their sentiments and added, "We would like to express our thanks to the CTCAC for selecting our application for an award. This project will have a much needed local economic impact, generating revenue from the construction project as well as creating two full time permanent positions at KTHA. My staff and I are looking forward to getting this project underway."

The new homes will be built within the existing Yreka Subdivision on Karuk Tribe Trust Land and will be a mix of three-, four- and five-bedroom homes. The project will meet the needs of families with children and multi-generational households common to the Karuk Tribe.

Travois, a mission-driven consulting firm that is focused exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities, worked with the housing authority to structure the project and submit the successful LIHTC application and will work to match the project with an equity investor.

"We are thrilled that the Karuk Tribe will be moving

forward with this project and congratulate them on their hard work and success. This project will be a shining example for affordable housing in Indian Country,” said Elizabeth Bland Glynn, chief operating officer for Travois. “We thank CTCAC for listening to the needs of California tribes, and we encourage all California tribes to tell the state about their housing needs, so the Native American set-aside can be funded at an adequate level.”

About the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program

The Low Income Housing Tax Credit program was developed by Congress in 1986, and its regulations are provided for in Section 42 of the Internal Revenue Code. It was created to encourage private investment in the construction or rehabilitation of housing for low-income families. The IRS makes tax credits available to each state, and the states are responsible for developing Qualified Allocation Plans (QAPs) and determining which projects receive awards. Investors are interested in buying tax credits to reduce the amount of taxes they owe the federal government. Tax credits offset taxes on a dollar-for-dollar basis for a 10-year period. Tribes can raise the equity they need for building projects through the LIHTC program, which lowers the amount a tribe will need to contribute to the project. It does not need to repay this equity but must follow all regulations for the 15-year compliance period.

About the Karuk Tribe

The Karuk Tribe is the second largest federally recognized Tribe in California by population with just over 3,700 Tribal Members and 4,079 Tribal Descendants. They do not have a reservation, and base funding amounts from the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Indian Health Services are way below actual need within their communities. They are the sole provider of medical and dental services in Western Siskiyou County, and serve both natives and non-natives regardless of their ability to pay. The Karuk Tribe continues to be actively engaged in cultural and ceremonial






practices. They are “fix-the-world people” continuing their inherent responsibility to repair and restore complex socio-cultural and ecological systems that have been damaged. This opportunity is another step forward on the path towards positive community development and improving the lives and opportunities for the community.

About KTHA

KTHA was established in 1985 and is the Tribally Designated Housing Entity (TDHE) of the Karuk Tribe. In accordance with its mission statement, KTHA focuses on alleviating the acute shortage of decent, safe and sanitary housing for tribal members of low or moderate income. KTHA has a total of 186 units of housing, Yreka (115 units, single family homes and apartments), Happy Camp (37 units) and Orleans (34 units). The KTHA has 43 Elders Housing Units under management that are designed for disabled Tribal Elders. Other rentals, single family homes, apartments and lease with purchase option homes provide affordable housing to those whose income falls below 80% of the annual median income level. KTHA endeavors to use energy savings techniques, in all new construction.

KTHA also administers a broad range of other housing services, KTHA offers first time homebuyer mortgage loans at 2% interest and has funded 29. KTHA provides student rent vouchers for full time college students, elder's vouchers for elders, temporary assistance vouchers and emergency housing to assist tribal members in crisis. Home replacement, home rehabilitation, down payment assistance, mortgage buy-down assistance, a community computer center and crime prevention programs are also administered by KTHA. The housing authority has 34 full time employees and has recently re-established their own construction force account crew. KTHA has successfully administered 15 large construction projects, and also manages the Karuk Tribe's BIA Housing Improvement (HIP) Program.

About Travois

Founded in 1995, Travois is a mission-driven consulting firm focused exclusively on promoting housing and economic development for American Indian, Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian communities. This year marks 20 years in business and \$1 billion of investment in Native communities with the Low Income Housing Tax Credit (LIHTC) program and the New Markets Tax Credit (NMTC) program. With over 180 housing and economic development projects, Travois has helped to build or rehabilitate more than 4,600 homes and helped to finance critical economic development projects, including infrastructure, health care and community centers, education facilities and other businesses. In addition to development services, the Travois family of companies offers architectural design and construction monitoring services, environmental assessments, consulting on green energy improvements, asset management/compliance services and comprehensive training to clients in 20 states, from Hawaii and Alaska to Maine. Join the celebration and conversation on social media with #20YearsEquals and find Travois on Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Pinterest, Instagram or on the company blog or website: www.travois.com 

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Election Committee of the Karuk Tribe

Karuk Voters Registration Office
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Primary Election
Chairperson and Secretary/Treasurer
August 4, 2015

UNOFFICIAL List of Candidates

The following candidates have met all requirements to compete for the Chairperson position in the upcoming Preliminary Election, *pending successful completion of their background checks*. Secretary/Treasurer position will move onto the General Election in November.

Chairperson Term 2015-2019



Russell "Buster"
Attebery
(Incumbent)



Florence Lopez



Elaine Randolph



Crispen McAllister

Secretary/Treasurer Term 2015-2019 (Will move onto the General Election)



Michael Thom



Randy Hobbs



Nothing But The Tooth

By- Allison Ortiz
Registered Dental Hygienist
June 2015

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What is Periodontal Disease (Gum Disease)?

Periodontal diseases are infections of the structures around the teeth, which include the gums, periodontal ligament and alveolar bone. In the earliest stage of periodontal disease — gingivitis — the infection affects the gums. In more severe forms of the disease, all of the tissues are involved. So what does that mean? Well...our teeth are surrounded by bone and our teeth are attached to the bone by microscopic strings (ligaments). Surrounding our bone and ligaments is our gum tissue.

How do I get Periodontal Disease? The bacteria in your mouth need a place to live. They need something to attach to. The bacteria can not attach to a smooth tooth surface. The bacteria attach to plaque and calculus (tartar). Plaque is the soft sticky film that is easily removed with a toothbrush. Calculus (tartar) is hardened plaque.

When you do not brush well or floss you are leaving plaque and food debris behind. When it is left behind the bacteria attach to it. After a few hours to a few days, the bacteria invite their friends and they have a party in your gums! The bacteria never clean up after themselves and over time that mess becomes an infection!

The infection starts out as mild swelling, gum irritation with light bleeding (Gingivitis). If Gingivitis is not taken care of by brushing and flossing better it progresses into the beginning stages of Periodontitis, which means the infection starts to invade the ligaments and the bone that surround your teeth. OUCH! Once periodontitis has begun and you start to loose bone and attachment around your teeth, you can not grow that bone back. You can however stop the disease from becoming worse! YEAH, how do you do that? See your dentist and hygienist regularly!



Periodontal Disease and Diabetes

People with diabetes are more likely to have periodontal disease than people without diabetes, probably because people with diabetes are more susceptible to contracting infections. In fact, periodontal disease is often considered a complication of diabetes. Those people who don't have their diabetes under control are especially at risk. Research has suggested that the relationship between diabetes and periodontal disease goes both ways - periodontal disease may make it more difficult for people who have diabetes to control their blood sugar. Severe periodontal disease can increase blood sugar, contributing to increased periods of time when the body functions with a high blood sugar. This puts people with diabetes at increased risk for diabetic complications.

Hi, my name is Debbie Bickford. I was hired as the Outreach and Enrollment Coordinator for the Karuk Tribe in October 2013. My role has expanded drastically since then. Originally, my sole responsibility was to reach out, educate, and enroll community members into Covered California, which later added Medi-Cal to the application. Since then, the Tribe has been awarded "Connecting Kids to Coverage" CMS grant. This has allowed me to think outside the box and become involved in the schools as we make every attempt to enroll all the Native American children into Medi-Cal or Covered California.

FAMILY FUN and FITNESS WEEK

The purpose of the "Connecting Kids to Coverage" grant is to focus on outreach and enrollment to children ages 0-14. It was awarded by the Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS). I tried to think outside of the box and with the help of the HCES Principal, Casey Chambers, created a Family Fun and Fitness Week program. I approached all of the local schools which have Native American Students and they all agreed to participate. A packet was sent home and children were offered incentives when they returned "the blue form". These incentives were determined by the principals, items such as pencils, healthy snacks, and even pedometers. The week was filled with activities such as eating a "food of the day", participating in an "exercise of the day", and wearing the "color of the day". The students really enjoyed this action packed week and many "blue forms" were returned. Some schools even adopted trying a new food each week and started fun exercise programs with their students.

This summer, we will be focusing on "Think Teeth". Watch for our booth at the Tribal Reunion in July and the Siskiyou County Fair in August. We will be photographing local children and using them in our posters and flyers. Who knows? You just might recognize some of those cute faces! Please join us as we strive to make sure ALL of our children have the medical and dental coverage they need!



What is your Game Plan to make sure your child is covered?

Remember to "Think Teeth" this summer... 

For more information, contact: Debbie Bickford at dbickford@karuk.us or call 493-1600, ext. 2105.



Community Wellness Starts With Each One Of Us

Health and wellness is for each individual, family and community to define. At Karuk Child and Family Services we recognize many methods for healing such as; lifestyle, nutrition, clean water, physical activities, recovery programs, smudging, ceremony, sweats, prayer, involvement with community, a sense of belonging to ones chosen culture, tradition, family, therapy, medication, dance, herbs, music, storytelling, our language and sense of sacredness and Nature. This also includes other adjunctive treatment methods and other community supports, both traditional and nontraditional. Many of these practices have evolved from thousands of years of our rich Karuk history.

Our own subjective views on our life, our story about ourselves and our families impact our today and wellness. The Karuk Tribe has a unique opportunity for tremendous healing and growth. Our community is nestled in a natural environment abundant with healing opportunity. This summer there are many ceremonies and workshops to offer individuals and their families a chance to join, learn and become part of what is healthy for the community.

In our tribal culture, healing considers the connection between spiritual well-being and physical well-being as one. The individual is part of the whole rather than the individual as simply separate. Thus ones spirit (sense of true self) must be healed to heal the person and to heal the community. This is also translated to; within the body of the person so is the body of the earth.

We are dedicated to three sites of services at Orleans, Happy Camp and Yreka. We have sincere compassionate well trained staff to offer therapy. For some people this may mean going into recovery, for others it may involve revisiting unresolved past issues to understand and heal. For some it may include mapping the future by shifting perspectives or correcting imbalances. Whatever the path to healing is for the individual we are here to help. Seeking mental wellness is not unlike seeking physical wellness it takes some effort and direction.

Our services provide Inclusiveness for all people, all generations receiving support and care and 'multimodality' in treatment given there are many paths for healing. Mending families and communities is not unlike weaving; you must use what you have and make stronger, useful and aids in resiliency. Our Child and Family Services support these views and assist the individual and community to facilitate and encourage purposeful living. 🏹

Please feel free to contact us at any of our three clinics:

Happy Camp
533 Jacobs Way
(530) 493-1450

Orleans
325 Asip Road
(530) 627-3452

Yreka
1519 South Oregon Street
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Yōotva!



Introducing . . .



Anthony Ballard

Ayukii, My name is Anthony Ballard. My return to employment on May 11, 2015 as a Certified Substance Abuse Counselor with the Karuk Tribe is very exciting and I look forward to serving the people. I hold a Master of Arts Degree in Human Behavior from National University.

My counseling

credentials include a Masters Level Registered Addiction Specialist (M-RAS) through the Breining Institute and a Certified Addictions Treatment Counselor (CATC) through the California Association for Alcohol / Drug Educators (CAADE). I am also a Batterers' Intervention Programs (BIP) facilitator and a certified facilitator of the Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred Program.

I first came to work with the Tribe as a substance abuse

counselor in 2006, working in Orleans. In 2008, I helped get the Karuk Tribal TANF Program off the ground as the Yreka Site Supervisor/Family Services Specialist. In 2010, I left the Tribe to start a men's residential treatment center of my own. I have experience in the development, implementation, running, and working in programs. I've worked residential programs, outpatient programs, Tribal programs, faith based programs, 12 step programs, men's programs, women's programs, and coed programs. I have worked in the field of addictions and recovery for over 12 years and I will have 14 drug free years in June 2015.

I am currently based in Happy Camp and will be providing services there, as well as in Orleans. The services in these communities have been limited lately due to staffing issues but now the services will be expanding. I look forward to working with the AOD team in the effort to double the number of substance abuse groups currently available and adding BIP to Happy Camp. We are exploring the possibility of adding adolescent groups and services as well.

I am glad to be back on the river and becoming a partner in providing for the health and wellbeing of the people. 🏹



Halito! (Good Day!)

I am Cheryl Bearchild from the Choctaw Nation of Oklahoma. I was recently hired as a Substance Abuse Counselor for The People at the Yreka Child and Family Services location. I have over four years of experience in the field of addiction and I am certified by the California Consortium of Addiction Programs and Professionals as a CADC-I. I am happy to have found a home working with and providing services for The People, surrounding tribes and locals of Siskiyou County. I look forward to meeting and supporting you on your Road to Recovery!

Anli! (Thank You!) 🏹



Cheryl Bearchild



Education Program Summer Updates


Welcome to summer everyone!!! CONGRATULATIONS to all those finishing up their school years and to the parents, family members, and friends for managing to survive through another one! We now have 2-3 glorious months of summer vacation to remind everyone why it is worth working so hard throughout the school year to be able to fully enjoy it! And with that, here are a few updates for where the Education Program is headed over the upcoming few months...

Where is the Program Now?: Since the last newsletter, the Karuk Education Department has been going through some refocusing and a developmental stage to try to better understand and address the needs of our students. What kinds of programs do you want to see happen? What are the barriers facing our students when it comes to their education at every level? How can I get more involved with the kids in the schools themselves? These are the kinds of questions I will work to address over the next few months.

Goals for Summer/Fall: My goal is to have a fully-developed schedule of

events and a plan for the next school year finalized before next year begins. So please be on the lookout for that and other program updates in the future! All of our latest updates will be found on the Tribal Education Department page of the Karuk.us website. I will also have a booth and some information available at the Tribal Reunion. So please stop by and see me! Or give me a call/email at my information below and to the side!

Projects in Development: I am hoping to create a Karuk Education News Blog that can be used to help spread more information about the scholarships, opportunities, and summer events happening. This will link off from the main Tribal Education Dept. webpage. In addition, I am looking to create a monthly electronic Education Newsletter, so please keep an eye out for those updates coming soon!

Most importantly, I want to hear from you. If you have any ideas about programs you would like to see happen next year or need any advice, help, or have any questions over the summer please let me know —
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Upcoming Events and Opportunities

Math & Science Camps
Open to all 5th-8th Grade Students. I will be at Happy Camp week 1 and Yreka week 2.

Camp dates are:

Happy Camp (Half-Days for 2 weeks): July 28th – 31st and August 4th – 8th

Yreka (Full Days for 1 week): August 3rd – 8th

National Association of Social Workers Scholarship
\$1000 scholarships are now available for Native American Social Work Students in California (undergraduate and graduate level). Applications are accepted until August 31st, 2015 and can be found at: <http://www.naswca.org/?page=NativeAmericanApp>

2015-16 Karuk Higher Education Grant
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2015-16 Karuk Higher Education Grant

This grant is open to all enrolled Karuk Tribal members, no matter where you are located as long as you are enrolled at a college or university and attending school full-time. The average grant award amount falls between \$800 - \$1500 per school year dependent on financial need and available funds. For more information, please see our website to download an application form or call to have one mailed/emailed to you. Please see: <http://karuk.us/index.php/departments/tribal-education>

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University of California - Berkeley Trip 2015

The Education Program took 8 high school students to UC Berkeley (or Cal as it's known in the sporting world) for a weekend trip on April 17th-19th, 2015. We learned so much throughout the weekend and walked FOREVER in the opinions of some, but had a lot of fun! Our group learned about the Native American presence at UC Berkeley through a guided tour with a current undergraduate, brief talks with Native American graduate students, and constant contact with our Karuk/UC Berkeley Collaborative partners and the Native American Student Development group on campus. Naturally, we toured the Campanile (the big clock tower above) as it celebrated its 100 year anniversary this year! We also saw some spring training football in the new Memorial Stadium, a rugby semifinal game, the libraries,

department buildings (like the Morrison Music Hall & Dwinelle Linguistics Dept), the Cal Band performing on Sproul Plaza, and so much more. We ate our fill of pizza (twice) and learned some of the Karuk language in a special workshop put together with the UC Berkeley/Karuk Language Crew.

All in all, it was a successful first run of what I hope will be many more college trips to come! I've already had requests for an Oregon/OSU trip, a USC/UCLA trip, a COS/COR trip, and more so I hope that next year we will be able to go farther, take more people, and have more wonderful experiences. So please keep your eyes out for flyers and more information when the time comes! Go Bears!





Karuk Head Start



End of Year Celebration in Happy Camp

The Karuk Head Start in both Happy Camp and Yreka had a great year! The children learned so much from the teachers and support staff. Both centers worked hard as a team to provide the children and families with information and resources. They also worked with each other to ensure the days and the program ran smoothly.

Our Head Start Program Specialist from Washington DC, Warren J. Strickland, better known as WJ, came to visit our sites and met with Head Start staff, KCDC Board Members and administrative staff, and even attended a Tribal Council meeting. It was a very productive visit and he enjoyed meeting everyone.

We also received some great training from our Training and Technical Assistance Program staff, Betsy McDougall and Leslie Norman. Betsy worked with KCDC fiscal staff and Policy Council to provide the most useful and practical information based on fiscal policy and shared governance. She also assisted with a new community survey that will identify areas of strength and challenges in our program. Leslie provided the teaching staff support based on observation and classroom interactions.

Head Start staff and KCDC staff/board members participated in a Strategic Planning Session held at the end of the school year. The planning session focused on changes and updates that will ensure our program runs smoothly and is accountable as per grant guidelines. The importance of communication with our families and community, as well as among our staff was also discussed and reiterated. The commitment to the children and families we serve are the reason we are the Karuk Head Start and we have the best staff and program in all of Siskiyou County!

The 4-5 year old children have been working on their school readiness skills and are definitely ready to move on to kindergarten and the returning 3-4 year old children will begin their school year with a good, solid starting point.

We received a One Time Funding Grant to purchase

playground equipment (volunteers needed to install), new windows, and a generator for the Happy Camp Center, and new flooring for the Yreka Center. We are very thankful to have the Tribal Council, KCDC Board and staff to provide us with guidance and support for this grant.

Head Start staff in both centers continue to work toward obtaining their degree and increasing their education in their respective roles, as well as attending workshops and conferences to learn how best to support the children and families we serve.

We would like to thank the Head Start Policy Council members – Kristin Aubrey, Lisa Bousfield, Jeanne Super, Ashley Spence, Florraine Super, Dawn Sargent, LaVon Kent, Marsha Jackson, and Robert Super, for doing their part to support the Karuk Head Start Program as part of the governing body.

We also would like to thank our parents and family members who trusted us and sent their children to our program. We appreciate your participation in parent meetings, family involvement days, and parent education nights. Your participation in field trips and male involvement activities, and input helped to guide our planning efforts for the year. Without you we wouldn't be Karuk Head Start. You have shared your most precious treasure with us and it is a privilege to serve you and your child.

We are currently recruiting eligible students (3-years old by September 2, 2015) for the 2015-2016 school year. Applications can be found online on the Karuk website, at both of the Karuk Head Start Centers, Karuk Tribe Clinics, Karuk Tribe Administration Office, and Karuk Housing Authority offices. Completed applications can be returned in person to the Happy Camp Center located at 632 Jacobs Way, or faxed to 493-1491.

May you all have a safe, fun, and relaxing summer!

Suvanik-Patty Brown, Director 

Karuk Youth Council

Want to make positive changes in your community? Would you like to be a part of a team consisting of youth who want to achieve leadership experience? What about raising awareness of issues facing your friends and making Council aware of them? Or just planning fun activities, attending national conferences, and community projects? Then this is definitely the place for you.

Let's start making positive changes today!

Youth Council is going to be a replica of Tribal Council. So we are going to have elected/appointed positions within the committee, and a general committee body as well. So anyone can join! Not just the official positions. Youth Council is open to anyone from the age of 13-20 in any of

our regions. If you would like more info or need more time to think about it, please come see me or our Chairman at the Tribal Reunion. Or call/email either of us over the next few months. We hope to have our first meeting at the start of next school year so let's get active!

Meetings are planned to happen quarterly. Details are still to follow.

Who we need...

Adult Advisors & General Members

Chairperson, Vice-Chair, Secretary/Treasurer

District Reps: 2 Orleans, 2 Happy Camp, 2 Yreka

Calling all 2015 Graduates

The Karuk Education Program and the Karuk Tribe as a whole, wants to sincerely CONGRATULATE you on all of your achievements. We will be holding a special *recognition announcement* during the **Tribal Reunion** and will be handing out certificates of achievement.

If you want to doubly ensure that your name is heard, please send me an email with you or your child's name, grade level graduating from (8th, 12th, college, etc.) and the school's name.

It is a priority goal to improve our recognition levels for our all of our students throughout the year, especially at graduation time. So please accept our Congratulations for now and be on the lookout for another, full list of our graduates in the next newsletter.



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Spring 2015 Basketweavers Gathering

Friday, April 17th, the Spring Basketweavers Gathering festivities began at the Karuk Tribe People's Center in Happy Camp, and lasted through the early afternoon of Sunday, April 19th. There was excitement in the air as over 100 people, from as far away as Washington State, came into town for a weekend of weaving and catching up with friends and family. This year's Gathering was dedicated to basket weaving teachers, who took the time to share their knowledge so that today's weavers can carry on the tradition and teach new generations. Over the course of the weekend, weavers shared stories with one another about their own basket weaving teachers, recounting memories of joyous times gathering materials, great fun weaving together, and so many other wonderful things.


As people filtered into the multipurpose room the first evening, the scent of home-cooked food filled the air from the delicious dishes many brought for our evening potluck. After dinner, a rousing game of bingo, with beautiful donated prizes, lasted late into the evening. Saturday morning began with a moving prayer by Tribal Council Member, Sonny Davis. And a terrific breakfast was cooked by Kathleen Davis and her crew, who worked hard, but cheerfully throughout the weekend, providing a hungry crowd with wonderful, healthy meals.

While the weather was beautiful, it was a bit too warm for the willows that had begun to bloom a week beforehand, so unfortunately, our scheduled gathering trip was cancelled. Instead, after breakfast, weavers took their materials and basket starts to the large tent set up on the lawn and got down to business: cleaning sticks, scraping roots, sorting materials, weaving baskets, and above all, talking and laughing. Alice Cook brought spruce roots to the Gathering, and Verna Reece demonstrated how to boil them to get the sap out, so they can be processed and ready to weave with. Verna also brought a fresh haul of hazel sticks that she had gathered in the mountains and shared them with the group. Master Weaver, Lena Hurd, walked us through the process of making acorn soup, showing us how to cook acorns in a basket using hot rocks and stirring them with a hand-carved mush paddle. After a delightful lunch of sandwiches, potato and pasta salads, and fresh fruit, Phil Albers, Jr. taught a Beginning Karuk Language class with

a large crowd of students, who were eager to learn how to speak and read Karuk. After the language class, Phil brought out a box of supplies and showed people young, old, and in-between how to make model plank houses. Outdoors, everyone enjoyed Julian Lang's impromptu performance, singing and drumming for the weavers. And, as a very special gift to the weavers, Clarence Hostler, whose grandmother was Ella Johnson, a renowned basket weaver and teacher of many, brought a collection of her baskets to share with us, inspiring weavers to learn more and to teach others.

After another scrumptious meal of oven fried chicken, scalloped potatoes, salad bar, and birthday cake (!), there was a buzz of anticipation for the raffle. Forty-nine handmade prizes, ranging from baskets and necklaces, to crocheted hats and blankets were presented to the lucky winners. Each ticket was priced at \$1.00, and the Basketweavers raised over \$4,000.00!!!

Sunday, after breakfast, many of the weavers left, invigorated and inspired by all the new things learned and new friendships created. Those who remained spent a beautiful morning quietly weaving under the tent and enjoying a marvelous chocolate cake that miraculously remained from the night before.

The Spring Basketweavers Gathering is the result of the hard work by numerous volunteers. The People's Center, Verna Reece, and Paula McCarthy would like to give a special thank you to Annelia Hillman for creating the awe-inspiring artwork for this year's T-Shirt. We would also like to thank the maintenance crew for all of the preparations made to make sure the basket weavers had a shady place to sit and tables to work on. Our thanks are also given to the People's Center staff, Cat Turner and Kimberlee Henderson, for their hard work over the course of the weekend; to Verna, Lena, Phil, and Clarence for sharing their knowledge with us; and to all of the incredible volunteers who kept everything running smoothly. And to everyone who donated prizes to our raffle and those who purchased raffle tickets, we offer our gratitude because their gifts directly support our future Basketweavers Gatherings. Yōotva! 

Ayukîi from the Karuk Community Development Corporation!

KCDC now has a website! Frank Snider has been working on getting the site up and running and fine-tuned, but it is still a work in progress. The site includes information about Head Start, the Naa Vurra YeeShiip Program, as well as information on our Board of Directors and staff. In the near future it will also include information on the Computer Centers located in Orleans and in Happy Camp. You can access the site at the following: www.kcdc.us

The KCDC Board of Directors, Staff, and Tribal Council Vice-Chairman participated in a strategic planning session in February to determine what business opportunities, programs, or services will best support Tribal and community members now and into the future.

Many options and possibilities were discussed and will be included in the final report that will be available to the public upon finalization and with approval by the KCDC Board and the Tribal Council.

The Ford Family Foundation from Roseburg held a "Listen and Learn" session in Happy Camp and other communities in Siskiyou County. We were fortunate to have one-on-one meeting time with Roque Barros - Director of the Ford Institute, Max Gimbel - Associate Director of the Ford Institute, Nancy Straw - Economic Development Director, and Yvette Rhodes - Program Associate. The focus of the foundation is changing and they are now providing support in the following categories: Community Building, Community and Economic Development, and Children, Youth, and Families.

We thank them for coming and we look forward to working with the Ford Institute in the future for projects that will support our communities.


The Amkuuf (smoke) Shop in Yreka is at full operating capacity and is open 7-days per week at 1220 Thook



Street in Yreka. If you are in the area stop by and say hi to Dolores, Candishawn, Anita, and Amanda.

The Happy Camp Community Computer Center is offering computer classes, job readiness skills, and GED prep and testing on a regular basis. For more information on what is happening at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center you can contact Frank Snider at 530-493-1485. Distance learning via video-teleconferencing is provided at the Computer Center through collaboration with College of the Siskiyous. You can call Frank or learn more about classes being offered through the COS website at www.siskiyous.edu.

The Orleans Community Computer Center also provides job readiness skills, individualized computer help for those with limited skills, and GED prep and tutoring. For more information as to what is happening at the Orleans Community Computer Center you can reach Bari Talley at 530-627-3081.

If you have a business venture you would like to discuss give us a call at KCDC at 530-493-1475. 

"Grown men may learn from very little children for the hearts of the little children are pure. Therefore the Great Spirit may show to them many things which older people miss."

– Black Elk

Low Income Assistance Programs (LIAP)

1.800.505.2785 or 530.493.1600 Ext. 2025—Brittany Souza, LIAP Administrator

Apply Now for the Low Income Assistance Programs

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. For those who live outside the Service Area try: www.acf.dhhs.gov/programs/ocs/csb/index.htm or www.csd.ca.gov/providers.html. Also, you can try The National Energy Assistance Referral Program (NEAR) at 1-866-674-6327 or www.energynear.org. For Oregon residents, you can contact www.oregonheat.org

for social service agencies and utilities working to keep homes of Low Income Oregonians warm and safe.

General Assistance (GA):

This program provides low income families with food and/or clothing, shelter, burial and emergency assistance (burn out, flood, destruction of home). The applicant must reside in the Service Area and be an Enrolled Federally Recognized Tribal Member. Benefits are adjusted depending on income received.

Fraud?

With regards to Low Income Assistant Programs, to report any type of fraud by vendors or otherwise, please notify

this office immediately at (530) 493-1600 ext. 2025.

Low Income Heating Assistance Program (LIHEAP):

When funding is available, 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.

Adult Services:

Adult Care Assistance provides non-medical care for eligible adult Indians. The providers must be certified or licensed. Background checks are required.

General Assistance Work Experience Program (GAWEP):

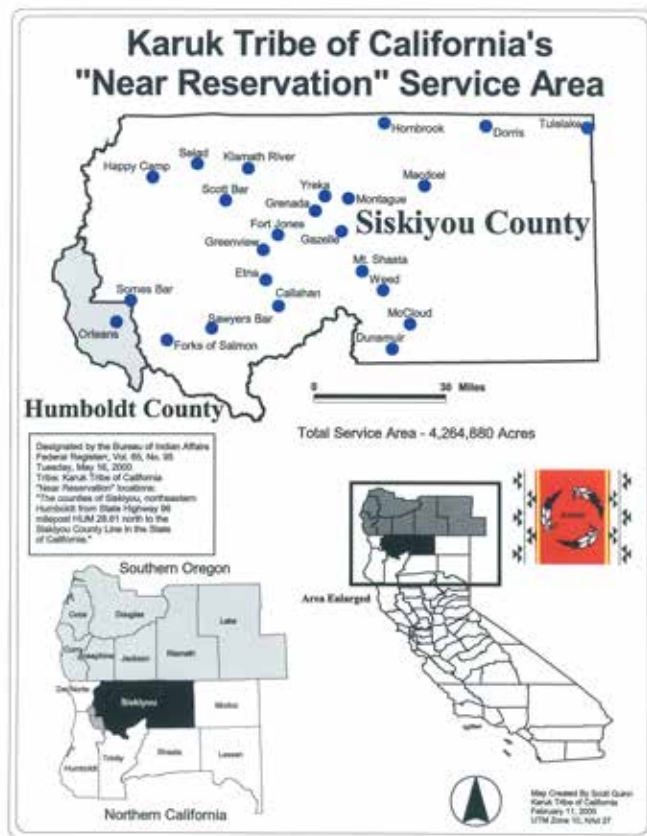
This program helps Enrolled Federally Recognized Tribal Members who reside within the Tribe's Service Area to become more employable while receiving an incentive payment not to exceed \$284 a month. Applicants can not receive public comparable assistance (SS, SSI, VA, TANF, Disability, GA, etc.)

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!

Bureau of Indian Affairs Programs (BIA):

Each applicant will have to apply concurrently for financial assistance from other federal, state, county, tribal or local agency in the service area. Must not receive public assistance.



Yav Kuma Itapan (We are good learners)

2015 Math and Science Camp

DATES FOR 2015 SUMMER MATH AND SCIENCE CAMP ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- **July 28th-31st** and **August 4th-7th** from 8am to 1pm daily, located at the Happy Camp Community Center (Old Gym) - Orleans, Somes Bar and Happy Camp
- **August 3rd-7th** from 9am to 4 pm daily, located at Jackson Street School—Yreka and Surrounding Areas.

TO BE ELIGIBLE TO ATTEND A CHILD MUST BE:

- Ages 10-13: going into grades 5th through 8th, fall 2015
- Must commit to attending and participating every day
- Sign and return registration and release form ASAP

This is First Come First Serve. There are 24 slots for Orleans, Somes Bar and Happy Camp Youth. There are 20 slots for Yreka Youth.

Continental breakfast, lunch and afternoon snacks provided!

For those completing all days, a special field trip of rafting down the Klamath River with a BBQ afterwards is planned for August 8th, 2015! Siskiyou County Fair Ride Passes will be awarded for attendance and participation all days too!

Questions?

Contact Dion Wood at (800) 505-2785, extension 2030

-OR- Laura Olivas at extension 2026



KTHA News

Erin Hillman, Executive Director
Karuk Tribe Housing Authority
June 2, 2015

New Hires:

KTHA recently welcomed several new employees. Tribal Member Florraine Super was hired to fill the vacant Resource Development Manager in our Yreka Community Computer Center. KTHA also has a new Tutor in the Yreka Community Computer Center; Sarah Stickel was hired to fill that vacant position.

The Yreka office has also seen some changes; Tribal Member Kasey O'Brien was hired as the new Tenant Relations Officer and began her new job on June 2. Kasey worked for the Tribe in the health clinic in Yreka and is a resident of the Yreka housing community.

In Orleans, Sal Tello, a lifelong resident of Happy Camp, was hired to replace Sterling Conrad, our Landscaper who left KTHA to further his education.

Doug Goodwin, also a Tribal Member was hired for the new position of Lead Carpenter for the Force Account Crew. Three other positions will be hired for the Force Account Crew, Crew Member I, Crew Member II and Laborer. Also being hired during June will be our Summer Youth Crew. This was a hugely successful program last year, and we are looking forward to continuing this program this summer.

Board of Commissioners Selected:

The Tribal Council confirmed the selection of two Board members for the KTHA BOC. Charlene Naef and Delores (Doozie) Voyles were sworn in as Board of Commissioners for the Orleans and Happy Camp seats, each four (4) year terms. Charlene has served on the Board for nineteen (19) years and brings a wealth of institutional knowledge and experience to the Board. Delores has served for the past one year, and is now on the Board for her first full four year term. Many of you may know Delores from the many years she was employed as the Tribe's Enrollment Department Director.

2016 Indian Housing Plan (IHP):

The Karuk Indian Housing Plan has been released and is on the Tribal Website for viewing. Copies of the Plan are also available in the Happy Camp KTHA Administrative office at 635 Jacobs Way and at the Yreka KTHA Office at 1836 Apsuun Road. The mandatory 30 day comment period begins on June 8th and will end on July 7th. The Plan will be submitted to HUD on July 15th, 2015. Please feel free to contact our office with your comments.

Community Activities:

We are looking forward to the upcoming Tribal Reunion. Our booths will include a KTHA t-shirt give away (with a new design and colors), a hot dog booth, two children's activities, and representatives from AMERIND, a Native American owned insurance company, who insures KTHA, who will have information on homeowners and renters insurance, as well as recommendations to make your home safer.

Negotiated Rulemaking:

The final meeting of the NAHASDA Negotiated Rulemaking Committee will take place in August, in Scottsdale Arizona. Erin Hillman, KTHA Executive Director will represent the Karuk Tribe on the Committee. As the Alternate, she replaces former Vice Chairman Michael Thom. This meeting will review the report from the Data Source workgroup and prepare to wrap up the Negotiated Rulemaking process for this round.

For more information on these meetings to to <http://ihbgrulemaking.firstpic.org/>.



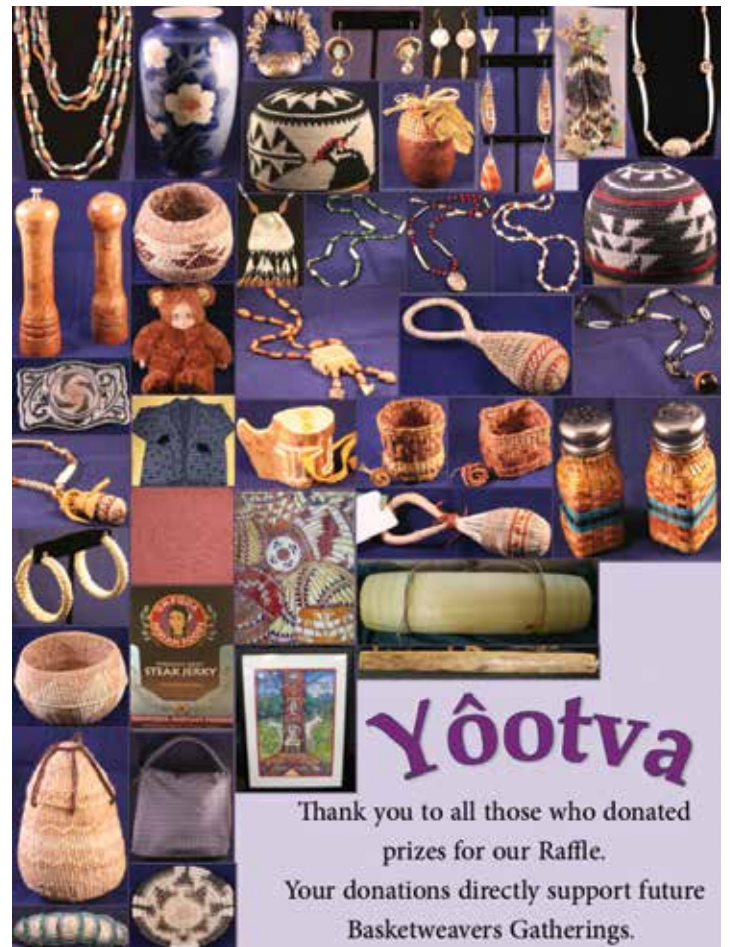
Construction:

Two homes that were destroyed by fires in the Orleans community are currently under construction. The expected completion dates for both are in mid-June. The two duplex units in Happy Camp are also nearing completion. These four two-bedroom units should be ready for occupancy by the end of July.

Work is coming along well in Yreka on the Katishraam Wellness Center. The combination metal and wood Gymnasium and Community Center is scheduled for completion in July. To watch the progress on this building in real time, go to our website at <http://wellness-site.click2stream.com/>. A Grand Opening is being planned for the facility and more information on the date, time and events will be advertised on the Tribe's website in the near future.

KTTHA has been notified that two (2) Housing Improvement Program (HIP) applications were awarded to Tribal Members. Over eight hundred (800) applications were submitted nationwide and only eight (8) were selected in the State of California. Two (2) of those were for Karuk Tribal Members! We are very excited to see this program continue.

Upcoming Housing Meetings: Please attend the next Board of Commissioners meeting in your community. Our meetings are rotated between the Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka offices. Please call our front desk at either the Yreka office at 530-842-1644 and talk to Suzie Cost or Happy Camp 530-493-1414 to speak to Dorcas Harrison for the location this month. All meetings begin at 10:00 am unless otherwise announced. 🏹



Yootva

Thank you to all those who donated prizes for our Raffle. Your donations directly support future Basketweavers Gatherings.

Karuk Department of Natural Resources Food Security Project



Bio Techs Ben Saxon and Norine McLaughlin

We have much to be proud of, and we hope that you will consider joining our USDA-funded collaborative Project on preserving and perpetuating our cultural heritage in providing a sustainable food system at some (or all!) of our projects' upcoming events and activities.

There are five topics we are keen to bring to your attention: The Sípnuuk (storage basket) Digital Library, Archives and Museum; Karuk K-12 Native Food System Curriculum; the Nanu'ávaha (our food) Project; Happy Camp Urípih'úhthaam (garden network); and the Native Food System Assessment.

Sípnuuk (storage basket) Website: We have been working diligently to build a website that will not only be a repository for materials related to the Food Security of the Klamath Basin, but also a possible site for Karuk language materials, and photographs of cultural objects. Fortunately, we have been able to hire Karuk Tribal member, Angela McLaughlin, who is using her formidable talents to develop the site. The project has been presented to a number of stakeholder groups, and the pilot site will be presented to the Karuk Resources Advisory Board and the Karuk Tribal Council to request launching the project this summer. We will be offering workshops in all three service areas to introduce possible users to the site – watch for dates in the next newsletter!

Additionally, we are working to finalize dates for a four-day workshop in Orleans on digitization methods. We will be working with the TANF office to coordinate housing and transportation logistics for potential participants from the Yreka and Happy Camp Service Areas. Please watch for upcoming dates for this training (open to all Tribal Members, young and old) or contact the Orleans Department of Natural Resources, (530) 627-3446.

Karuk K-12 Native Food System Curriculum: The first four years of curriculum lessons (K-3) have recently approved by the Karuk Tribal Council, and the lessons and supplemental DVDs/ PowerPoints, flashcards, etc. will be ready for local schools by the time you receive this Newsletter. So far, we have piloted six lessons this year to the Junction, Seiad, and Happy Camp Elementary Schools and continue to coordinate with these and the Orleans Elementary Schools for further piloting. The Project Coordinator is working with the Education Center Coordinator in Yreka to develop a strategy for piloting lessons and soliciting support for this curriculum's implementation in the Yreka Elementary Schools.

Nanu'ávaha (our food) Project: For our part of the current Farm-to-School grant, we have contracted for additional lessons on diet, diet-related diseases and physical fitness for our K-12 Curriculum with a Native educator, Monique Sonoquie. We will also be hosting an "Acorn



2014 Digital Workshop in Orleans



Cook-Off” and “Canned Smoked Salmon” test-tasting for PRIZE MONEY at the upcoming Tribal Reunion on July 11 in Happy Camp. Additionally, we are soliciting for and

accepting recipes from Tribal members for preparing their favorite Native foods to add to our Nanu’ávaha (our food) Recipe Booklet. Those who submit recipes will receive their own copy of the booklet for FREE! For more information, contact Lisa Hillman at the Karuk DNR (530) 627-3446 and watch for upcoming flyers.

Uripih’úhthaam (garden network) Project: In Happy Camp, our Sierra Health Foundation grant and collaborative partnerships with TANF, the Karuk Senior Nutrition Center, Mid-Klamath Watershed Council, the Family Resources Center, and the Happy Camp Elementary School have been a great success in developing a community garden located on the school grounds. In a nutshell: Culvert installed for access to the garden area (Louie and Mike Tiraterra – Yóotva!); Water access and pedestrian bridge in development; Plant starts by Food Security and MKWC.

Bucket Garden Project – Food Security provided salmon, mushrooms and Indian tea for event launch in early May; buckets and emergency relief materials provided by the Karuk Emergency Response Project. Volunteers and Kaavíchvaans workers needed and welcome to

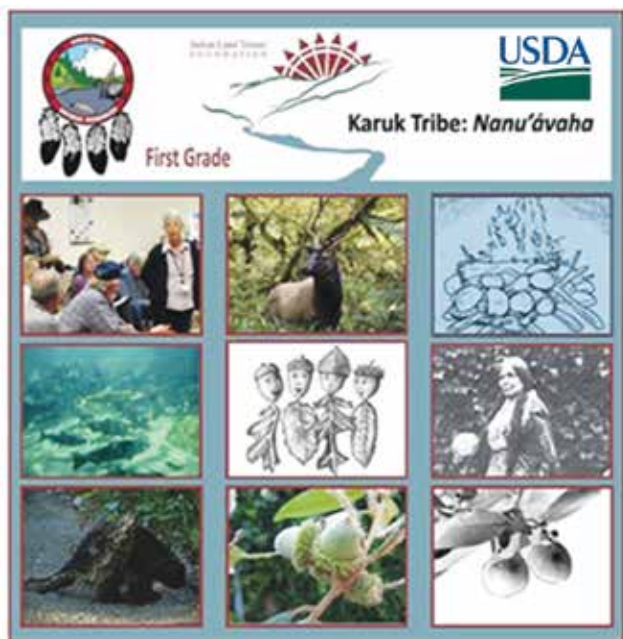
participate most every Wednesday! For more information, please contact the TANF office at (530) 493-1440 or Food Security Office (530) 627-3446 ext. 3016.

Klamath Basin Food Assessment survey and focus groups: Please keep an eye out for a survey on Tribal food security in the Klamath Basin. We will also be holding focus group discussions in all service locations for adults, for youth ages 14-17, and for people who have experience using food assistance programs. The focus groups will be in Yreka on June 26-27, in Orleans on June 29-30, and in Happy Camp on July 13-14. A meal and \$30 travel compensation will be provided to focus group participants, and you will be entered into a drawing for a prize basket of local foods as a thank you for participation! Please contact Sara Reid at (510) 643-9534 or Lisa Hillman at (530) 627-3446 ext. 3016 for more information or to sign up.

Upcoming Events for 2015-2016

- June 25-26: (Yreka) Kishvuuf and other traditional plants
- July 17-18: (Orleans) fire in ecosystems
- October 16-17: (Somes Bar) salmon and acorns
- February 12-13: (Happy Camp) hunting and basketry
- April 15-16: (Yreka) Native plants and their uses
- July 8-9: (Orleans) traditional resource management
- July 22 - (Orleans) edible plant documentation
- October 19 - (Somes Bar) smokehouse and canning fish
- January 22 - (Happy Camp) hunting methods and hides
- March 31 - (Orleans) medicinal tea/salve and eels
- June 30 - (Yreka) traditional plants

Yóotva for your continued support of the Food Security Project! 



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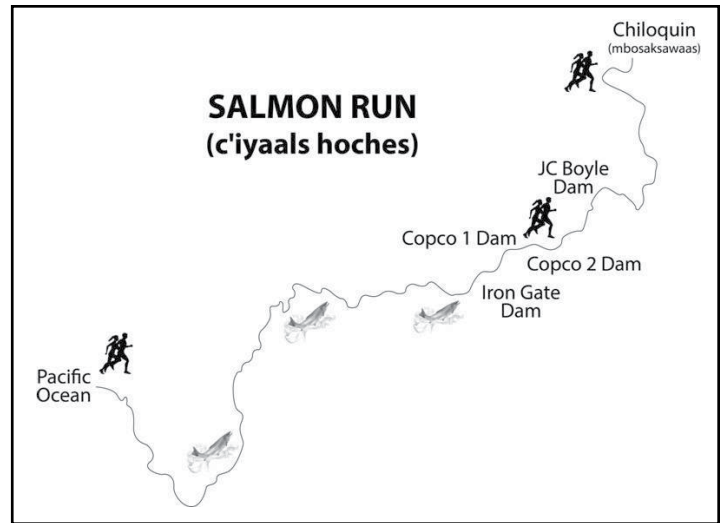
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13th Annual Salmon Run

Ayukii, 2015 was an historic year for the Annual Running Event the “Salmon Run”. Due to poor water conditions in 2002, there was the big Fish Kill on the Klamath River, which resulted in the mass killing of thousands of Salmon. As a result the Annual “Salmon Run” was founded. Its purpose has moved Tribes, Land Owners, Water Users and Politicians into finding a solution to the poor water conditions affecting the Klamath River. The “Salmon Run” suffered a few setbacks over the past 13 years, cutting the run short ending, usually in Somes Bar CA. In 2012, the Run was revived and made the journey all the way to Irongate Dam, and has completed the same trek for, four consecutive years. This year the “Salmon Run” evolved. The journey went beyond Irongate Dam and continued all the way to the headwaters of the Klamath River. This was a first for the event, and at a place where Salmon have been cutoff for nearly 100 years. Hundreds of Runners from the Mouth of the Klamath at Requa, California to the Headwaters of the Klamath at Chiloquin Oregon came out to run a portion of the 263 mile journey. Beginning at Weitchpec through Orleans. Runners were welcomed with a Parade style visit through town, where dozens of Elementary students and dozens more adults and parents joined the runners. The OVFD(Orleans Volunteer Fire Department) and Grant Gilkinson led the way as local DJ, Nattie P gave the runners some music to listen to while the local children’s baseball team carried the wooden Salmon through town. In the heat of the day, elementary students carried paper salmon on sticks and powerful signs they made for the “Salmon Run”. The Karuk Tribe provided watermelon and drinks at KDNR and the run continued upriver where Margo, Thomas and the Hoopa students caught up with Richard Meyers,



my wife, and I. At the end of the day in Happy Camp at the Karuk Admin site, everybody set up their tents. As soon as everybody was about to relax and soak in the day, the sprinklers went off! Thankfully Randy White (KTHA Security) and Daniel Goodwin (Karuk Tribe Maintenance) came to help! At the end of the second day at the Tree of Heaven campground the students were greeted with treats from Jeff and Shirlee McAllister, and with a kishvuuf gathering trip, courtesy of Karuk Vice-Chair Robert Super. There were two dozen runners who made the trip from Orleans to Chiloquin. On the third day, we were joined by 6 more amazing runners from the Modoc who assisted us on the rough trip over Topsy Grade (a 4x4 only section of the Run). The Run concluded on the fourth day with dozens of community members gathered to welcome the “Salmon Run” to Chiloquin Oregon. You could feel the excitement in the air as members and friends of the four Tribes stood together at the finish line cheering the runners in. Klamath Chairman, Don Gentry said a prayer at the end of the run, where the Tribes left politics out of the event and welcomed the “Salmon Run” to the site of the





(removed) Chiloquin Dam together. Ron Reed, Jason Reed and Aso made the traditionally cooked salmon perfect, and gave the Klamath people something back that has been lost to them for so long. At dinner, everybody sat and ate together sharing stories and ideas peaceably. It was truly a rare treat to see. This would be the 4th time my family and I have made the trip upriver from Orleans, the first time we set out we would have never have imagined the turn out to be what it was for this year's event. The people who volunteered their time and resources to make this event the success it was cannot be thanked enough. Tribal members from many tribes came together to see this event happen. Mary and Don Gentry, yōotva for your work in Chiloquin. Richard Meyers and Monique Sonoquie, yōotva it is has been a great time. My sweet wife, Ashley Nicole and my children Jasmine, Naomi, and Anavi, 1000's of miles you've

all ran with me, we made it another year and yōotva so much for you. (A special yōotva to James Dunlap and Dania Rose for hauling all those salmon to us.) The Karuk, Yurok, Hoopa, and Klamath Tribes all contributed in varying ways making this run unique compared to previous events. All the way up the Dam Reservoirs the students and other runners were able to see for themselves the reasons why this event is so very important. The Salmon have survived the poor water conditions for long enough and the hope is that this event can capture the attention of decision makers and get the information out for people to see that there is still an opportunity to fix the problems that are affecting the Klamath River and the Salmon. 🏹

Yōotva
Crispen K McAllister



Emergency Preparedness Department

Ayukii,
Summer is here and the weather has been somewhat unpredictable with a dry winter, below normal snow pack and a moist spring to give us some relief but please remain mindful when out in the woods it is still very dry out there and we remain at risk for an active wildfire season.

This spring we have been working with the Natural Resources Department and Karuk Crew 1 getting them trained up to go out and fight fire. We have also been an active participant working with The Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRP) a collaborative effort to restore fire back to the landscape in the way it has been practiced since time immemorial, it is a very exciting project and when fully implemented could reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfires in all our communities on the Klamath River.

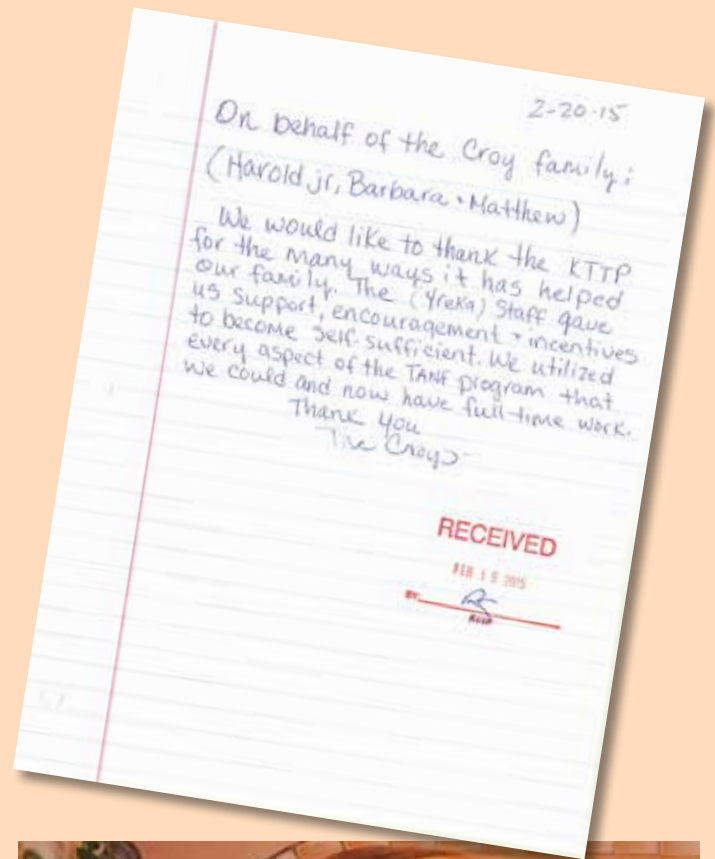
When traveling please remember to carry an emergency kit with extra food and water and perhaps a fishing pole if you are stranded near the river. It's also time to make sure your Go Kits are ready and you have extra medicine with nonperishable food and water on hand.

We are hoping for a quiet non eventful summer but just in case we are ready to open clean air shelters should we be struck with an active wildfire season.

Enjoy your summer and Be Fire Safe,

Yóotva,
Tom Fielden and Rachel Rhinehart,
Tribal Office of Emergency Services

TANF



Barbara Croy and her son Matthew receiving her Fatherhood/Motherhood is Sacred graduation certificate from TANF Manager, Lisa Marie Sobolik.

Ayukîi from the Enrollment Office, There are currently 3,731 Enrolled Tribal Members and 4,069 Enrolled Descendants.



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Council Vice Chair

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce the Enrollment Committee and let you know a little about what they do.

The Enrollment Committee meets once a month usually the second Tuesday of every month. They review applications and make recommendations to the Tribal Council. They are constantly reviewing policies and procedures for the Enrollment Office while working on the Enrollment Ordinance.

Our office offers an array of services:

- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verification's 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 Membership/Descendancy and Employee 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. 2028/2029. You can also reach us by email: rattebery@karuk.us or mjackson@karuk.us we would love to hear from you.

Yootva,
Robert and Marsha

Announcements



Congratulations to Andrew and Heather McAllister on the adoption of Isaiah Jordan McAllister, who was born on March 31, 2013, adopted on March 6, 2015.



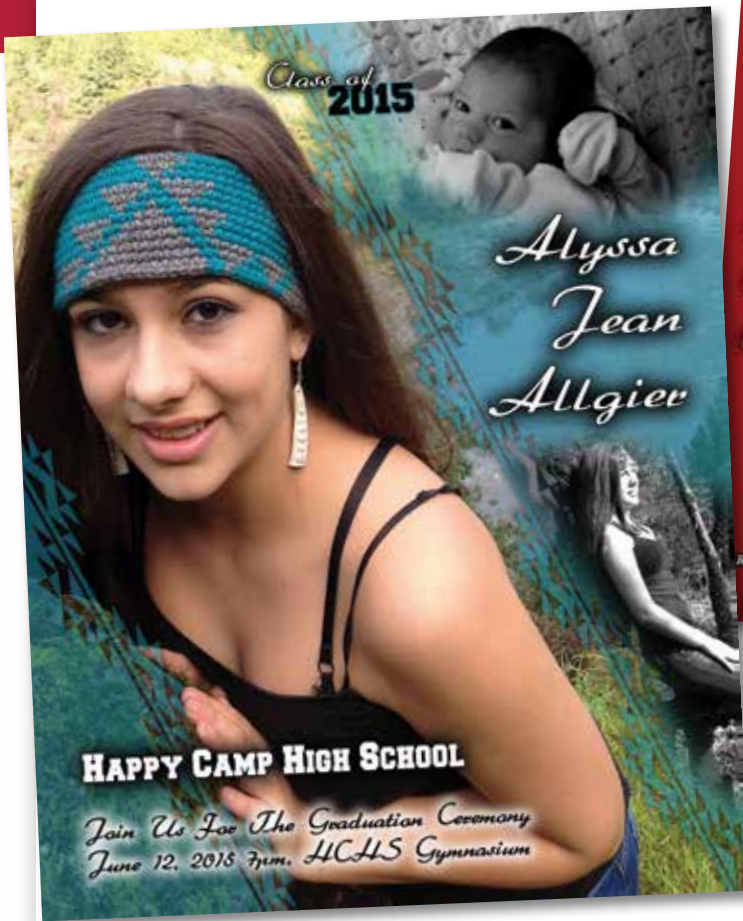
Farewell to Donald Edmund Miller, who passed away on March 9, 2014 at his residence in Eureka, CA. Don was born on December 2, 1934. His grandparents were Mary Ike and Little Ike. His unfulfilled dream was to attend the triumphant Grand Opening of the Tribe's Casino in Yreka, CA. He will never be forgotten by his many friends up and down the river, and on the Coast.



Congratulations Amatha Lang! She is graduating from Fortuna High School and has kept a grade point average of 4.0 and has been accepted to Chico State, University of Tahoe Sierra and wanted from the State of Maine to play soccer for them, but her family wants her close to home, so she will be attending Humboldt State University starting this fall. Her uncles Jerome Lang, Julian Lang, and Jason Lang are very proud of her achievements.



Congratulations on your marriage! Misti Gayle and Dewey Jones Sr. were married on May 16, 2015. The bride is daughter to Robert Gayle and April Conrad. The groom is son to Mr. & Mrs. Harold and Noreen Jones of Hoopa.



Congratulations to Alyssa Allgier and Angela McLaughlin, Class of 2015. Alyssa will be graduating Happy Camp High School in June 2015, and will attend College of the Redwoods in the Fall, with plans to transfer to California State University, Sacramento. Angela has obtained her AA in Business and will be transferring to Humboldt State.

Congratulations Dwayne "Bear" Duncan, graduating class of 2015 from McKinleyville High School, Bear is attending College of the Redwoods in the Fall. Bear is son of Dwayne and Ellen Duncan, and the grandson of Roberta Davis Howard. Way to go!



It's a girl!

Inara Janette Lesniak


Congratulations to Cliff and Carrie Lesniak on their beautiful baby girl. Inara Janette Lesniak was born on April 10, 2015 in Janesville, Wisconsin. Proud Grandparents are Andrew and Heather McAllister.





GIS and the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership

Ayukii! Lately, the computers have been running hot down at the Somes Bar Work Station thanks to three new GIS/GPS residents who are working on mapping projects for the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership (WKRP). Jill Beckmann, who previously worked in the Emergency Preparedness Department, is working as the GIS Specialist / Data Steward with the Department of Natural Resources. Her position is funded by the US Forest Service in cooperation with the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership in order to help move along plans for a pilot project that will be completed in the Somes Bar area with the goal of returning cultural prescribed fire to forests on a landscape scale. Additionally, there are two fellowship contractors working on WKRP-related tasks for twelve weeks this summer. Kenny Sauve, who just graduated from Humboldt State University, will be using high level GPS units and range finders in determining the precise location of vegetation monitoring plots and stream crossings along forest roads. Both of these datasets will be used to correlate LiDAR (Light Detection and Ranging) data that is being collected for the WKRP effort to on-the-ground forest and road conditions. The other contractor hanging around Somes Bar these days is Kai Myers, a second year college student from Sacramento interested in GIS, who is working to geo-reference aerial photography that was taken during the 1940's in order to compare past forest conditions with conditions today. With all the computing power we have on board this summer, don't be surprised if you see steam pouring out of the windows of the Somes Bar Work Station. Good thing the Water Quality folks are also here to cool things down a bit! We are always looking for tribal folks with an interest in Geographic Information Systems (GIS), if you are one, please feel free to drop Jill Beckmann a line at jbeckmann@karuk.us.

Yōotva and enjoy the summer! 





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Or Current Resident

19th Annual Karuk Tribal Reunion
Tentative Schedule of Events
(All Events and Times Subject to Change)

Friday, July 10th 2015

7:00pm Poker Tournament @ Old Gym

Saturday, July 11th 2015

7:30am Registration for Fun Run/Walk (Under Flagpole in Parking Lot)
8:00am 5K/2 Mile Fun Run/Walk Begins at 8 am – Expected to Conclude by 10 am
Race/Walk begins at Flag Pole as well.
8:30am Breakfast until gone (in front of Billing Office)
10:00am Opening Ceremonies (Main Tent)
Opening Prayer, Sonny Davis
Song, Sonny Davis
Welcome Address, Buster Attebery , Chairman
Award Presentations, Tribal Council Members
Full Blood Recognition (2 Full Blooded Tribal Members)
Elders Recognition (84 Elders Age 85 and Older)
Student Recognition & Achievement (Education)
Sign-ups for Annual Poker Tournament and Youth Tribal Games
Enrollment Office Open to Membership (Administration Building Until 3pm)
11:00am Vendor Booths and Health Fair Officially Open
Horseshoe Tournament (11am-1pm)
Youth Language Story
12:00pm Brush Dance Demonstration
1:00pm Poker Tournament
1:30pm Smokey the Bear arrives
2:00pm Traditional Dress Show
3:00pm Vendor Booths Officially Close
Raffle Drawings (Main Tent – Must Be Present to Win)
3:30pm Dinner (No Charge – Everyone Welcome – Community Room)
Traditionally Cooked Salmon, Acorn Soup, Chicken, Baked Beans, Garden Salad, Fry Bread, and Dessert
5:00pm to 9pm Music and Dancing by Merv George
9:00pm Reunion Closes

Sunday, July 12th, 2015

9am Going Home Breakfast (Community Room)
Biscuits & Gravy, Sausage, Hash Browns, and Fruit