

# Karuk Tribe

Fall Edition 2019

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*Klamath River coming into Happy Camp*

## 2019 Tribal Reunion Photos Inside!

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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. 2018-Nov. 2022



**Michael Thom**  
Happy Camp  
Secretary/Treasurer

TERM: Nov. 2015-Nov. 2019



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

TERM: Nov. 2016-Nov. 2020



**Wilverna Reece**  
Happy Camp District  
Member at Large

TERM: Nov. 2018-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. 2018-Nov. 2022

# Notes From The Chairman

**A**yukii huut kich everyone,  
On June 18th, 2019 I attended a blessing ceremony for the future California Heritage Center to be located in West Sacramento. Governor Gavin Newsom opened the ceremony issuing an executive order apologizing on behalf of the citizens of California for a history of “Violence, Maltreatment and Neglect” against Native Americans in a rare move that Tribal Leaders said could begin a healing process for their Native American communities. Governor Newsom remarked “It’s called a genocide. There’s no other way to describe it and that’s the way it needs to be described in the history books” and I am here to say the following “I’m sorry on behalf of the State of California”.

The Governor is calling for a Truth and Healing Council to hear testimony and clarify the historical record on the relationship between the state and California Native American’s.

Christina Snider, Governor Newsom’s Tribal advisor and member of the Dry Creek Rancheria Band of Pomo Indians, will lead the council and delegates from the state and Tribes to issue a draft report on findings by January 1st 2020.

Benjamin Madley, a former Happy Camp resident and assistant professor of history at UCLA, wrote in his book “An American Genocide: The United States and the California Indian Catastrophe (1846-1873), that California’s Indian population declined from about 150,000 to 30,000 between 1846 and 1879. The California peoples suffered violence, discrimination and exploitation sanctioned by the state throughout its history. Despite these wrongdoings, California Native American’s resisted, survived and carried on cultural and linguistic traditions, defying all the odds.

Assembly member James Ramos (the first Native American assemblyman in California’s history) stated: This historic acknowledgement by Governor Newsom marks the new beginning between the state and the more than 700,000 Native American’s who make the State of California their home.

My thoughts:

I was inspired by the Governor’s apology. My hope is that Tribes in California will now receive “meaningful” consultation on any projects happening in Indian Country. Tribes need to have that seat at the table because we have a lot to offer. For the Karuk Tribe that will mean consultation on how our forests should be managed, consultation on



*Chairman Attebery and Governor Newsom*



*Chairman Attebery and Assemblyman James Ramos*

water quality and water flow issues because as we speak our forests are burning, our fish are dying and our rivers and tributaries are drying up. I am inspired but words without action are useless.

On the home front: Please review all our programs and feel free to call or e-mail myself or any Council Member with any questions or suggestions. 🏹

Yootva kura suva nik

Chairman Attebery:

# Election Committee of the Karuk Tribe

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

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## NOTICE OF GENERAL ELECTION

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that on **Tuesday, November 5, 2019**, the Karuk Tribe will conduct a General Election. Candidate packets for Orleans District Member at Large will be available at Tribal Administrative office in Happy Camp, Yreka, and Orleans on **Wednesday, June 26, 2019**.

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, 1404 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, 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:**

Secretary/Treasurer

**TERM: November 2019 - November 2023**

Orleans District Member at Large

**TERM: November 2019 - November 2023**

**ABSENTEE BALLOTS:** Please submit your written requests for absentee ballots with a current return address **by Tuesday, September 24, 2019. The last day to request an absentee ballot is Tuesday, October 22, 2019 by 5pm.** 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 dates 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/](http://www.karuk.us/) to obtain required form(s).

Send Absentee Ballot Requests 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 3, 2019 at 5pm.** An appointment must be arranged in advance with the Human Resources Office in Happy Camp to have fingerprints taken and submit a drug screening test **PRIOR to 5pm, Tuesday, May 21, 2019.**

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 3,759 Enrolled Tribal  
Members and 4,865 Enrolled Descendants.



Mildred Grant  
*Chair*



Jeanerette  
Jacups-Johnny  
*Vice Chair*



Corina Alexander  
*Secretary*



Charlene Naef  
*Member At Large*



Robert Super  
*Council Vice Chair*

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

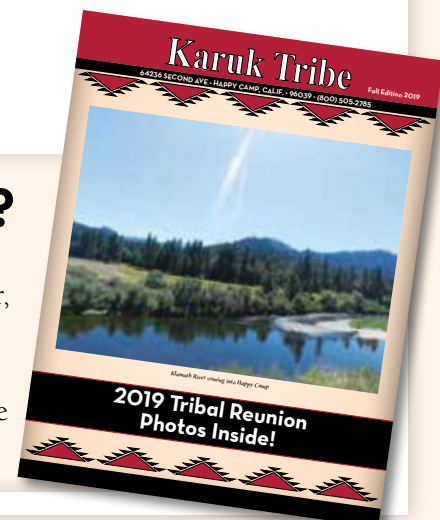
- Enrollment/Descendancy applications for the Enrollment Committee.
- Issue Tribal Verifications for enrolled Members and Descendants.
- Collect Census Data on all Tribal Member households (we do not release any personal information only non-identifying information.) Please update your census with our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

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

Yootva,  
Robert Attebery

## Do You Have An Article For The Newsletter?

**A**ttention Karuk Tribal Members & Descendants, if you have news, articles, events or announcements you wish to submit for publication in the Karuk Newsletter, please send information to [newsletter@karuk.us](mailto:newsletter@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.



# Low Income Assistance Programs (LIAP)

1.800.505.2785 or 530.493.1600 Ext. 2025 Michelle Camarena LIAP Administrator  
 Apply Now for the Low Income Assistance Programs

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

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

## General Assistance (GA):

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

## ATTENTION!

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

## Fraud?

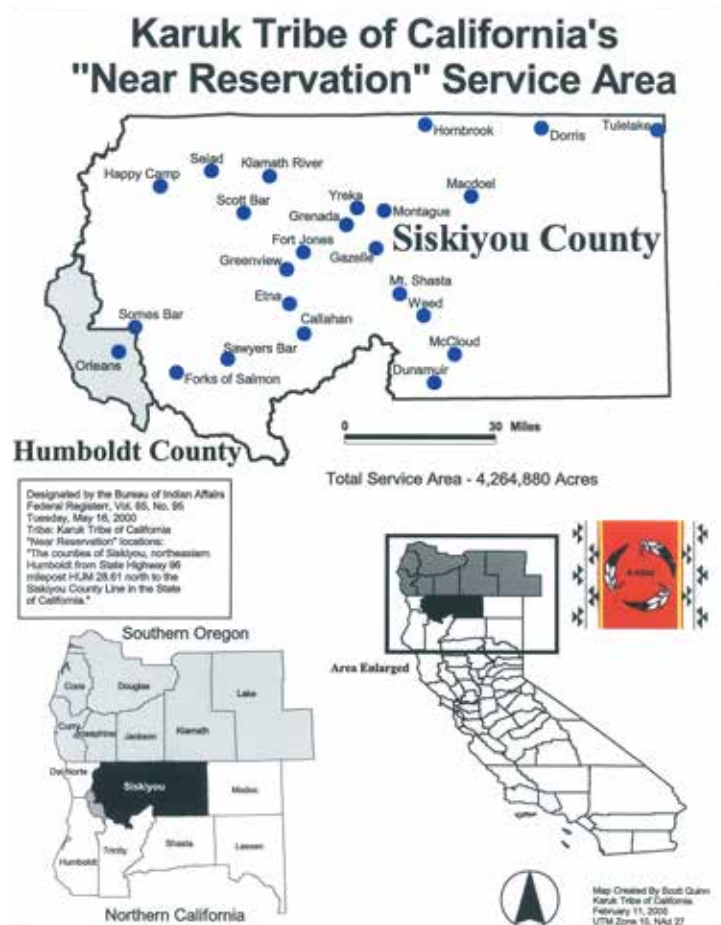
With regards to the Low Income Assistance Programs, to report any type of fraud by vendors or otherwise, please notify this office immediately at: (530) 493-1600 Ext. 2025.

## Community Services and Development (CSD):

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

## Adult Services:

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



Michelle Camarena LIAP Administrator

# Purchased Referred Care Services Eligibility

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

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

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

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

## Referral:

Medical care that is not available at the Karuk Tribal Health Care 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.

## Appeals:

If you receive a denial letter from PRC you have the right to appeal per 42 CFR 136.25:

Within 30 days of receipt of your denial letter you must submit a written statement supporting your reason for appeal to the PRC Supervisor. If the PRC Supervisor upholds your denial, your appeal will be forwarded to the Managed Care Committee for action. If the Managed Care Committee upholds the denial, your appeal will be presented to the Karuk Tribe Health Board for consideration and action.

The decision of the Karuk Tribe Health Board shall be final.

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



**If you have been referred to an outside provider (i.e. specialist, hospital, etc.) you must contact the CHS department BEFORE your appointment. This will help ensure your eligibility for Contract Health Services. If you do not this may impede possible payment for services.**

**CHS is not an entitlement program and an IHS referral does not imply the care will be paid. If IHS is requested to pay, then a patient must meet the residency requirements, notification requirements, medical priority, and use of alternate resources.**

**You may contact the CHS department between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm.**

**Thank you for your cooperation.**

**Anna Myers @ 493-1600 ext. 2156**

**Cat Turner @ 493-1600 ext. 2155**

**Meranda Rasmussen @ 493-1600 ext. 2151**

*This is very crucial to our process.*

# Department of Transportation

**A**yukii! Hope you all have had a great summer, and were able to enjoy time at the creeks and rivers, as well as attend the 23rd Annual Karuk Reunion held in Happy Camp. This year, the Karuk Department of Transportation once again hosted the Kid's Bike Rodeo, in partnership with the Karuk Tribal Health Department, California Highway Patrol, and Siskiyou County Sheriff's Department. The CHP also held a car-seat safety demonstration and had various-sized free car seats to give away.

We were excited to be able to have three really nice bikes for the kids to enter to win, thanks to Karuk Tribal Health and the Transportation Department. We had a total of 36 kids participate in the bicycle safety rodeo. Every child who participated in the rodeo received a free bicycle helmet to keep, learned how to ride safely through a fun "obstacle course", and was entered to win a brand new bike. Our three lucky winners were Isabell Danielson, Ariel Peugh, and Niquelay Hurtado. Congratulations, kids – hope you're enjoying your cool new bikes! This event seems to be a big hit at the reunion and we plan to host it again next year as well. Bring your bikes to ride in the rodeo at the next

reunion, kids! Thank you again to all who contributed and assisted with the rodeo – it was a successful group effort.

Getting kids to wear bicycle helmets can sometimes be a challenge, but bicycle helmets are not an option when it comes to keeping your children safe. Starting helmet-safety the moment your child sits on his or her first tricycle or bicycle is the way to create a lifelong helmet wearer. The Snell Memorial Foundation and Safety Education Center reports the number of bicycle head injuries annually that require hospitalization "exceeds the total of all head injury cases -- including those from baseball, football, skateboards, scooters, horseback riding, snowboarding, ice hockey, in-line skating and lacrosse." Please visit <https://www.nhtsa.gov/road-safety/bicycle-safety> for more information and some useful bicycle-safety tips.

Should you ever have any ideas, questions or concerns regarding our local routes, please don't hesitate to contact me at the following: [mrickwalt@karuk.us](mailto:mrickwalt@karuk.us), or (530) 627-3016, or stop by the office at 37960 Highway 96, Orleans.

Stay safe out there on the roads and trails. Suvanik! 





# Rain Rock Casino

Looking for some excitement, well look no further. Rain Rock Casino have just what you're looking for coming this fall. Join us September 27th for Native American Days and win up to \$1000 in Free Play. Drawings will be held every half hour between 4:00 PM and 8:30 PM. Earn an entry for every 50 base points earned beginning at 6:00 AM. Join us the very next day, Saturday September 28th as our Rain Rock Restaurant serves up delicious Indian tacos from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM for just \$7.77.

For our guests age 50+ we've revamped our senior days at Rain Rock Casino. Still being held every Wednesday from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM but now we offer \$5 in Free Play and \$5 in Food and Beverage... AUTOMATICALLY. That's right, just swipe that trusty Players Club card at any of our kiosks and receive your free \$5 Free Play and \$5 Food and Beverage. If that's not enough for you though earn 500 points between 8:00 AM and 8:00 PM and receive an additional \$5 to \$50 in Free Play.

Rain Rock Casino is also the place to start your week off right with our new Twice as Nice promotion. Every Monday and Tuesday all guests will receive 2X points for their gaming activity. Double points are applied to all slots and table games play. Don't forget that 200 points equals \$1 of Casino fun which can be used towards free play or dining. What's not to love about double points?

Still looking for more excitement to curb your gaming appetite. How about participating in one of our Slot Tournaments currently being held every Thursday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Have fun and win prizes. Table Games more your style? Well get in on our very first Blackjack Tournaments being held on October 3rd and October 17th. Contact the Players Club for more information on promotion. Direct dial at (530) 331-9842 or as always reach us on the main line at (530) 777-RAIN. 🏹




# Youth Services

Greetings,

My name is Chena Ariza and I am blessed to be the Student Services Coordinator for the Karuk Tribe Education Department. This summer I was granted the chance to supervise youth for Karuk Tribe Summer Youth Workers Program. I was in supervision of Joaquin Frenness 16, Virusur Watson 14, Jesse Goodwin Jr 14, and Keelan Hahn 17. The youth in which I coordinated with were able to experience janitorial, educational, natural resources, maintenance, and summer camps adventures and many more endeavors. After spending the summer working with these talented, strong and intelligent youth I know they have taught me skills as well I was blessed to be able to have the support of other tribal departments and bring ease to their work encounters. All the workers have been professional and prompt and I had the best times coordinating and watching them absorb all and any

knowledge offered. It doesn't take a teacher or a principal to help guide our youth. Any community member can change a child's life. Positive youth development comes in many different forms and interactions. Volunteer or hire a neighborhood youth to assist in daily chores. It only takes one moment of kindness to change a child's life. I would like to thank the Karuk Tribe, Karuk Tribe Human Resources, Mid Klamath Watershed Council, Karuk Tribe Tero Department, TANF, Happy Camp High School, Kathy McCovey, Jaime Allen, and all others who have helped them gain numerous skills and general labor experience.

“Education Is A Journey, Not A Destination. Children learn by testing their limits, not taking tests. The purpose of learning is not to “arrive” at a particular level of proficiency “on time”. As long as we are alive, most people are continually learning, and the “journey” never ends.” 



# Health Fair

**T**hank you to all that participated in the 2019 Health Fair held at the Tribal reunion in Happy Camp! We had the opportunity to talk with more than 100 wonderful people. The staff from all 3 clinics worked very hard to bring you presentations on Proper Handwashing, How to stop the Bleeding, and CPR. We also shared about our programs like Tele-Health services and EyePacs. People also took advantage of our quick glucose and B/P checks. If you missed us this year never fear, we will return to the Tribal reunion next year for more healthy fun!

With summer coming to an end and school back in session that means more exposure to nasty germs! During

the summer months we are less exposed to harmful germs like colds, flu, lice, and pink eye. The kiddos like to bring these things home once school starts. The best way to combat the little boogers is proper hand washing. A quick 30sec scrub with soap and warm water after using the bathroom, before eating, and when arriving home significantly reduces the risk of infection. Always keep backpack, lunchboxes, and jackets as clean as possible as these make a nice little bus for bug to come in. Stay safe and enjoy the school year! \*\*\*If you have not already schedule for vaccines before school starts. Children not up to date will be turned away until immunized\*\*\*



# Karuk Victim Services Program

**A**yukii, This late spring and summer The Karuk Victim Services Program has been able to continue offering vital services in Siskiyou County, Orleans and Weitchpec, CA as well as promoting culturally relevant community awareness outreach and workshops. We tabled at the 16th Annual Basketweavers Gathering, the Happy Camp Community Health Fair, College of the Siskiyou's Pride Fair, Yreka's Gold Rush Days and the Karuk Tribal Reunion offering free information about our program and services as well as information on the tribes other judicial programs.

Victim Services held different community outreach events which included the Missing and Murdered Indigenous Women's Red Dress Awareness Day in May. For this event we displayed red dresses along hwy 96 with information on local Missing and Murdered women in our communities in order to shine light to the very serious epidemic which native women face. April was National Victims of Crime Awareness Month where we were able to put out PSAs in the Two Rivers Tribune, Siskiyou Daily

News and over the local radio stations about victims of crime support and the services we can offer. We went to schools in Orleans and in Yreka to peel sticks and roots to promote healthy lifestyles and outlets for our youth, as well as table at the Basket Weavers Gathering with program information.

The highlight of our summer was the opportunity to have 4 youth workers, Atheana Jerry and Sierra Albers of Yreka and Anne Rants and Tahsa Tripp in Orleans. They provided vital assistance in all of our tabling and outreach and were able to make over 40 necklaces for our judicial program graduate gifts. Our youth workers also helped to make pies and desserts which we donated to the Karuk Summer Fish Lake Youth Camp and the Mountain Dances. They helped to set up and assisted with our ikritápkir (Maiden Hair Fern) Processing Workshop during the youth camp as well as help to distribute our program t-shirts and surveys at the 57th Annual Klamath Salmon Festival. We were honored to be able to mentor and work with our youth workers and look forward to being able to again next year.



*MMIW Red Dress Day, Hwy 96*



*Necklaces made by youth workers*

Victim Services will be gearing up for October with is Domestic Violence Awareness Month, so be on the look out for more community events and outreach. As always we are actively involved in assisting eligible victims of crime with obtaining:

- Emergency food and shelter
- Court support/Process information
- Crisis intervention
- Assist eligible Victims file temporary restraining orders
- Assist filing application for Victim of Crime Compensation Program Assistance
- Referrals to other recourses
- Transportation

If you or someone you know is or has been victimized by a crime please contact Barbra Risling, Supervising Advocate at (530)-643-9243 or Chelsey Preston, Advocate I at (530)-598-2468.

Office Locations:

The Karuk Headway Building,  
64101 Second Ave, Happy Camp, CA, 96039

Victim Assistance Program Office,  
281 Butte St, Yreka, CA 96097

Victim Services/Pikyav Domestic Violence Office,  
37960 Hwy 96, Building B, Orleans CA, 95556



*Brittney Souza, Sierra Albers, Atheana Jerry, Barbra Risling and Verna Reece at ikritapkir workshop*



*Tabling at Yreka's Gold Rush Days*

# Karuk Tribe Housing Authority

## Kahtishraam Wellness Center

The Center is finally getting the parking lot paved. The Center is open regular hours during construction, Monday through Friday, 8:30am to 8pm, and Saturday 11am to 8pm; please be patient during construction as it may affect access and parking. Be sure to sign up for Remind to get a daily text with the schedule for the Center. You can contact Florraine Super at florrinesuper@karuk.us for information on this wonderful service.

## Happy Camp Wellness Center

The Fitness Center in Happy Camp continues to be open *seven days a week from 5am to 9pm* and the Gymnasium has Men's Open Gym time on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday evenings from 7:30pm to 10:30pm. Community members, who are interested in utilizing the Fitness Center, or signing up as a Volunteer to lead group activities, can contact Adia Supahan at asupahan@karuk.us in Happy Camp for more information.



service to our membership and communities. ***She will be greatly missed; YOOTVA Charlene!***

On August 5, 2019 KTHA seated three members on the BOC: Dolores Voyles was reappointed to another term, Joseph Waddell was appointed for the remainder of the term vacated by Scott Quinn, and Deborah Whitman was newly appointed. They will all serve through 2023.

The currently seated Board of Commissioners now includes Robert Super (Yreka), Dolores Voyles (Happy Camp), Arch Super (Yreka), Sherile Grant (Yreka), Teresa Valin (Yreka), Joseph Waddell (Happy Camp), and Deborah Whitman (Yreka).

Please attend the next Tenant Meeting in your community; the location rotates between Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka with all meetings beginning at 10am. Tenant Meeting dates are posted on the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority website at [www.ktha.us/](http://www.ktha.us/)

## KTHA Programs

The Karuk Tribe Housing Authority 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.

Patches Marsh, Admissions/Loan Specialist, receives and processes all applications for KTHA assistance. ***We encourage Tribal Members who have any unmet housing needs to apply!*** The income limits that determine eligibility are not as low as you may think; many working families are



## Board of Commissioners

The BOC and KTHA Staff recently said goodbye to longtime Commissioner, Charlene Naef. Charlene has served on the Board for more than twenty-three (23) years. During that time she has always kept the needs of her Tribal community in the forefront of her drive to achieve excellence in Tribal Housing for our families! Her continuous service has been instrumental in ensuring our forward progress and successful programs. The KTHA Board and Staff thank her for her contributions and years of



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**ORLEANS**  
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(530) 627-3703

still at or below 80% of US Median Family Income Limits set by HUD. Patches can be reached at (800) 250-5811, Extension 3108 or pmarsh@karuk.us

The newly published 2019 Income Limits are shown below.


**Applications and the Waiting List**

We remind all Tribal Members that a current, and complete, application is required in order to determine eligibility for KTHA assistance. Applications are available from any KTHA Office or online at [www.ktha.us/](http://www.ktha.us/)

Please be patient as you go through the application process and understand that everyone’s experience will be unique. There is a checklist at the beginning of the application listing mandatory items that must be included and additional items may be requested depending on your individual circumstances. All applicants will be notified if there is missing documentation, or if additional information is needed, in order to continue processing the application, and when the application is deemed complete.

All offers for KTHA units are made from the Waiting List based on the preference points assigned. Points cannot be assigned without appropriate documentation, which is why additional information will often be requested during

the application process. It is a requirement that applications are kept current (updated at least annually). Because most changes will have an effect on preference points, you must submit changes using the Information Update Form. Examples of information to report include but are not limited to: income changes, household size changes due to marriage, divorce, birth, death, or custody orders, employment status, becoming a full time student, etc.

We encourage all applicants to ask questions. We want to ensure you understand the process; if it weren’t for you, we would not exist to provide services! We currently have more than 700 households on our waiting list and look forward to the day when adequate funding is provided to house them all! 

**2019 U.S. MFI**


	1 Person	2 Persons	3 Persons	4 Persons	5 Persons	6 Persons	7 Persons	8 Persons
80%	\$ 42,280	\$ 48,320	\$ 54,360	\$ 60,400	\$ 65,232	\$ 70,064	\$ 74,896	\$ 79,728
100%	\$ 52,850	\$ 60,400	\$ 67,950	\$ 75,500	\$ 81,540	\$ 87,580	\$ 93,620	\$ 99,660

# Karuk Department of Natural Resources - Pickyav Field Institute's Environmental Workforce Development

**E**ach summer the Karuk Department of Natural Resources (DNR) employs high school youth between the ages of 14-21 years old who are interested in gaining skills that can be applied to careers in natural resource based fields. In addition to gaining lived work experience in the field, summer youth workers also have access to resources and staff that assist with resume writing, college and career readiness, and provide other professional development opportunities. This past summer, our Peekaavichvaans youth workers completed hazardous fuels reduction work within the Western Klamath Restoration Partnership's (WKRP) Soms Bar Project Area. Youth were introduced a wide variety of jobs that will be available to them once they graduate and are looking to enter the local workforce.

To learn more about our summer youth employment program, our internship program, and other opportunities, please contact Aja Conrad at [aconrad@karuk.us](mailto:aconrad@karuk.us) and check out some of our youth program highlights below.

## Highlights:

- Learn about local careers in culturally relevant, natural resource based fields
- Gain marketable skills for future employment
- Network with Tribal environmental professionals
- Access resources & staff that can assist with college & career readiness
- Spend the summer outdoors working hands-on with trained & qualified staff! 





# Yreka Yav Kuma Itapan

Another successful year for Yreka Yav Kuma Itapan (“we are good learners”) camp (aka Math & Science camp). The camp was held primarily at the Yreka High School with the last day of camp held at the Kahtishraam Wellness Center. It was a full day of activities and fun for the youth, youth workers and all the volunteers. On Saturday the youth, youth workers and volunteers from both Yreka and Happy Camp enjoyed a day on the river rafting. A big thank you goes out to Rondi Johnson, Karuk Tribe Health and Human Services CEO for coming in

and speaking to the youth about the importance of education and sharing her experiences. The camp would not have been possible if not for the support of the Karuk Tribe Child Care program, the Karuk Tribe, Yreka High School, Karuk Tribal Housing Authority, and all of the volunteers who go above and beyond to ensure that the youth have a wonderful experience. Thank you to everyone who made 2019 Yav Kuma Itapan a success. 🏹







# Ayukîi from the Karuk Community Development Corporation!

**T**he Karuk Tribe is a very large government that includes the following tribally owned subsidiary entities: the Karuk Tribe Housing Authority (KTHA), the Rain Rock Casino (RRC), and the Karuk Community Development Corporation (KCDC).

All of the aforementioned entities have varying needs when it comes to maintenance issues, laundry services, personnel, and more.

The Rain Rock Casino is looking for ways to reduce costs for laundry services and a high electric bill through solar installation. Additionally, the Tribe and its entities often have a need to hire licensed, bonded, insured companies or individuals to provide services when they find themselves overwhelmed with work needing to be done quickly. Work can include painting, general cleaning, drywall repair, and other general handyman work such as basic plumbing or electrical repairs. Private homeowners in our rural areas very often encounter difficulties in finding qualified individuals to hire for this type of work on their private homes as well.

If you have experience or an interest in starting a small business that could serve any of these needs, please give Karen a call at (530) 493-1475 ext. 5103. KCDC offers small business loans to interested, qualified, tribal members to provide these types of services to our region.

The drive-up Amkuuf (smoke) Shop is at its new location by the Rain Rock Casino at 777 Casino Way. Our newest promotion includes \$5 free play at the Rain Rock Casino for each \$20 tobacco purchase at the Amkuuf Shop. Please note the free play must be used in the same week that you receive it and good luck to you!

If you are in the Yreka area and on your way to the Rain Rock Casino, stop by the Amkuuf Shop and say hi to Tracey, Laura, Stewart, and Frances!

Frank Snider at the Happy Camp Community Computer Center, in coordination with the Siskiyou Training & Employment Program (STEP), the Tribal TERO office, and the Tribal TANF program provided resume writing and interview skills workshops for the 52 participants in the Karuk Summer Youth program. The youth were instructed on how to fill



out a job application, how to do a resume, and participated individually in mock job interviews. Three of the youth participants were awarded \$100 by the Tribal TERO office for their exceptional work.

Distance learning through College of the Siskiyous via video conferencing at the Computer Center is scheduled to begin August 26, 2019. For more information or to register for classes please go to [www.siskiyous.edu](http://www.siskiyous.edu).

The Karuk Tribal Reunion was held on July 13th in Happy Camp. The KCDC staff awarded prizes for correct answers to questions about the tribal council, financial literacy, Karuk language, the KCDC, and the Karuk Head Start program. It was a very hot and busy day but fun was had by all so mark your calendars for next year!

If you would like more information on the KCDC or any of our programs, please contact us at (530) 493-1475 or email [kderry@karuk.us](mailto:kderry@karuk.us). Yootva! 🏹



*L to R – Frank Snider, David Medford-Rubalcaba*

# Karuk Tribe Employment Opportunities

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

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

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

Vickie Simmons, Human Resources Director, Phone: (530)-493-1600 Ext. 2041, Fax: (855)-437-7888,  
Email: [vsimmons@karuk.us](mailto:vsimmons@karuk.us)

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

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

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available  
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# 2019 Tribal Reunion

The Karuk Tribal Reunion was a huge success this year, it was noted that there was 667 people that signed in at the welcome booth so we could have had many more who attended as not all signed in. It was awesome to see so many members, families, council members, community members, and staff from so many departments that set up booths to welcome all! 🏹

















# Announcements

**O**n June 22, 2019, approximately 35 descendants of Karuk tribal member Eureka Fry gathered at the Illahe/Foster Creek cemetery, near Agness, Oregon, to honor Eureka by placing a permanent granite marker at her gravesite. Rose Eureka Fry was born on the Klamath River in 1855. Her mother was a Karuk woman and her father was Abraham E. Fry. As a small child, she traveled from Happy Camp with her father, as part of a pack train to settle on the Illinois River in Oregon. The pack train included the families of Abraham Fry, his brother Jim Fry, John Billings, and John W. Southard. She grew up near the confluence of the Illinois and lower Rogue Rivers,, near the present-day unincorporated community of Agness. She married Jake Fry in 1880, and raised their son Henry on the Rogue River, near Big Bend. She was remembered as a wonderful friend and neighbor, always willing to help when needed. Eureka died March 23, 1913, and was buried at the cemetery nearby. Her life on the river, as well as many other early inhabitants of the lower Rogue River, is recorded in the book “Illahe, The Story of Settlement in the Rogue River Canyon,” by Kay Atwood.



*This photo shows the granite headstone placed for Eureka Fry, Karuk tribal member, by some of her descendants and their families!*



*This photo shows several generations of descendants of Eureka Fry who gathered to honor her June 22, 2019.*

# Obituary

**A**lthea Bernice Moon-Vorpahl, 81, left us for her eternal reward on Friday, July 5th, 2019, surrounded by her loving children and family, listening to Elvis sing Amazing Grace.

Born at home in Redwood Creek, CA, on January 3rd, 1938, Althea was one of nine children born to Robert Peter Moon Sr and Della Virginia Moon. When she left us, she joined her father and mother, as well as two brothers, Carl and Maurice, and four sisters, Roberta, Ethylene, Theatta and Susan. She was also preceded in death by her husband Robert Vorpahl in 2015, to whom she was married 45 years.

Siblings surviving her include her elder brother Robert Moon Jr of Fortuna, CA and younger sister Della Vera Flinn of Eureka, CA.

She leaves five children, including eldest daughter Sharon and her husband, Larry Moore, of Redding, CA; her eldest son, James Moody Jr, of Eureka, CA, both children of James Floyd Moody Sr; her son, Dan Davis and his wife, Deborah, of Saint Helens, OR, and daughter Leslie and her husband, Greg Cannafax, of Eureka, CA, both children of Lawrence Corley Davis; daughter Teresa and her husband, Kirk McGinnis, of Renton, WA, a child of Frank Laughlin; and foster son Charlie Peck, son of Roy and Phyllis Peck, of Redding, CA.

Althea leaves 13 grandchildren including Sharon's children, Duane, Billy and Terri, Jim's children, William and Michelle, Cheyenne and James; Dan's children, Deanna and Daniel; Leslie's boys, Larry, Sean and Scott, and Teresa's daughter, Tanaua. Her 22 great grandchildren include Duane's children, Kim and Andrea; Billy's children, Willie, Kyana, Dylan, Joseph and Katie; Terri's children,

Kali and Connor; Michelle's children, Douglas, Dylan and Dustin; Cheyenne's children, Tahlyia and Dru; James Robert's children, Keiahna and Alexea; Scott's children, Kenneth, Maleah, Adalynn and Kain; and Tanaua's children, Rian Maree and Eira Grace.

She leaves a great-great grandchild, McKenna, daughter of grandson Willie, many loving and beloved nieces and nephews, and many other relatives in the Eureka, Hoopa, Happy Camp, Orleans and Yreka area.

Althea was a lifetime Northern California resident, who enjoyed spending time with family and friends at Moon Ranch along the banks of Redwood Creek in Redwood Valley off the 299. Tradition, family and the sheer beauty of the place, took her to the Valley on holidays and special occasions, to enjoy family, camping, good food and friendly banter around an open fire.

A descendant of Charlie Moon and Minnie Tom, and Peter and Mamie McClellan, Althea was a member of the Karuk Tribe of Northern California. Her grandmother Mamie McClellan was Sandy Bar Bob's daughter.

Her door was almost always open and her dining room table available for games, tamale pie, apple crisp and good conversation. Christmas was a big event at her home, with a huge tinsel-laden silver-tip overflowing with gifts for grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

She will be forever remembered as a cheerful, loving and lovable person, a beloved mother, daughter, sister, grandmother and aunt, who was always ready with a smile, a laugh, a hug and encouraging words. Mom, you are already greatly missed.

There was a 3:00 PM graveside service Monday, July 8th at Ocean View Cemetery, 3975 Broadway St in Eureka.



# Obituary



Hawkeye was born December 27, 1955 to Wynoma and Blacky Harrison in Arcata, California. He passed away July 27, 2019 at 63 years old with his family by his side. Hawkeye was from a big family. He leaves behind his children, wife, sister, brothers, grandchildren and many more. His love for all of his children and his mamma was like pure gold. He was funny, smart and a hard working man. He loved hard. He will live on in our hearts forever.



## Joe Frank "Hawkeye" Harrison



December 27, 1955 - July 27, 2019



"Oh, the Places You'll Go"  
When I am a Grown Up

I would like to visit...

Yreka.

I would like to meet...

Violet  
and  
Cheyanne.

My job will be...

I'm gonna  
work at  
the Tribe.

I will live...

in Happy  
Camp, with  
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